Regular Council Meeting
March 17, 2026

Minutes

1. Call to Order, roll call, establish a quorum.
   Mayor Humphrey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Council members Carr, Bowie, Williams, Foster, and Thompson. A quorum was present.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
   Invocation led by David Turner. Pledge of Allegiance led by Chief McCrary

3. Public Comments

   Pursuant to the Open Meeting Act, the city council can engage on agenda items, however, the city council cannot to respond to non-agenda items. On agenda items, speakers are given three minutes each. On non-agenda items speakers are given three minutes each, not to exceed fifteen minutes.
   Justin Arsenault, 479 CR 4001, New Boston, TX to address the Council regarding agenda item 21. Mayor asked if he would like to wait until the agenda item was discussed. Mr. Arsenault advised he would.

4. The Mayor and City Council adjourn to executive session pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Local Government Code 551.074, regarding Personnel Matters. Mayor Humphrey advised they would also be discussing Local Government code 551.071 Economic Development.
   Motion made by Council member Carr to adjourn to closed session. Motion seconded by Council member Bowie. All voted in favor of, motion carried. Mayor and City Council adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

   Mayor and City Council reconvened the open session at 6:26 p.m. No further action taken.

5. Consent Agenda:
   - Minutes for February 19, 2026, Regular Council meeting
   - February Statement of Revenue and Expenditures/All Funds
   - February Check Register/All Funds
   - February Trial Balance Summary for Cash accounts
   - Departmental Reports

   Motion made by Council member Carr to accept consent agenda as provided. Motion seconded by Council member Bowie. All voted in favor of, motion carried.

6. Mayor Humphrey to present Dispatcher Sandy Tutt with a Certificate of Appreciation.
   Mayor Humphrey read the Certificate of Appreciation and made presentation to Sandy Tutt.

7. Kelly Birdwell with Wilf & Henderson P.C. to present the Mayor and City Council with the 2024-25 fiscal year-end audit.
   Kelly Birdwell addressed the city council regarding the 2024-25 fiscal year audit.
   - Debt Service Fund revenues which are the I&S portion or your property tax. They were high but still within state compliance. Funds are restricted for future debt services only.
   - Highlighting the need for transparency regarding the budget and controls that communicate any changes to the council.
   - Self-funded health insurance package has created complexities in its management. More training and understanding are required for staff to manage it correctly. Possibly look for a more traditional plan.
   - Starting, the city is in a good financial position.
   - Outstanding debt for the General Fund of $45,000.
   - Outstanding debt for Public Works, water and sewer is $5.5 million, payment of which is derived from debt services, the I&S portion of property taxes.
   - Recommended budget monitoring and making amendments as needed.
   - Suggested a purchase order policy be put in place to help department supervisors stay within their budget.
   - Making sure the council is aware of any unseen costs that may come about.

8. Consider and take official action to adopt Resolution 26-R-04 - A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF NEW BOSTON DESIGNATING AUTHORIZED SIGNATORIES FOR CONTRACTUAL DOCUMENTS AND DOCUMENTS FOR REQUESTING FUNDS PERTAINING TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCKGRANT – MITIGATION, (CDBG-MIT) GENERAL LAND OFFICE (GLO) STATE CONTRACT NUMBER 23-160-148-F577.
   Motion made by Council member Bowie to adopt Resolution 26-R-04, a $225,000 grant. Motion seconded by Council member Carr. All voted in favor of, motion carried.

9. Mayor Ron Humphrey declaring by Proclamation of April as Fair Housing Month.
   Mayor Humphrey proclaimed April as Fair Housing month as necessitated by the Community Development Block Grant mitigation program.

10. Consider and take official action to approve the purchase of a Holt Caterpillar, Model 304 Track Hoe in the amount of SIXTY- FOUR THOUSDAND THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY-ONE DOLLARS AND SIXTY-FOUR CENTS ($64,381.64) to be financed through Government Capital Finance. Authorizing Wayne Dial, City Administrator authority to execute said loan documents on behalf of the City of New Boston.
    Motion made by Council member Carr. Motion seconded by Council member Bowie. Council discussed the need and if item was budgeted for. A main piece of equipment for water and sewer repairs. It was mentioned that the older track hoe would be placed in surplus and sold. The mayor asked for a motion to approve the purchase. Council member Carr, Williams, and Bowie voted in favor of Council member Foster and Thompson opposed. Motion carried.

11. Consider and take official action to adopt **Resolution 26-R-03** - A RESOLUTION REGARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCIING a 2026 Holt Caterpillar Model 304, Serial number OAN407345, Track Hoe.

Motion made by Council member Carr to adopt Resolution 26-R-03. Motion seconded by Council member Bowie. All voted in favor of, motion carried.

12. Consider and take official action on the re-financing of a 2023 Freightliner M2 106, VIN# 1FVHCYD21PHNY9631 in the estimated amount of approximately $126,781.56 and procurement of financing through Government Capital Finance for a term of 28 quarterly payments, authorizing Wayne Dial, City Administrator authority to execute said loan documents on behalf of the City of New Boston.
    Motion made by Council member Carr to approve the re-financing of the 2023 Freightliner M2,106. Motion seconded by Council member Bowie. All voted in favor of, motion carried.

13. Consider and take official action to adopt **Resolution 26-R-02** - A RESOLUTION REGARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCIING a 2023 Freightliner M2 106, VIN# 1FVHCYD21PHNY9631, Dump Truck.
    Motion made by Council member Bowie to approve Resolution 26-R-02. Motion seconded by Council member Carr. All voted in favor of, motion carried.

14. Consider and take official action to purchase a 2025 Ford Police Interceptor in the amount of FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED NINTEEN DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS ($55,919.75 to be financed through Government Capital Finance, authorizing Wayne Dial, City Administrator authority to execute said loan documents on behalf of the City of New Boston.
    Motion made by Council member Carr to approve the purchase of a 2026 Ford Police Interceptor. Motion seconded by Council member Bowie. All voted in favor of, motion carried.

15. Consider and take official action to adopt **Resolution 26-R-01** - A RESOLUTION REGARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCIING a 2025 Ford Interceptor, VIN#1FM5K8AC7SGB70143, Police vehicle.
    Motion made by Council member Bowie to adopt Resolution 26-R-01. Motion seconded by Council member Carr. All voted in favor of, motion carried.

16. Consider and take official action to accept the "Certification of Unopposed Candidates" for the May 2, 2026, municipal election.
    Motion made by Council member Bowie to accept the Certification of Unopposed Candidates. Motion seconded by Council member Foster. All voted in favor of, motion carried.

17. Consider and take official action to accept the "Order of Cancellation of Municipal Election" for May 2, 2026, election.
    Motion made by Council member Carr to accept the Order of Cancellation of Municipal Election. Motion seconded by Council member Bowie. All voted in favor of, motion carried.

18. Consider and take official action to accept the annual Racial Profiling Report submitted to TCOLE by Chief McCrary as specified by Texas Occupations Code §1701.164 required by the Code of Criminal Procedure Articles 2B.0051 – 2B.0059 through TCLEDDS.

Motion made by Council member Bowie to accept the annual Racial Profiling Report as submitted by Chief McCrary. Motion seconded by Council member Carr. All voted in favor of, motion carried.

19. Consider and take official action to amend the 2025-26 General Fund budget by an increase of THREE HUNDRED SIXTEEN THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED NINTY-SIX DOLLARS ($316,396).
    Motion made by Council member Carr to approved amendments made to the 2025-26 General Fund Budget. Motion seconded by Council member Bowie. All voted in favor of, motion carried.

20. Consider and take official action to accept the Planning and Zoning Board's recommendation to re-zone 409 NE Front Street from a Commercial-1 zoning to a Commercial-2 zoning.
    Motion made by Council member Bowie to accept the P&Z Board's recommendation. Motion seconded by Council member Carr. All voted in favor of, motion carried.

21. Consider and take official action to accept the Planning and Zoning Board's recommendation to re-zone Hwy 82 and Frost Street (JATT Property Group) from Comm-2 to Residential Multi-Family.
    Motion made by Council member Carr to accept the P&Z Board's recommendation. Motion seconded by Council member Bowie. The P&Z Board voted to deny the change based on the variances stated in the city ordinance. Justin Arsenault requested a variance on the back property line. Motion made by Council member Carr to approve the variance. Motion died for a lack of a second, accepting the P&Z Board's recommendation.

22. Consider and take official action to accept the Planning and Zoning Board's recommendation to re-zone 700 N McCoy Blvd. (Church of Christ) from Residential to Comm-2.
    Motion made by Council member Bowie to accept the P&Z Board's recommendation. Motion seconded by Council member Thompson. The P&Z Board approved the recommendation. All voted in favor of, motion carried.

23. Adjourn
    Motion made by Council member Bowie to adjourn. Motion seconded by Council member Foster. All voted in favor of, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Approved this 21st day of April 2026.

Ron Humphrey

Ron Humphrey, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pollyanna Moore

Pollyanna Moore, City Secretary