

City of Appleby, Texas
City Council Meeting Minutes
8/18/2026

Meeting Date: 8/18/2026
Call to Order: 6:10pm
Members Present: Mayor Greg Caldwell, Councilman Hunter Higginbotham, Martin Wheeler, Sal Landeros, James Scott (6:12pm). -Stan Fischer via video conference (8:02PM).
Employees Present: City Manager Daniel Parris and City Secretary Shelly Williford
City Attorney: Brady Wells

1 - Call to order and Establish a quorum:

Stan is sick, James is late, quorum (James 6:12pm)

2 . Nacogdoches County Attorney presentation and discussion with the City Council:

The Office of the Nacogdoches County Attorney, Mr. Fleming and Mr. Bradford presented to the Mayor and City Council. They made it known that the presentation was not legal advice and was only intended for educational purposes. The City should refer to the City Attorney (Brady Wells) for any legal advice and meeting order. Mr. Bradford discussed resolved complaints (an Alderman holding the title of City Secretary, budget posting requirements, Tractor use), the Open Meetings Act, and listed common errors. Items mentioned included: Posting timeframe (3 working days, normally not counting the day posted), posting information in an accessible area, detailing information, a definition of a walking quorum, a reminder that reasons for executive sessions are very narrow and cannot include general information on the agenda, clarification on executive session minutes/recordings (which are locked/sealed/available only to the current Council by court order), a note that staying when you know something is not right constitutes participation, information on website ADA compliance (due 4/26/28), and verification that The City and Appleby Gas are one entity (The City of Appleby; Appleby Natural Gas).

3 . Review meeting minutes from 07/21/2026

Martin W. made a motion to accept both minutes from 07/21/2026, James S. 2nd. Motion passed unanimously, with none opposed.

4 . Public comments

No public

Citizen came in around item 8 on the agenda, at 7:23pm

5 . Review monthly operating results:

Shelly gave financial reports for July 2026 and answered any questions about reports. Martin W. made a motion to accept operation reports, Hunter H. 2nd. Motion passed unanimously, with none opposed.

6 . Approve to pay the bills:

Hunter H. made a motion to pay the bills, Sal L. 2nd. Motion passed unanimously, with none opposed.

7 . Discuss and take action on signers for bank accounts:

Martin W. made motion to have Greg, stan and shelly on all bank accounts and remove any other parties. Sal L. 2nd. Passed unanimously, with none opposed.

8 . City Supervisor report:

City Manager Daniel Parris reports: Exposed pipe on Hidden Valley needing repairs (photos), City Office A/C drain lines fixed by him and Jack B. have been working on road signs because the community commented they would like them, bids for new poles/signs (discussion on pole requirements); suggested new signs and fog seal (will get bids), installed a light-up stop sign at CR 260 and Bethel Drive; exceeded the requirement for the year of clean and painted meters, water leak on HappyLand Rd. Road will need to be repaired back to correct specs; repair guardrail on Stoddard Dr.

9 . Discuss and take action on remaining road budget funds:

Discussion was had about what else we need to get done to the roads? advised to go out for bids for the sealing project. Do we want to get signs? Residents ask for the signs, research what posts are needed and add them to next month's agenda. Motion made by Sal to postpone/table sign bid and bids on fog seal to next month. Sal L. and 2nd by James S. Passed unanimously, none apposed.

10 . Discuss and take action on additional gas system vehicle for City Supervisor:

Stan F. present via video/phone conference (at 8:02pm) – The question was raised; don't we have a vehicle policy? Martin W. stated he remembered voting on one. Discussion was had about a truck possibly being donated to The City. Information was discussed about the truck, why we need two trucks, what we would need for an additional truck in the budget. Several motions were thrown out. The final one was; Motion made by Hunter H. and 2nd by Sal L. to proceed with a donated truck, if possible. If not, move forward with purchasing a new Ford truck from Tipton Ford for \$45,000 or less, pending the policy and accessories. Passed to move to next months Agenda. Martin W. opposed to purchase a new truck.

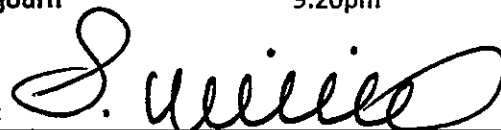
11 . Discuss and take action on road permits and weight limits on City Roads:

Discussion was had about protecting the City Roads with road/bridge weight limits, ordinances, signs, permits agreements, requirements, enforcements. Motion made by Hunter H. and 2nd by Sal. L for an ordinance to be drawn up with for no Tractor/Trailor trucks over 60,000lbs, more than 3 times a week. The City Attorney will work on the ordinance to be voted on next month. Passed unanimously, none opposed.

12 . Adjourn

9:20pm

By:



Shelly Williford - Appleby City Secretary

