

THE LEVELLAND CITY COUNCIL MET IN A REGULAR MEETING ON MONDAY, THE 28th DAY OF JULY, 2025, AT LEVELLAND CITY HALL, R. O. DENNIS COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1709 AVENUE H, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| Breann Buxkemper | Honorable Mayor | Present |
| Michael Stueart | Mayor Pro Tem | Present |
| Bill Powell | Council Member | Present |
| Max Ledesma | Council Member | Present |
| 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 Pro Tem Michael Stueart.

Statements by Citizens:

There were no statements by citizens.

FIRST ITEM OF BUSINESS:

Consider and take necessary action to approve the minutes of July 7, 2025, regular meeting, July 8, 2025, special meeting and July 17, 2025, special meeting.

Motion by Jaime McCabe

Seconded by Michael Stueart

To approve the minutes of July 7, 2025, regular meeting, July 8, 2025, special meeting and July 17, 2025, special meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

SECOND ITEM OF BUSINESS:

Consider and take necessary action to approve Resolution 2025-11 declaring support for the South Plains Community Action Association.

South Plains Community Action Association has requested the City pass a resolution in support of the association, which has served the citizens of our area since 1965, as current Federal budget proposals seek to reduce or eliminate funding for many of their most

important programs. Their service to our community has included (but is not limited to) health care, transportation, education, employment and training, elderly services, children's services, housing, utility assistance, veterans and weatherization assistance.

This resolution lets legislators know how important continued funding for the programs administered by the South Plains Community Action Association is to our community.

Motion by Jaime McCabe

Seconded by Max Ledesma

To approve Resolution 2025-11 declaring support for the South Plains Community Action Association.

Motion carried unanimously.

THIRD ITEM OF BUSINESS:

Consider and take necessary action on Amendment #1 of the Airport Project Participation Agreement between TxDOT Aviation and the City of Levelland, TxDOT Project No. 25ALLEVEL.

The City has been notified by TxDOT Aviation that the fees for the Levelland Airport Layout Project have been reduced, including our cost share. The city and county cost share is \$19,930 or \$9,965 each. The funds will come from the Airport Royalties Fund.

Motion by Michael Stueart

Seconded by Bill Powell

To approve Amendment #1 of the Airport Project Participation Agreement between TxDOT Aviation and the City of Levelland, TxDOT Project No. 25ALLEVEL.

Motion carried unanimously.

FOURTH ITEM OF BUSINESS:

Consider and take necessary action on a payment request from AMERESCO in the amount of \$359,792.74 for the water meter project pursuant to the contract approved between the City and AMERESCO in October 2024.

The city has received payment application #7 from AMERESCO in the amount of \$359,792.74. This is approximately 91% complete.

Motion by Bill Powell

Seconded by Max Ledesma

To approve a payment request from AMERESCO in the amount of \$359,792.74 for the water meter project pursuant to the contract approved between the City and AMERESCO in October 2024.

Motion carried unanimously.

FIFTH ITEM OF BUSINESS:

Discussion about the FY26 Budget.

City Manager James Fisher referred to written information assembled by City Management Intern Max Fisher regarding utility rates in and around the City of Levelland. Levelland was compared to other cities, such as Wolfforth, Littlefield, Brownfield, Lamesa, and Slaton. There was also discussion about what information we will go over in the next budget workshop.

No Action Taken.

SIXTH ITEM OF BUSINESS:

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

- The Pickleball Courts are ready for action! The Grand Opening is Wednesday, July 30th at 10 am.
- FY 26 Budget Work Sessions, Thursday July 31st at 6 pm.
- The next City Council Meeting is Monday, August 4th at 6 pm.
- Levelland Listens is on Tuesday, August 5th at 5:30 pm. A Budget Work Session will follow.
- City crews mowed the right-of-way area along SH 114 this past weekend. Also, cleaned up the downtown area.
- Community Garage Sale is Saturday, August 2nd. There will be roll offs on the lot north of City Hall.
- TxDOT is resuming work on College Avenue, which should be completed by September 1st. Also, TxDOT is working on the entrance to Country Club at Hwy 385.
- First-aid, CPR and AED's training for city employees will begin August 1st.
- The street seal coat program is scheduled for September 5, 2025.
- Water crews fixed the water leak at Sherman and Cherry Streets.
- Rinks Lease Service has provided exceptional assistance to the City on College Avenue (leak detection) and repairing a major water line near the WWTP.
- MH Construction is moving equipment onto the site. Actual earthwork should begin next week.
- The Special Session of the Legislative has some serious Bills filed that if passed, could be very harmful to cities and our ability to manage locally.

No Action Taken

SEVENTH ITEM OF BUSINESS:

Convene into executive session in accordance with Tex. Gov't Code §551.087 to deliberate economic development negotiations.

EIGHTH ITEM OF BUSINESS:

Convene into executive session in accordance with Texas Government Code §551.074 to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee: (City Manager)

NINTH ITEM OF BUSINESS:

Convene into executive session in accordance with Tex. Gov't Code §551.071 to seek the advice about pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers or on matters in which duty of the attorney under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas conflicts with Tex. Gov't Code Ch. 551.

Mayor Buxkemper convened Council into Executive Session at 6:44pm.

Mayor Buxkemper returned Council to Open Session at 8:06pm.

TENTH ITEM OF BUSINESS:

Consider and take necessary action relating to items discussed in executive session.

No Action Taken.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:44pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Andréa Corley, TRMC
City Secretary

Breann Buxkemper, Mayor

