

TULIA CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY APRIL 11, 2025
AT 6:00 P.M.
TULIA CITY HALL, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1. Call to Order and Quorum Call

_____ Dusty George, Mayor	_____ City Manager
_____ Israel 'Bibo' Ramirez	_____ City Secretary
_____ Jay Smith	_____ City Attorney
_____ Jed Owens	_____ Electric Director
_____ Greg Needham	_____ Public Works Director
	_____ Chief of Police

2. Presentations and Public Comment (Public Comments is limited to 3 minutes per speaker.)

3. Consider action on the Consent Agenda (usually approval of council meeting minutes will be placed under consent agenda along with non-controversial items that may have already been discussed or routinely handled in the past. This may include resolutions but not ordinances. A council member may remove an item from the consent agenda and place it on the Discussion and Action agenda before a vote on the Consent Agenda items.)

- CONSIDER AND APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 11, 2025 MEETING

4. Items for Discussion and Action

- a. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ADOPTING A PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING APRIL AS CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH
- b. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION TO FORGIVE THE PENALTY AND INTEREST ON TAX PAYER PROPERTY PARCEL 1D 17327, 412 N BRISCOE AVE.
- c. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION TO AWARD ENZ CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION, LLC FOR THE CITY OF TULIA'S TXCDBG DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROGRAM PROJECT #CDM23-0446 – LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS.

5. Announcements

- TULIA POWER & LIGHT
- PUBLIC WORKS
- POLICE DEPT
- CITY HALL

6. Adjournment

The City Council of the City of Tulia reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberation about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberation about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), and 551.087 (Economic Development)

This agenda was posted on or before April 4, 2025 by 5:00 p.m.

STATE OF TEXAS X

COUNTY OF SWISHER X

CITY OF TULIA X

ON the 11th day of March, 2025, the City Council of the City of Tulia met in the City Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m.

Present were:	Dusty George	Mayor
	Israel 'Bibo' Ramirez	Mayor ProTem
	Gregory Needham	Council Member
	Jed Owens	Council Member
	Jay Smith	Council Member

Also present were:	BJ Potts	City Manager
	Kristina Solomon	City Secretary
	Paul Brown	Chief of Police
	Slater Elza	City Attorney

Absent was:	Brian West	Electric Director
	Russell Proctor	Public Works Director

1. Call to Order and Quorum Call Work Session

Dusty George called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

2. Presentations and Public Comment (Public Comment is limited to 3 minutes per speaker.)

No comments at this time

3. Consider action on the Consent Agenda (usually approval of council meeting minutes will be placed under consent agenda along with non-controversial items that may have already been discussed or routinely handled in the past. This may include resolutions but not ordinances. A council member may remove an item from the consent agenda and place it on the Discussion and Action agenda before a vote on the Consent Agenda items.)

- CONSIDER AND APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 11, 2025 MEETING

Greg Needham made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. A second was made by Jed Owens and passed with a 5-0 vote.

4. Items for Discussion and Action

- a. TULIA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION UPDATE ON COST RECOVERY ACCOUNT AND THE BUILDING PROJECT

Fire Chief Jeremy Earl updated the council on the plans and progress of the new building. He also spoke about the fire departments bank accounts, how the money is spent, and who has and should have access to the accounts.

- b. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON THE LIST OF ELECTION WORKERS AND THEIR RATE OF PAY

Kress Kathy Vestal, Presiding Judge
Rik Snodgrass, Alternate Judge
Charlotte O'Daniel, Clerk

Tulia Richelle Culifer, Presiding Judge
Jim Hodges, Alternate Judge
Micheala Villegas, Clerk

Early Voting Ballot for Kress and Tulia
Sheila Via, Presiding Judge
Linda Swanson, Alternate Judge

Back-Up Election Workers
Krystal Leatherman
Linda Owen
Rhoda Ochoa
Cindy Hurt
Lisa McCasland
Glenda Gibson

Greg Needham made a motion to approve the election workers and their rate of pay of \$14. A second was made by Jed Owens and passed with a 5-0 vote.

5. Announcements

- TULIA POWER & LIGHT
- PUBLIC WORKS
- POLICE DEPT
- CITY HALL

6. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Mayor, Dusty George

ATTEST:

City Secretary, Kristina Solomon

CITY OF
TULIA, TEXAS
City Council



WHEREAS, the citizens of Tulia recognize the crucial need for efforts by both individuals and groups to promote awareness of the plight of abused children, to work toward prevention of violence against children, and to provide services and treatment to these small victims of their families; and

WHEREAS, Amarillo Area Court Appointed Special Advocates (AACASA), The Bridge Children's Advocacy Center, St. Francis and DFPS advocate for children of abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, Swisher County confirmed 19 children suffered from some form of abuse or neglect in 2024; and

WHEREAS, our society has a responsibility to protect our children and help them thrive in a safe environment, as every child is entitled to be loved, cared for, feel secure and be free from all types of abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention and intervention programs succeed because of partnerships among a variety of entities including but not limited, schools, religious organizations, law enforcement agencies, CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), Child Protective Services, St. Francis, The Bridge Children's Advocacy Center, and prosecution agencies, medical professionals, mental health professionals, victim advocates and other community-based non-profit organizations; NOW, **THEREFORE**,

WE, MAYOR, AND COUNCILMEMBERS, of the City of Tulia, Texas, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2025, as

**"TULIA CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND
AWARENESS MONTH"**

and in doing so, urge all citizens and institutions, both public and private, to support The Bridge Children's Advocacy Center, Amarillo Area CASA, St. Francis and DFPS, as well as other partner agencies in their efforts to increase awareness of and services for abused and neglected children in our community.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS AND SEAL OF OFFICE this 14th day of April 2025.

Mayor, Dusty George

FORGIVING OF PENALTY AND INTEREST ON TAX PAYER

From: Deborah Lemons <d.lemons@swishercounty.gov>

Date: 03/24/2025 04:38PM

To: BJ Potts <BPOTTS@TULIA-TX.GOV>, Michael Clawson <m.clawson@swishercounty.gov>, "MMWA@MIDPLAINS.COOP" <MMWA@MIDPLAINS.COOP>, Tammy Anderson <tammy.anderson@hpwd.org>, "LIZZIEDUTTON@SWISHERHOSPITAL.COM" <LIZZIEDUTTON@SWISHERHOSPITAL.COM>

Good afternoon,

As most have received a letter from Maria Steele on a property she owns in Tulia. Prop ID 17327 located at 412 N Briscoe Ave. Just a little background on Ms. Steele: she purchased the property in 2023 and on her deed her address is listed correctly as she lived in Sherman County, not Sherman TX. The Swisher County Appraisal District put her address incorrect as the town Sherman, TX, so she never received her tax statement for 2023 taxes. I have visited with the tax Attorney's office, Perdue, Fielder, Collins & Mott and they have agreed to remove the attorney fees. She has to contact the taxing entities and ask the same for the penalty and interest as I do not have the authority to remove them. I have attached a statement of account for your review, showing penalty and interest and a statement that was mailed in 2023. If you have any questions, please contact me thru email or my new cell phone at 806-994-5064.

Thanks for your help in this matter.



Deborah Lemons, PCC, CTOP

Tax Assessor/Collector

d.lemons@swishercounty.gov

Swisher County

119 S Maxwell, Rm 104

Tulia TX 79088>

Phone: Direct: 806-995-3514

Phone Office: 806-995-3513

Fax: 806-995-4572

Website for tax info and payments

Co.swisher-tx.org

Attachments (2 files, 650.5 KB)

- 17327 STEELE MARIA.pdf (267.3 KB)

- 17327.pdf (383.1 KB)

To Whom it may Concern

RE: Request for Waiver of Penalties and Interest, Swisher County Taxpayer #122803 Property #2257 Geo Code R17327

I am requesting for these penalties be waived due to I never got a statement on my taxes for 2023. In October of 2024 I looked into my taxes for 2023 and they kept telling me that I should be getting a statement, at the that I moved to Tulsa we had a change of address. I kept looking into it that when I was told that my statement was being mailed to Sherman, Texas. I have never lived in Sherman, Tx. I didn't know how much my taxes was until the Sheriff's office left a note on my door that I had legal papers waiting at their office at this I find out how much my taxes are for 2023- which I don't think it my fault if I had known how much it was I would have paid them. So this is why I'm requesting for the penalty charges to be waived and the attorney fee. 2023 Taxes are Paid.

Thank you

Maria Steele

Statement of Account

NOTICE: This is a statement of Taxes Due as of 03/24/2025 04:06:34PM
based upon the tax records of the tax office.

DEBORAH LEMONS, PCC, CTOP
SWISHER COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR
119 S MAXWELL, RM 104 PHONE 806-995-3513
TULIA, TX 79088

Property Information

Property ID: 17327 Geo ID: 35-0100-0009-0500
Legal Acres: 0.2500
Legal Desc: BLK 9 LT 6 & S/2 LT 5 OT TULIA
Situation: 412 N BRISCOE AVE TULIA, 79088
DBA:
Exemptions: HS, OV65

Owner ID: 3130428 Ownership: 100.00%
STEELE MARIA LUISA
412 N BRISCOE
TULIA, TX 79088

Value Information

Improvement HS: 65,420
Improvement NHS: 0
Land HS: 1,880
Land NHS: 0
Productivity Market: 0
Productivity Use: 0
Assessed Value 67,300

Entity	Description	Pct.	Ex Code	Description
219	SWISHER COUNTY	100.00%	HS	Homestead
C03	CITY OF TULIA	100.00%	OV65	Over 65
H02	SWISHER CO HOSPITAL DIST	100.00%		
LTR	COUNTY LATERAL ROAD USE	100.00%		
P11	HIGH PLAINS WATER DISTRICT	100.00%		
S05	TULIA ISD	100.00%		
W04	MACKENZIE WATER AUTHORITY	100.00%		

Unpaid Bills Summary								
Entity	Year	Statement ID	Tax Rate	Type	Tax Due	Disc/P&I	Attorney Fees	Total Due
219	2023	4834	0.534000	L	93.11	24.21	23.46	140.78
C03	2023	4834	0.370100	L	79.33	20.63	19.99	119.95
H02	2023	4834	0.266300	L	46.43	12.07	11.70	70.20
LTR	2023	4834	0.110000	L	19.18	4.99	4.83	29.00
P11	2023	4834	0.004200	L	0.94	0.24	0.24	1.42
W04	2023	4834	0.119000	L	26.70	6.94	6.73	40.37
Total for Year 2023					265.69	69.08	66.95	401.72
219	2024	4864	0.582000	L	266.90	24.02	0.00	290.92
C03	2024	4864	0.370000	L	208.60	18.77	0.00	227.37
H02	2024	4864	0.255726	L	117.26	10.56	0.00	127.82
LTR	2024	4864	0.040000	L	18.34	1.65	0.00	19.99
P11	2024	4864	0.003100	L	1.83	0.17	0.00	2.00
W04	2024	4864	0.121000	L	71.40	6.43	0.00	77.83
Total for Year 2024					684.33	61.60	0.00	745.93

Total For All Years 950.02 130.68 66.95 1,147.65

Total Due if Paid By 03/31/2025 1,147.65

Paid Refunds Summary
No Information on File.

*** End of Statement ***

NOTICE: This document is not a tax certificate and does not absolve a Taxpayer from tax liability in any way. If this document is found to be in error, it may be corrected by the Collection Office listed above. Responsibility to pay the remaining taxes rests entirely with the Taxpayer, as outlined in the Texas Property Tax Code.