

THE LEVELLAND CITY COUNCIL MET IN A REGULAR MEETING ON MONDAY, THE 16th DAY OF JUNE, 2025, AT LEVELLAND CITY HALL, R. O. DENNIS COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1709 AVENUE H, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Breann Buxkemper	Honorable Mayor	Present
Michael Stueart	Mayor Pro Tem	Present
Bill Powell	Council Member	Present
Max Ledesma	Council Member	Absent
Jaime McCabe	Council Member	Present
Slater Elza	City Attorney	Present
James Fisher	City Manager	Present
Justin Balderas	Interim Asst. City Manager	Present
Andréa Corley	City Secretary	Present

The City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Mayor Buxkemper.

The Pledge was led by Mayor Breann Buxkemper.

The Invocation was led by Mayor Breann Buxkemper

Statements by Citizens:

There were no statements by citizens.

FIRST ITEM OF BUSINESS:

Presentation by the South Plains Community Action Association about SPARTAN Transportation.

Samantha Mendoza from the South Plains Community Action Association made a presentation about the changes and updates for SPARTAN Transportation.

No Action Taken.

SECOND ITEM OF BUSINESS:

Consider and take necessary action to approve the minutes of May 19, 2025, regular meeting and the June 2, 2025, regular meeting.

Motion by Micael Stueart

Seconded by Jaime McCabe

To approve the minutes of May 19, 2025, regular meeting and the June 2, 2025, regular meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

THIRD ITEM OF BUSINESS:

Consider and take necessary action to approve a Special Event Application for the Wallace Theater.

The Wallace Theater Grand Opening, “A Red Carpet Affair”, is scheduled for Saturday, September 20th. The City’s Special Events Committee has reviewed their application and their request to close a portion of Avenue H between Studebakers and the Wallace Theater, and has approved the application. The event plans to sell/serve alcohol. Per Section 4.1304 (h) For events that will be held on municipally owned property that will also involve the sale or service of alcoholic beverages, the permit application must also be approved by the city council.

Motion by Jaime McCabe

Seconded by Bill Powell

To approve this application, the closure of Avenue H and the acknowledgement of pedestrians in the public street.

Motion carried unanimously.

FOURTH ITEM OF BUSINESS:

Consider and take necessary action on the request by Levelland Fire Department to donate excess and/or outdated rescue equipment to the Texas A & M Forest Service Helping Hands organization.

In 2008 the Levelland Fire Department applied for a grant from Homeland Security for rescue equipment to form the South Plains Regional Rescue Team. The city was awarded the grant, and the terms were to maintain the equipment for 10 years, then it would become property of LFD. We will have to document in our files if we destroy or pass the equipment along to another Agency because it is out of service. We received rope rescue, water rescue, confined space rescue, and structural collapse rescue equipment along with training to support these rescues.

LFD has contacted Sundown Volunteer Fire, Whiteface Volunteer Fire, and Morton Volunteer Fire and each entity has stated they could use this equipment in their respected districts. They will also support LFD in an incident. SVFD, and MVFD have 3 trained personnel and WFVFD have 4 trained personnel.

The city purchased 4 harnesses, helmets, 2 x 600 ft rope and 2 x 300 ft of rope with ARPA funds and have on order 4 more harnesses and helmets. LFD will add equipment to the budget a little each year on a rotation basis.

The Texas A & M Forest Service Helping Hands Program allows donations of new and gently-used fire and rescue equipment, fire trucks, and other items to be made available to fire departments throughout the state, while providing liability relief to the donor. The program routinely receives donations of structural gear, fire hoses, nozzles, rescue tools,

ladders, ventilation fans, and other items that are essential to the operation of a fire department.

Donations are vital to meeting the needs of volunteer fire departments, and we are grateful to our donors for their participation in supplying equipment through this program.

The equipment list is as follows:

12 helmets

12 harness

150' red/white ½" rope

150' red/white ½" rope

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150' red/white ½" rope

150' red/white ½" rope

150' red/white ½" rope

150' red/black ½" rope

250' blue/white ½" rope

300 yellow ½" rope

600' yellow ½" rope

150' orange/white 5/8" rope

150' orange/white 5/8" rope

150' green 5/8" rope

150' green 5/8" rope

250' green 5/8" rope

250' green 5/8" rope

300' green 5/8" rope

300' olive 5/8" rope

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300' olive 5/8" rope

600' orange/white 5/8" rope

Motion by Michael Stueart

Seconded by Bill Powell

To approve the donation from Levelland Fire Department to the Texas A & M Forest Service Helping Hands Program.

Motion carried unanimously.

FIFTH ITEM OF BUSINESS:

Discussion on Levelland Community Development Corporation board vacancy.

Bobby Neal has submitted his resignation from the LCDC Board. The LCDC Board has not been able to meet to discuss this resignation and offer any recommendations for the City Council to consider for appointment. Mr. Neal's term expires in 2026.

No Action Taken.

SIXTH ITEM OF BUSINESS:

Discussion about the FY26 Budget.

City Manager James Fisher outlined the budget calendar and received input on the upcoming budget process.

No Action Taken.

SEVENTH ITEM OF BUSINESS:

City Manager Report: Staff Updates, Project Updates, Staff/Citizen recognition, Items of Community Interest. No action will be taken.

City Manager James Fisher reviewed the calendar of events for the City, listing staff training dates and crucial dates for city business.

No Action Taken.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andréa Corley, TRMC
City Secretary

Breann Buxkemper, Mayor