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**MINUTES
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL
116 ASPEN LANE
HILL COUNTRY VILLAGE, TEXAS 78232
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2026
6:00 P.M.**

The City Council for the City of Hill Country Village met for a City Council Meeting on Wednesday, August 5, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 116 Aspen Lane, Hill Country Village, Texas. This was an open meeting subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Members Present:

Mayor Heather Chandler
Councilman Frank Rivas
Councilwoman Patricia Walker
Councilman Greg Blasko
Councilwoman Allison Francis
Councilman Corey Clark (per after appointment)

Members Not Present:

City Staff Present:

City Administrator, Frank Morales
Administrative Assistant, Linda Solis
City Attorney, Marc Schnall
Finance, Alexander Baez

1. Call to order.

Mayor Chandler called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Chandler led those present in the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Report by the Mayor on matters of community interest.

Mayor Chandler informed the residents that the City Council has hired Gilbert Perales to assess City Hall's review process, procedures, and legacy contracts. The contract is for \$15,000.

Mayor Chandler thanked the residents for their attendance and asked that any questions be directed to her.

4. Report by City Council members on items of community interest.

Councilwoman Francis provided an update on the City Hall project.

Councilwoman Walker expressed her appreciation to the City Council and staff.

Councilman Blasko informed residents of the settlement with Austin Bridge & Road and stated that the City Engineer is preparing bids for street improvements.

Mayor Chandler provided an update that bids from the City Engineer would be presented at the August 20, 2026, City Council meeting.

Councilman Rivas informed residents that a coyote or fox had been seen in the area of Hill Country Lane, Cherokee Lane, and Tower Dr and may be aggressive.

5. Citizens to be heard.

At this time, citizens who have filled out a registration form prior to the start of the meeting may speak on any topic they wish to bring to the attention of the governing body so long as that topic is not on the agenda for this meeting. Citizens may speak on specific agenda items when that item is called for discussion. During the Citizens to be Heard section no council action may take place and no council discussion or response is required to the speaker. However, the Mayor or the City Administrator may make a statement of specific factual information in response to an inquiry or recite existing policy in response to an inquiry. A time limit of two minutes per speaker is permitted; the council may extend this time at their discretion.

No citizens to be heard.

6. Deliberation and discussion on the appointment of a person to fill the vacancy in Place 1 on City Council.

Possible Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074, Personnel Matters.

Mayor presented three candidates interested in serving in City Council Place 1.

Corey Clark

Mr. Clark was born and raised in San Antonio, attended and graduated from A&M University, played football, and was drafted to the San Diego Chargers in 2008. He married his wife in 2010 and has four children. He joined the family business, Clark Construction of Texas, in 2010 and has worked there for the past 16 years.

Councilwoman Walker asked how long Mr. Clark had lived in the area.

Mr. Clark stated he had lived in the area since June 2021.

Councilman Rivas asked how much Mr. Clark travels for work and about the challenges of balancing his time with City Council responsibilities.

Mr. Clark stated that approximately half of his days are spent driving for travel and that family and work are the biggest challenges.

Councilwoman Francis asked what Mr. Clark believed was the biggest issue facing the City of Hill Country Village.

Mr. Clark responded that the roads and maintaining a sense of community were the biggest issues.

Kyle Goetz

Mr. Goetz is from Victoria and moved to Austin to attend the University of Texas, where he studied mathematics and Japanese. He received a law degree and is a retired attorney with experience working for the U.S. Courts, the U.S. Attorney's Office, the Texas Attorney General's Office, and the University of Texas System. He and his wife and three children and have lived in Hill Country Village for five years.

Councilwoman Walker noted that Mr. Goetz's biography stated that he was a writer and asked whether he had been published.

Mr. Goetz responded that he had not been published and that his writing consisted of fan fiction and illustrations with his daughter.

Councilman Rivas asked whether Mr. Goetz was an active attorney, and whether he had held any leadership positions with the legal bar.

Mr. Goetz stated that he maintains his license but that it is currently inactive. He also states that he had been involved in managing an in-house legal chapter.

Councilwoman Francis asked what Mr. Goetz believed was the number one issue facing Hill Country Village.

Mr. Goetz responded that the budget was his greatest concern.

Robert Myers

Mr. Myers is married and has a daughter attending Texas Christian University. He has worked in the construction industry since 1986, beginning as a laborer and heavy equipment operator before transitioning into equipment sales.

Mr. Myers stated that he is interested in preserving the City and its financial stability and in listening to residents.

Councilwoman Francis asked what Mr. Myers believed was the number one issue facing Hill Country Village.

Mr. Myers stated that he would listen to the community, focus on the budget, and work to preserve the city.

Councilman Rivas asked whether Mr. Myers travels frequently and, regarding his previous leadership positions, what he found to be the happiest or most challenging aspects.

Mr. Myers stated that he has a team that provides him with flexibility and that travel is not an issue. He also discussed seeing his team work their way up from the bottom up and observing the growth.

Councilman Blasko made a statement regarding the time commitment required to serve on the City Council.

Councilwoman Francis expressed her appreciation to all three candidates and requested that they remain involved with the City.

Mayor Chandler received a message from Barbara Durand-Hollis stating that Tina Kahlig was interested in serving in City Council Place 1. A biography for Ms. Kahlig was not received in time for the meeting, and a delay could be made before making a decision.

Councilwoman Walker noted that if the other two candidates wished to run in the election, the City Council position is a two-year term.

Mayor Chandler adjourned to executive session at 6:40 p.m.

Mayor Chandler reconvened the meeting at 6:54 a.m.

Councilwoman Walker made a motion to appoint Corey Clark to fill the vacancy in City Council Place 1. Councilman Blasko seconded the motion.

Motion Passed.

7. Administration of Oath of Office to appointed councilmember and signing of Oath of Office and Statement of Officer by appointed councilmember.

The City Attorney (A Notary Public) administered the Oath of Office to Corey Clark and had him sign the Oath of Office and the Statement of Officer for the City of Hill Country Village City Council, Place 1.

8. Workshop on the City of Hill Country Village Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

Mayor Chandler discussed a potential increase to the CPS Energy franchise fee and requested that the item be placed on the agenda for the August 20, 2026, City Council meeting.

The Council discussed the proposed tax rate. Councilman Blasko presented a document showing totals for various tax rate increase options.

Councilman Blasko stated that Hill Country Village has the third-lowest property tax rate in the County.

Councilwoman Francis stated that she had met with the Mayor from the City of Grey Forest regarding the City's sales tax and gas revenue from a Grey Forest gas company and that this was a factor in the City's low property tax rate.

Councilman Blasko informed the Council that the budget deficit is \$256,125. The budget line item for a new City Administrator is \$125,000, leaving \$131,000 of the deficit. Of the remaining deficit, \$68,000, or approximately 52%, is attributable to employee raises and benefits.

Councilman Rivas suggested a bond. Chief Morales stated that the City could not afford a bond for approximately 10 years.

Councilwoman Francis asked what the average home value in the City is so that homeowners could be notified of the potential property tax increase.

Mayor Chandler provided an overview of the proposed budget.

The City Attorney noted that at the next City Council meeting, the Council will vote on the proposed tax rate. The proposed tax rate represents the highest tax rate that may be adopted. A public hearing will be published in the newspaper for the September City Council meeting.

Councilman Blasko recommended increasing the property tax rate by at least 2.5 cents to cover the general cost of the City's expenses.

The City Attorney clarified that such an increase would be from 14.5 cents to 17 cents and that the City would likely remain the third-lowest property tax rate in the County.

Councilman Rivas asked about the difference in health insurance costs between the Administrative and Police Departments.

Chief Morales explained that employees have different insurance plans; some employees are exempt, some do not receive insurance, and others have family plans.

Councilwoman Walker asked whether the additional funds received from a property tax increase would be deposited into the General Fund and whether some of the funds would be deposited into the Road Maintenance Fund.

9. Report by City Administrator/Chief of Police on matters of community interest.

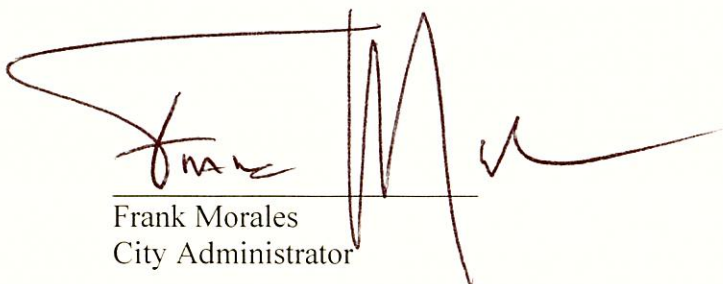
No report was provided.

10. Adjourn.

Mayor Chandler adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

The Council reserves the right to discuss and appropriately act upon any item stated on this agenda in an open session. The Council 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 Sections 551.071 (Consultations with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices) and 551.087 (Economic Development). No action may be taken in Executive Session.

APPROVED THIS 20TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2026



Frank Morales
City Administrator



Heather Chandler
Mayor