

**City Council Minutes**  
**Tuesday, August 26, 2025**

On the 26<sup>th</sup> day of August 2025, at 6:30 p.m., the City Council of the City of Hurst, Texas, convened in a Regular Meeting at City Hall, 1505 Precinct Line Road, Hurst, Texas, with the following members present:

Henry Wilson	)	Mayor
Jon McKenzie	)	Mayor Pro Tem
Cathy Brotherton	)	Councilmembers
John Miller	)	
Gary N. Waldron	)	
Jimmy Meeks	)	
Trasa Cobern	)	
Clay Caruthers	)	City Manager
Matthew Boyle	)	City Attorney
Malaika Marion Farmer	)	Assistant City Manager
Clayton Fulton	)	Assistant City Manager
Rita Frick	)	City Secretary
Brent Craft	)	Fire Chief
Steve Niekamp	)	Police Chief
Michelle Lazo	)	Executive Director of Planning and Development
Tanya Wilson	)	Building Official
Paul Brown	)	Managing Director of Finance and Accounting

With the following Councilmember absent: none, constituting a quorum; at which time, the following business was transacted:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. and Councilmember Brotherton gave the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge were given.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Consider approval of the minutes for the August 12 and 18, 2025 Council meetings
2. Consider Ordinance 2599, second reading, SITE-2025-00006 Wing Drone Delivery, a Site Plan Revision on Lot 1, Block A Walmart Addition, being 25.7 acres located at 1732 Precinct Line Road
3. Consider Ordinance 2607, second reading, Z-2025-00005 a zoning change with a site plan from GB-PD (General Business Planned Development) to AL-PD (Assisted Living Planned Development) for Lot 4R, Block 1 Classic Concepts Addition, being .91 acre located at 458 Mid Cities Boulevard
4. Consider Resolution 1893 appointing a voting member and an alternate member to the City of Fort Worth's Wholesale Water and Wastewater Customer Advisory Committee

Mayor Pro Tem McKenzie moved to approve the consent agenda. Motion seconded by Councilmember Brotherton. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Brotherton, Miller, Meeks, McKenzie, Waldron and Cobern  
No: None

**BUDGET RELATED ITEM(S)**

5. Consider Ordinance 2602, second reading, adopting the Crime Control and Prevention District budget for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2026

City Manager Clay Caruthers advised no changes have been made since the work session and public hearing and he is happy to answer any questions.

Councilmember Miller moved to approve Ordinance 2602, second reading adopting the Crime Control and Prevention District budget for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2026. Motion seconded by Councilmember Waldron. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Brotherton, Miller, Meeks, McKenzie, Waldron and Cobern  
No: None

6. Consider Ordinance 2603 (a), second reading, adopting the budget for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2026

City Manager Clay Caruthers advised once again, no changes have been made since the work session and public hearing, noting the main cost drivers to the budget were health care, which is federally mandated, pay for public safety sworn police and fire, and advised of the tough market in the metroplex with the loss of several officers to a neighboring city. And, general inflation with supplies and service.

Councilmember Waldron moved to approve Ordinance 2603 (a), second reading, adopting the budget for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2026. Motion seconded by Councilmember Meeks. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Brotherton, Miller, Meeks, McKenzie and Waldron  
No: Councilmember Cobern

7. Consider Ordinance 2603 (b), second reading, ratifying the Property Tax Revenue Increase reflected in the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget

City Manager Caruthers noted staff presented reductions in the budget work session reducing items in the budget approximately \$1.1 million to offset some increases. He noted the debt rate is around 13 to 14 percent of the total tax rate and the industry standard is around 25%, indicating the city's debt rate positioning is favorable and conservative. And, the reductions included five full time positions to help offset inflationary increases, allowing the City to avoid a voter approval rate situation. Assistant City Manager Clayton Fulton reviewed the proposed total tax rate \$0.0611882, being comprised of maintenance and operation rate of \$0.0528626 and interest and sinking rate of \$0.083256.

Councilmember Brotherton moved in compliance with the Local Government Code, adoption of Ordinance 2603 (b) will ratify the Property Tax Revenue Increase in the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget. Motion seconded by Councilmember Waldron. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Brotherton, Miller, Meeks, McKenzie and Waldron

No: Councilmember Cobern

8. Consider Ordinance 2604, second reading, setting the tax rate for the 2025 tax year

City Manager Caruthers stated this item is similar to the previous item and that he has no additional comments.

Councilmember McKenzie moved with the adoption of Ordinance 2604, "I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.611882 which is effectively a 3.34 percent increase in the tax rate." Motion seconded by Councilmember Waldron. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Brotherton, Miller, Meeks, McKenzie, and Waldron

No: Councilmember Cobern

9. Consider Ordinance 2605, second reading, adopting water and wastewater rates for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

City Manager Caruthers noted that once again since the budget workshop and public hearing there are no changes to the proposed 2% rate increase. He reiterated that the City is part of a consortium in that the City does not have its own lake or treatment plant, and being in the consortium, the City helps pay for the region with wholesale costs pacing about 42%, while Hurst's consumption is virtually flat. He reviewed the impact of digital meters and that staff will review the impact with the goal to have as little of an impact as possible from the meters. He stated ARPA funding was utilized to purchase the meters so there is no debt, which will help with the rate smoothing over time.

Councilmember Miller moved to approve Ordinance 2605, second reading, including the proposed Water and Wastewater rates effective October 1, 2025, to be included in all City utility bills processed on, or after, November 1, 2025. Motion seconded by Councilmember Brotherton. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Brotherton, Miller, Meeks, McKenzie, Waldron and Cobern

No: None

Councilmember Waldron left the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

### **RESOLUTION(S)**

10. Consider Resolution 1894 adopting the City of Hurst's Investment Policy

Managing Director of Finance and Accounting Paul Brown reviewed the proposed

Investment Policy noting Section 2256.005 of the Texas Government Code requires the City Council review the investment policy and investment strategies not less than annually and recommended adoption of the policy. He stated no changes were made to the previously adopted policy.

Councilmember Cobern moved to approve the City of Hurst Investment Policy by Resolution 1894, as required by Section 2256.005, Texas Government Code. Motion seconded by Councilmember Miller. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Brotherton, Miller, Meeks, McKenzie, and Cobern  
No: None

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

11. Consider engagement with Forvis Mazars for Professional Auditing Services

Assistant City Manager Clayton Fulton reviewed the proposed engagement with Forvis Mazars for professional auditing service noting the importance of the audit to ensure fair representation. He stated the Fiscal Year 2025 audit cost is a base fee of \$100,000 and if there is a single audit needed, an additional \$5,000.

Councilmember Miller moved to engage the services of Forvis Mazars to audit the City's financial records for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025 for an overall base and Single Audit fee not to exceed \$105,000. Motion seconded by Councilmember Meeks. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Brotherton, Miller, Meeks, McKenzie, and Cobern  
No: None

12. Consider report and the conditional abatement of City Council's July 8, 2025 Order regarding 916 Zelda, Hurst, TX 76053, and legally described as Glenn View Addition, Block 7 Lot 14

Building Official Tanya Wilson provided an update of construction progress based on Ms. Chavez' timeline, showing pictures of the work performed and noted the project is still running a little behind schedule, but capable of finishing on time. Ms. Chavez provided a handout of her schedule and pictures of the project.

No action was taken.

13. Review of upcoming calendar items – Assistant City Manager Malaika Marion Farmer reviewed the Future Events Calendar in the packet.
14. City Council Reports - Items of Community Interest – no items were discussed.

Mayor Wilson next moved to Agenda Item 15.

**PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD – A REQUEST TO APPEAR CARD MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THE CITY SECRETARY TO BE**

**RECOGNIZED. CITIZEN COMMENTS ARE LIMITED TO A MAXIMUM OF 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER**

Mayor Wilson recognized Susan Valliant, 1910 Leighton Drive, Arlington, Texas who stated she is running for House District 94 and wants to restore local control.

Mayor Wilson did not adjourn to Executive Session.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION in Compliance with the Provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Law, authorized by Tex. Government Code Section 551.071 consultation with and legal advice from the city attorney regarding Code Enforcement and on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Open Meetings Act and Section 551.074 Personnel – City Manager and Section 551.072 deliberation of the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property (Pipeline Road Project) and to reconvene in Open Session at the conclusion of the Executive Session**

15. Take any and all action necessary ensuing from Executive Session

As stated by the City Attorney, Councilmember Brotherton moved to approve the agreements with the City Manager consistent with Council's discussion in Executive Session and authorize the Mayor to execute same. Motion seconded by Councilmember Miller. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Brotherton, Miller, Meeks, McKenzie, and Cobern

No: None

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

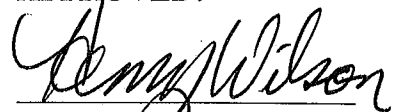
**APPROVED** this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 2025.

**ATTEST:**



Rita Frick, City Secretary

**APPROVED:**



Henry Wilson, Mayor