

**City Council Minutes**  
**Tuesday, February 24, 2026**

On the 24<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026, 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
John Miller	)	Councilmembers
Gary N. Waldron	)	
Jimmy Meeks	)	
Clay Caruthers	)	City Manager
Kaitlen Cerney	)	City Attorney
Malaika Marion Farmer	)	Assistant City Manager
Clayton Fulton	)	Assistant City Manager
Rita Frick	)	City Secretary
Robert Saucedo	)	Executive Director of Public Works
Billy Keadle	)	Police Chief
Chris Connolly	)	Executive Director of Economic Development
Paul Brown	)	Managing Director of Finance and Accounting
Jenny Wang	)	Senior Accountant

With the following Councilmembers absent: Cathy Brotherton and Trasa Cobern, constituting a quorum; at which time, the following business was transacted:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. and Mayor Pro Tem McKenzie gave the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge were given.

**PRESENTATION(S)**

1. Presentation of the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

City Manager Clay Caruthers expressed his appreciation for the work of all of the staff and audit team. Assistant City Manager Clayton Fulton presented the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting noting the City has received the award for the past 51 consecutive years and highlighted areas being graded. He recognized and thanked Managing Director of Finance Paul Brown and his staff for all their hard work to achieve this award.

2. Presentation and acceptance of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) by Forvis Mazars, LLP

Assistant City Manager Clayton Fulton introduced auditing firm Forvis Mazars' Josh Findlay

and Kelsey Blacksheer who noted the audit's completion and provided an overview of the FY 2025 Audit including the audit scope and results, future pronouncements, and financial overview. Mr. Findlay stated the City received unmodified "clean" opinions and also noted implementation of a number of new pronouncements over the next couple of years. Mr. Findlay noted the significant achievement by the finance staff in receiving the Government Finance Officers Association's award. He also reviewed the General Fund unassigned balance and the TMRS Pension Fund and OPEB liability noting healthy balances. Mr. Findlay also reviewed Forvis Mazars statistical information and audit experience.

Councilmember Miller moved to accept the audited ACFR for fiscal year ended September 30, 2025. Motion seconded by Councilmember Waldron. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

3. Consider approval of the minutes for the February 10, 2026 Council meetings

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

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

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

4. Consider authorizing the city manager to proceed with expenditures for building repairs for property at 121 W. Pipeline Road (Bellvue Addition Project)

City Manager Caruthers provided the history for the City acquiring the subject project through enhancements of Pipeline Road. He noted the goal for this property is to maintain the property and keep the existing tenants to have a better return on investment. He noted some code compliance and maintenance issues and that this will allow staff to move forward in about \$40,000 in repairs. He stated rent will be utilized for the next six months to pay for repairs, and hopefully have better condition and curb appeal.

Councilmember Meeks moved to authorize the city manager to create a project for the Bellvue Addition property not to exceed \$40,000. Motion seconded by Councilmember Miller. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

5. Consider approval of the Order of Cancellation of the May 2, 2026 General Election and declare each unopposed candidate elected

City Secretary Rita Frick noted the presented Certificate of Unopposed Candidates to Council, and explained this item is to order the cancellation of the May 2, 2026 General Election and declare each unopposed candidate elected in accordance with Chapter 2 of the Election Code. Ms. Frick also noted as required by the Election Code, the unopposed candidates declared elected will appear on the May 2, 2026 Special Election ballot.

Councilmember Waldron moved to approve the Order of Cancellation of the May 2, 2026 General Election and declare each unopposed candidate elected. Motion seconded by Councilmember Meeks. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Meeks, McKenzie, Miller and Waldron

No: None

6. Review of upcoming calendar items – Assistant City Manager Malaika Marion Farmer reviewed the Future Events Calendar noting the Eggstravaganza Event will be at the Hurst Athletic Complex this year. She also encouraged everyone to visit the Library’s website for Spring Activities, and she then reviewed another Clean-Up Event scheduled for Saturday, April 11 at the Coffee Shop on Pipeline Road.
7. City Council Reports - Items of Community Interest – Councilmember Gary Waldron expressed his appreciation to the City for support during the funeral services for his father-in-law and thanked City Manager Clay Caruthers for his support, noting the quality and care of the people running the City.

**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 Ahad Ghafoor, 205 Bremen Drive, who expressed concern regarding water flow and drainage at his home, and Nyla Smith, 8821 Sabinas Trail, Ft. Worth who spoke regarding the demolition order of 1129 Desiree Lane, Hurst seeking to stop the demolition.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** in compliance with the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Law, authorized by Government Code, Section 551.087 deliberation and conducting of economic development negotiations regarding financial information relative to prospective business expansion in the City, and Section 551.071 consultation with and legal advice from the city attorney regarding Code Enforcement, economic development, real estate, and zoning 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 to reconvene in Open Session at the conclusion of the Executive Session.

8. Take any and all action ensuing from Executive Session – No action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

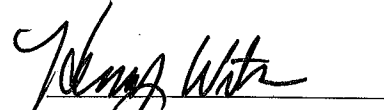
**APPROVED** this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026.

**ATTEST:**



Rita Frick, City Secretary

**APPROVED:**



Henry Wilson, Mayor