City of Grand Saline

318 Saline Street, Grand Saline, Tx 75140

Public Hearing Minutes

SEPTEMBER 16, 2025
5:30 p.m.

The city of Grand Saline held a public hearing at 5:30 p.m. on September 16, 2025, at the City Training Facility, 318 Saline Street, Grand Saline, Texas 75140 regarding the Proposed Budget and Proposed Tax Rate for the 2025-2026 fiscal year for the city of Grand Saline. Citizens were encouraged to participate and make their views known at this public hearing. Accommodation were made available for persons with disabilities.

Mayor, Kathy Smith, called the Public Hearing to Order at 5:30 p.m.
The mayor asked if anyone present has public comments to make.
No person spoke.
Mayor called the Public meeting to close at 5:32 p.m.

City Council Meeting Minutes

SEPTEMBER 16, 2025
6:00 p.m.

1. **Call To Order and Announce a Quorum Is/Is Not Present**
   - ✔ Tommy Davis
   - ✔ Scott Gorby
   - ✔ Amanda Greer, Mayor Pro Tempore
   - ✔ Brian Milliorn
   - ✔ Kathy Smith, Mayor
   - ✔ Scott Snodgrass

   Mayor called the council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
   All council members present.
   Quorum established.

2. **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas Flag.**

   Invocation by Harvest Baptist Church minister Jonathan Johnson.

3. **Approve the minutes of previous meetings: Special Meeting & Budget Workshop on September 8, 2025.**

Motion to accept Minutes of September 8 made by Tommy Davis.
Second by Brian Milliorn. Motion Carried. All in favor.

4. **Approve Monthly Financial Reports for the month of July & August 2025.**

Mayor noted that the interest earned has increased.
Motion to accept Monthly Financial Reports for July & August
by Amanda Greer.
Second by Tommy Davis. Motion Carried. All in favor.

5. **Departmental Reports**

A. EDC/Main Street	D. Fire Marshal	G. Library
B. Salt Palace	E. Municipal Court	H. Police Dept./Code Enforcement
C. Fire Dept/EMS	F. Public Works	I. Parks & Recreation

a. No Presentation
b. No Presentation
c. Fire Dept. transition to First Due. Had 87 called this month. That is one less than a fully staffed and paid Fire Dept in Gladewater. Logged 527 calls for the year to date. Average 90 calls per month. First Due is the emergency reporting system that streamlines multiple platforms and crosses multiple departments.
d. Completed two inspections at nursing homes. Addressed dangerous building concern on Main Street.
e. New municipal clerk hired and doing well. Code enforcements have increased.
f. Addressing water leaks, patching roads, mowing, conduct water flushes, waste water, and close out city pool. Regarding High Street repairs, project should begin around October 1.
g. 757 Visitors. Circulation good. Programs doing well.
h. National Night Out scheduled for October 7, 2025, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Free public event.
i. Parks Board all expired. Will need to advertise for new members. Pursuing Texas Park & Wildlife Grant.

6. **City Administrator's Report**

Addressing budget planning and issues arising from budget details. Preparing information for budget workshops.

7. **Public Participation:**

Pursuant to Texas Government Code section 551.007, members of the public may speak on an agenda item during the Public Participation section of the meeting or at the time the agenda item is called for discussion by the mayor. Speakers shall be given three (3) minutes to speak. A speaker needing a translator and/or interpreter may be given six (6) minutes to speak. Criticism of city employees or staff shall be allowed, but only after all administrative remedies have been exhausted regarding any such complaint giving rise to the criticism. Those wishing to address the Council regarding an item not on the agenda must be a citizen, property owner or business owner of Grand Saline. Comments on such non-agenda items shall be limited to three minutes. The Council will not comment on or take any action on items not on the agenda; however, the Council may choose to place the item on a future agenda.

No public participation.

8. **The Following Will Be Discussed, Approved/Accepted/Rejected, Or Tabled for Further Study:**

a. **Presentation of awards by Sgt. Gary Pettis.**
Pettis requested this be postponed.

b. **Jacob Martin Engineering, Nic Kurt, to address council regarding an update on 2020 Sewer Plant Renovation Grant – Project 73854.**
Published for new bids this week. Bids are to be opened October 20, 2025, 3:00 p.m. at City Hall. Anticipate work would begin approximately January. Remaining interest free loan $245,000.

c. **Discuss and consider action on the 2023-2024 Audit by Mike Ward.**

Reviewed Audit report explaining purpose and intent of each page:
Page 10-11: Balance Sheet/Income Statement. Pages 16-17 same information in long form includes EDC. Page 27 - Notes for Financial Statement. Pages 32-35 generally what is reviewed when requesting a loan. Page 47 Compares budget to actual property taxes.

Motion to accept 2024 Audit made by Scott Gorby
Second by Tommy Davis. Motion Carried. All in favor.

d. **Representative from Main Street Baptist Church to address the council regarding a request to create a crosswalk across Spring Street.**

Thomas Rucker spoke and addressed the number of people crossing Spring Street during worship time and youth activities. There was a crosswalk prior to the road being repaved. Requests that the church be given authority to repaint the crosswalk at their expense. Church will also repaint the crosswalk on Main Street for visibility. Chief of Police and Public Works Director expressed no concerns.

Motion to allow the church to repaint crosswalks at no expense to the city made by Tommy Davis.
Second by Scott Gorby.
Motion Carried. All in favor.

e. **Judge Beverley Pearson to address council and discuss concerns including access to court files and other related documents and materials.**

This items was skipped.

f. **Discuss and consider action Resolution 2025-14, street closures for Main Street Trunk or Treat event, Saturday, October 25, 2025.**

Motion to adopt Resolution 2025-14 made by Tommy Davis.
Second by Brian Milliorn
Motion Carried. All in favor.

g. **Discuss and consider action Resolution 2025-15, approving list of all Library Advisory Board Members with expiration dates. Two board members' terms expired, and both have re-applied for the positions.**

Motion to adopt Resolution 2025-15 made by Amanda Greer.
Second by Scott Gorby.
Motion Carried. All in favor.

h. **Discuss and consider action Resolution 2025-16, approving list of all Main Street Board Members with expiration dates and requesting approval of two new members: Tomasa King and Veronica Noble.**

Motion to adopt Resolution 2025-16 made by Brian Milliorn.
Second by Scott Snodgrass.
Motion Carried. All in favor.

i. **Discuss and consider a new ordinance to reflect the March 19, 2024, approval of the City Council to accept the 2021 International Building Code.**

Motion to adopt the 2021 International Building Code by Scott Gorby.
Second by Tommy Davis
Motion Carried. All in favor.

j. **Discuss and consider action to amend Ordinance 2024-117 – Certificate of Occupancy to provide issuing authority to the Fire Marshal's Office rather than the city secretary. This will better align with current operational procedures.**

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2024-117 by Brian Milliorn.
Second by Tommy Davis
Motion Carried. All in favor.

k. **Discuss and consider action to create a non-interest-bearing account for the purpose of utility deposits and close out Tex Pool utilities account.**

Motion to transfer utility deposits into non-interest-bearing account made by Amanda Greer.
Second by Scott Snodgrass.
Motion Carried. All in favor.

l. **Discuss and consider action to amend Ordinance Number 2008-11 changing the deposit refund of water deposits from 18 months to refunds at the termination of an account in good standing.**

Motion to table issue by Scott Gorby.
Second by Tommy Davis.
Motion Carried. All in favor.

m. **Discuss and consider action to add Mayor Kathy Smith to all accounts with City National Bank.**

Motion to add Mayor Kathy Smith to all accounts with City National Bank
by Scott Snodgrass.
Second by Amanda Greer.
Motion Carried 4:1 | Yay: Snodgrass, Greer, Milliorn, Davis | Nay: Gorby

n. **Discuss and consider adopting Ordinance 2025-114 amending Ordinance 2017-107.**

Motion to add Mayor Kathy Smith to adopt Ordinance 2017-107 by Scott Gorby.
Second by Tommy Davis.
Motion Carried. All in favor.

o. **Discuss and consider adoption of Ordinance 2025-115 amending Ordinance 92-6.**

Motion to add Mayor Kathy Smith to adopt Ordinance 2017-115 by Scott Snodgrass.
Second by Brian Milliorn.
Motion Carried 4:1 | Yay: Snodgrass, Greer, Milliorn, Davis | Nay: Gorby

9. Executive Session –

i. **Executive Session** – Under Gov. Code 551.074 (Personnel Matters) to deliberate, evaluation, duties, discipline, or dismissal of public officer – Municipal Judge.

Council adjourned to Executive Session at 7:58 p.m.
Employee opted to not have a public executive session.
Council reconvened 8:39 p.m.

10. Council Comments/Future Agenda Items

a. Future Agenda
   i. Councilman Scott Gorby requested to be on the next agenda regarding his membership on the council. Requested to be in open session.
   ii. Building at 204 Main Street, Grand Saline, Texas.

b. Comments
   i. Advertise Parks and Recreation Board memberships available.

11. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn made by Scott Gorby.
Second by Tommy Davis.
Motion Carries. All in Favor.
Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Executive Session – The City Council reserves the right to adjourn into executive session to discuss any of the matters listed in the agenda, as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts & Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations Regarding Security Devices) or 551.087 (Deliberations Regarding Economic Development Negotiations).

Agenda items may not necessarily be considered in the order that they appear. Regarding any item, Council may take various actions, including but not limited to rescheduling an item in its entirety or for particular action at a future date or time.

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APPROVED:

Kathy Smith, Mayor

Attest:

Julie Fisher, City Secretary

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