City of Grand Saline

City Special Called Council Meeting & Budget Workshop

218 Saline Street, Grand Saline, Tx 75140
AUGUST 26, 2025
4:00 p.m.

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES

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

   4:00 p.m. Mayor called meeting to order.
   All council members were present.
   Quorum established.

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

3. **Approve the minutes of previous meetings**
   Council reviewed minutes from Council Meeting on August 19, 2025
   Councilman Snodgrass recommended omission of "Town Hall" from Title Heading

   Motion to approve minutes from meeting August 19, 2025, with stated change made by Scott Gorby. Second by Tommy Davis. Motion carries. All in favor.

4. **The Following Will Be Discussed, Approved/Accepted/Rejected, Or Tabled for Further Study:**
   a. Discuss and consider action to approve a community website for the benefit of the city of Grand Saline, the Economic Development Corporation, Main Street, Salt Palace, Library and other entities under the umbrella of the city of Grand Saline.

   EDC Director, Owen Tiner, and EDC President, Micah Lowe, were present to share information regarding a website the EDC has purchased for themselves and believes it to be a good opportunity for the city should they choose to participate. The website integrates social media, offers two-way communication with citizens, provides security for police information, has mobile app capabilities and has more capabilities that the current sites. A Calendar of Events for the entire city is possible. Tiner is familiar with the website company (Apptegy) as he has worked with them in other cities and finds them to be highly responsive. EDC has provided the initial set up costs and the first year of licensing for the website. If the city chooses to participate, the licensing fee beyond year one would be split and shared by all participating entities.

Motion to approve minutes purchase of the community website via Apptegy with EDC made by Scott Snodgrass. Second by Amanda Greer.
Motion carries. All in favor.

Special Called meeting ends 4:46 p.m.

BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES

The purpose of this workshop is to discuss and consider matters related to the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 including revenues, expenditures, departmental requests, and other related items.

A quorum of the City Council may be present; however, no formal action will be taken at this workshop. This meeting is open to the public and is held in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code (Texas Open Meetings Act).

Budget workshop called to order at 4:47 p.m.

City Administrator, Sonya Bishop, presented council with calendar worksheet and draft of budget as prepared by mayor, Kathy Smith. Due to timeline requirements, there will be a **Special Called Meeting of the GS City Council on Friday, August 29, 2025, at 3:30 p.m.** to review the proposed budget and assess the proposed tax rate necessary to meet city needs.

Council asked for clarification regarding calculations of the No New Revenue Rate. Council asked what percentage of the total budget each department has distributed to them. Discussion about percentage to public safety vs. public works. Desire to maintain public safety while providing clean water to citizens. Ensure items are allocated to the correct departments within the budget.

Administrator Bishop shared that a capital improvement plan is needed.

Future Meetings

September 8	**Budget Workshop**	**5:00 p.m.**
September 16	**Public Hearing re: Tax Rate**	**5:30 p.m.**
	Regular Council Meeting	**6:00 p.m.**
September 22	**Special Called Meeting to Adopt Tax Rate**	**5:00 p.m.**

All meetings will take place at the Training Facility, 218 Saline Street. Council will be emailed the dates/times.

Motion to adjourn at 6:06 p.m. made by Scott Gorby. Second by Tommy Davis.
Motion carries. All in favor.

APPROVED:

Kathy Smith, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

Julie Fisher, City Secretary