

**TULIA CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY AUGUST 12, 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
_____ Johnny Daniels	_____ City Attorney
_____ Jed Owens	_____ Electric Director
_____ Robert Bazemore	_____ 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 JULY 8, 2025 MEETING
- PRESENTATION OF "LIFE SAVING AWARD" OFFICER GIANA RODRIGUEZ, TULIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

4. Items for Discussion and Action

- a. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION ON PROPOSED TULIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2025 / 2026 BUDGET
- b. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION ON PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR THE 2025 / 2026 FISCAL YEAR
- c. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION TO SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE 2025 / 2026 PROPOSED TAX RATE SEPTEMBER 2, 2025, 6:00PM TULIA CITY HALL, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
- d. DISCUSSION ON FY 2025-2026 CITY OF TULIA ANNUAL BUDGET

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 August 6, 2025 by 5:00 p.m.

STATE OF TEXAS X

COUNTY OF SWISHER X

CITY OF TULIA X

ON the 8th day of July, 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
	Johnny Daniels	Council Member (phone)
	Jed Owens	Council Member
	Robert Bazemore	Council Member

Also present were:	BJ Potts	City Manager
	Matt Murray – Underwood Law	City Attorney
	Paul Brown	Chief of Police
	Brian West	Electric Director
	Russell Proctor	Public Works Director

Absent were:	Israel ‘Bibo’ Ramirez	Mayor ProTem
	Kristina Solomon	City Secretary

1. Call to Order and Quorum Call Work Session

Dusty George called the meeting to order at 6:01 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 JUNE 10 AND JUNE 23, 2025 MEETINGS

Robert Bazemore made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. A second was made by Jed Owens and passed with a 4-0 vote.



Tulia Police Department

Unity, Honor, Integrity

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Paul Brown Chief of Police



To: Officer Giana Rodriguez

From: Paul Brown, Chief of Police

Re: Life Saving Award



On January 31, 2025, at approximately 1900 hrs, Officer Giana Rodriguez, along with TVFD and EMS were dispatched to the 200 block of Buffalo Trail, in Tulia, TX, for a medical call. Officer Rodriguez was the first emergency responder to arrive on scene. Upon her arrival, she was directed to a 63-year-old male who was experiencing a cardiac emergency. The subject was not breathing and did not have a heartbeat upon Officer Rodriguez's arrival.

Officer Rodriguez, without hesitation, began life saving measures. Officer Rodriguez gave chest compressions until additional emergency personnel arrived on scene. Upon the arrival of TVFD personnel, Officer Rodriguez continued to assist with life saving measures. The male subject was transported to Swisher Memorial Hospital, where he would eventually be flown to a level 1 trauma center nearby.

Because of Officer Rodriguez's quick actions, and refusal to give up, the male subject survived this ordeal. It was later qualified by doctors that had medical aid not been rendered immediately and effectively, the subject would not have survived. This act of selfless service had a positive impact on the male subject who is now recovering. This act is reflected greatly on Officer Rodriguez, the Tulia Police Department, and the community that she swore to protect and serve.

Paul Brown, Chief of Police

4. Items for Discussion and Action

- a. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION ON THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT AND RESOLUTION 2025-01 RENEWING THE E911 SERVICE AND PSAP EQUIPMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE PANHANDLE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

John Schaumburg with PRPC gave a brief review on what PRPC's responsibilities and supports entail.

Jed Owens made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-01 renewing the E911 service and PSAP equipment agreement with PRPC. A second was made by Robert Bazemore and passed with a 4-0 vote.

- b. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION REGARDING THE MACKENZIE MUNICIPAL WATER AUTHORITY 2025-2026 WATER SUPPLY BUDGET

Jessica Shelton reviewed the proposed MMWA budget.

Jed Owens made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 MMWA water supply budget. A second was made by Robert Bazemore and passed with a 4-0 vote.

- c. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION REGARDING MACKENZIE MUNICIPAL WATER AUTHORITY (MMWA) BOARD APPOINTMENT (Cory Hoelting)

Jed Owens made a motion to reappoint Cory Hoelting to the MMWA board. A second was made by Robert Bazemore and passed with a 4-0 vote.

- d. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION ON TULIA EDC BOARD APPOINTMENT (Bryan Ballenger)

Robert Bazemore made a motion to appoint Bryan Ballenger to the EDC board. A second was made by Jed Owens and passed with a 4-0 vote.

- e. BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION ON CITY COUNCIL BUDGET REQUESTS FOR FY 2025-2026 CITY OF TULIA ANNUAL BUDGET

The council and staff discussed budget request.

5. Announcements

- TULIA POWER & LIGHT
- PUBLIC WORKS
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6. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Mayor, Dusty George

ATTEST:

City Secretary, Kristina Solomon



2025 Certified Totals – City of Tulia, Swisher County

2025 Net Taxable Value - \$163,497,199
2025 Avg Homestead Taxable Value - \$88,926

8.442777% increase from 2024
10.54% increase from 2024

0.340100	NNR - Rate	\$	556,053.97
0.341950		\$	559,078.67
0.343800		\$	562,103.37
0.345650		\$	565,128.07
0.347500		\$	568,152.77
0.349350		\$	571,177.46
0.351200		\$	574,202.16
0.354800	PROPOSED TAX RATE 2025/2026	\$	580,088.06
0.354900	VAR - Rate	\$	580,251.56

The PROPOSED rate of \$0.3548, due to property value increase, will generate a targeted increase of 3.99% or \$22,275.30 in property tax collections from 2024/2025.

**CITY OF TULIA, TEXAS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON
PROPOSED TAX INCREASE
TAX YEAR 2025**

A tax rate of **\$0.3548 per \$100 valuation** has been proposed by the governing body of the City of Tulia, TX.

NO-NEW-REVENUE (EFFECTIVE) TAX RATE	\$0.3401 PER \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL (ROLLBACK) TAX RATE	\$0.3549 PER \$100
PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.3548 PER \$100
CITY OF TULIA DE MINIMIS RATE	\$0.6474 PER \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2025 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for the City of Tulia from the same properties in the 2024 tax year. The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that the City of Tulia may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate, unless the de minimis rate for the City of Tulia exceeds the voter-approval rate for the City of Tulia. The de minimis rate is the rate equal to the sum of the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate for City of Tulia, the rate that will raise \$500,000, and the current debt rate for the City of Tulia. The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that the City of Tulia is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2025 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 2, 2025 AT 06:00 PM AT TULIA CITY HALL LOCATED AT 127 SW 2nd STREET, TULIA, TEXAS 79088.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the voter-approval tax rate but not greater than the de minimis rate and does exceed the rate that allows voters to petition for an election under Section 26.075, Tax Code. If the City of Tulia adopts the proposed tax rate, the City of Tulia is not required to hold an election so that voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate however the qualified voters of the City of Tulia may petition the City of Tulia to require an election to be held to determine whether to accept the proposed tax rate.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

Property tax amount= (tax rate) x (taxable value of your property)/100

	2024	2025 (proposed)	Change
Total tax rate per \$100 of value	\$0.3700	\$0.3548	(4.11)%
Average homestead taxable value	\$80,446	\$88,926	10.5%
Tax on average homestead	\$297.65	\$315.51	6%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$557,822	\$580,088	3.99%

FOR the proposal:

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AGAINST the proposal

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- 5.

PRESENT AND NOT VOTING:

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- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

ABSENT:

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- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state. The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by the City of Tulia last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by the City of Tulia this year

For assistance or questions with tax calculations, please contact the City of Tulia at 806-995-3547