

**PUBLIC HEARING & CITY COUNCIL MEETING**



**CITY OF  
HEARNE**  
*Crossroads of Texas*

**306 WEST THIRD STREET  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2025  
5:30 P.M.**

**PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS PROPOSE TAX RATE**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**AGENDA ITEMS: PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS WILL BE TAKEN AT THE TIME THE ITEM IS UP FOR DISCUSSION FOLLOWING COUNCIL COMMENTS FOR A LENGTH OF TIME NOT TO EXCEED THREE MINUTES PER PERSON FROM THE VIEWING/LISTENING PUBLIC.**

**NON-AGENDA ITEMS: PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS WILL BE TAKEN AT THE END OF THE COUNCIL MEETING FROM THE AUDIENCE FOR A LENGTH OF TIME NOT TO EXCEED THREE MINUTES PER PERSON FROM THE VIEWING/LISTENING PUBLIC.**

**1. CONSENT AGENDA**

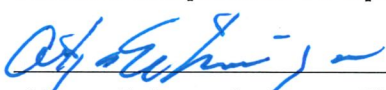
**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MAY BE ACTED UPON IN A SINGLE MOTION. NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OR ACTION ON ANY OF THESE ITEMS WILL BE HELD UNLESS REQUESTED BY A MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS MAY BE HEARD WITHOUT REMOVING THE ITEM FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA. EACH PERSON PROVIDING PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE LIMITED TO THREE (3) MINUTES.**

- a. APPROVE MINUTES FROM CITY OF HEARNE COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 02, 2025**
- b. APPROVE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**
- c. APPROVE SECOND READING OF RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HEARNE, TEXAS (CITY) ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM THE HEARNE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (TYPE A) AND THE HEARNE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (TYPE B) PURSUANT TO SECTION 501-506 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE AND AUTHORIZING THE GRANT, TO PROMOTE NEW AND EXPANDING BUSINESS LIKE MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME AND AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE ACTION OF THE HEARNE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND THE HEARNE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**
- d. APPROVE SECOND READING OF RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HEARNE, TEXAS (CITY) ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM THE HEARNE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (TYPE A) AND THE HEARNE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (TYPE B) PURSUANT TO SECTION 501-506 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE AND AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE GRANT, TO PROMOTE EXPANSION OF BUSINESS BY IMPROVING PARKING FACILITY FOR NORWOOD AND TEAL AND AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE ACTION OF THE HEARNE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND THE HEARNE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**
- e. APPROVE SECOND READING OF RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HEARNE, TEXAS (CITY) ACCEPTING AGRANT FROM THE HEARNE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (TYPE A) AND THE HEARNE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (TYPE B) PURSUANT TO SECTION 501-506 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE AND AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE GRANT, TO PROMOTE AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS AND AUTHORIZING AND**

**APPROVING THE ACTION OF THE HEARNE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND  
THE HEARNE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

- 2. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO APPROVE THE CITY OF HEARNE BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026.....VOICE VOTE**
- 3. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO APPROVE THE TAX LEVY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HEARNE, TEXAS FOR FY 2025-2026**
  - a. ADOPTION OF A PROPOSED TAX RATE OF \$0.72550 PER \$100 VALUATION.....VOICE VOTE**
  - b. ADOPTION OF MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS OF \$0.18347.....VOICE VOTE**
  - c. ADOPTION OF INTEREST AND SINKING OF \$0.54203.....VOICE VOTE**
  - d. APPROVAL OF TAX LEVY ORDINANCE.....VOICE VOTE**
- 4. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO APPROVE CITY OF HEARNE ORDINANCE FOR HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR FY 2025-2026**
- 5. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HEARNE, TEXAS, NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE AN APPLICATION WITH USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT**
- 6. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO APPROVE MEI'S FORMAL BID RECOMMENDATION FOR THE CITY OF HEARNE RELOCATION OF A THREE-PHASE OVERHEAD POWER LINE FOR THE TXDOT WIDENING OF US79**
- 7. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO APPOINT BOARD MEMBERS TO BUILDING STANDARDS COMMITTEE**
- 8. PUBLIC COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

**Pursuant To Council Rules, Comments Shall Be Limited To Three (3) Minutes. In Accordance With The Open Meetings Act, Council Is Prohibited From Acting Or Discussing (Other Than Factual Responses To Specific Questions) Any Items Brought Before Them At This Time**

  
Alonzo Echavarria-Garza, City Manager

  
Quila Polk, City Secretary

Posted September, 2025 4:43 P.M.

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Executive sessions held during this meeting will generally take place in Building A, at the discretion of the City Council.

The City Council may retire to executive session any time between the meeting's opening and adjournment for the purpose of consultation with discussion of personnel matters pursuant to Chapter 551.074 of the Texas Government Code; deliberation regarding real property pursuant to Chapter 551.072 of the Texas Government Code; deliberation regarding economic development negotiations pursuant to Chapter 551.087 of the Texas.

The City Council may retire to executive session any time between the meeting's opening and adjournment for the purpose of consultation with legal counsel pursuant to Chapter 551.071 of the Texas Government Code; discussion of personnel matters pursuant to Chapter 551.074 of the Texas Government Code; deliberation regarding real property pursuant to Chapter 551.072 of the Texas Government Code; deliberation regarding economic development negotiations pursuant to Chapter 551.087 of the Texas Government Code; and/or deliberation regarding the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation of security personnel or devices pursuant to Chapter 551.076 of the Texas Government Code. Action, if any, will be taken in open session.

This agenda has been reviewed and approved by the City's legal counsel and the presence of any subject in any Executive Session portion of the agenda constitutes a written interpretation of Texas Government Code Chapter 551 by legal counsel for the governmental body and constitutes an opinion by the attorney that the items discussed therein may be legally discussed in the closed portion of the meeting considering available opinions of a court of record and opinions of the Texas Attorney General known to the attorney. This provision has been added to this agenda with the intent to meet all elements necessary to satisfy Texas Government Code Chapter 551.144(c) and the meeting is conducted by all participants in reliance on this opinion

Attendance By Other Elected or Appointed Officials:

It is anticipated that members of other city board, commissions and/or committees may attend the meeting in numbers that may constitute a quorum of the other city boards, commissions and/or committees. Notice is hereby given that the meeting, to the extent required by law, is also noticed as a meeting of the other boards, commissions and/or committees of the City, whose members may be in attendance. The members of the boards, commissions and/or committees may participate in discussions on the same items listed on the agenda, which occur at the meeting, but no action will be taken by such in attendance unless such item and action is specifically provided for on an agenda for that board, commission, or committee subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Ruben Gomez, Mayor 

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Quila Polk, City Secretary 

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**City of Hearne**  
**Taxpayer Impact Statement For**  
**Median-Valued Homestead Property**  
**Section 551.043(c), Texas Government Code**

The following comparison is provided for the Median-Valued Homestead Property:

1. Current Fiscal Year Taxes: \$ 740.12
2. Estimated Taxes under Proposal Budget: \$ 862.46
3. Estimated Taxes under No-New Revenue Rate: \$ 859.98

## **MINUTES SEPTEMBER 2, 2025**

### **CITY OF HEARNE COUNCIL MEETING**

**The City of Hearne Council Meeting was called to order on September 2, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem Emmitt Aguirre. Councilmembers present were LaShunda White, Ray Edwards, Margaret Salvaggio, and Ben Luster. Mayor Ruben Gomez was absent. A quorum was present.**

**Councilmember Edwards made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda consisted of a) Approve City of Hearne Council Meeting minutes on August 16, 2025; b) Approve accounts payable from August 16, 2025, through August 16, 2025; and c) Approve Hearne Economic Development Corporation (Type A) 2025-2026 budget proposal; d) Approve second reading of Resolution of the City of Hearne, Texas (City), approving an Economic Development Agreement with Zolton Group, L.L.C. aka Memorial Funeral Home, pursuant to Section 501-506 of the Texas Local Government Code and authorizing and approving the agreement, to promote economic and commercial activity in the city, establishing performance requirements, and authorizing and approving the action of Hearne Economic Development Corporation and the Hearne Community Development Agreement; e) Approve Resolution of the City of Hearne approving a grant from the Hearne Economic Development Corporation (Type A) and the Hearne Community Development Corporation (Type B) pursuant to Section 501-506 of the Texas Local Government Code and authorizing and approving the grant, to promote expansion of business by improving parking facility for Norwood and Teal and authorizing and approving the action of the Hearne Economic Development Corporation and the Hearne Community Development Corporation; f) Approve Resolution of the City of Hearne, Texas (City) accepting a grant from the Hearne Economic Development Corporation (Type A) and the Hearne Community Development Corporation (Type B) pursuant to Section 501-506 of the Texas Local Government Code and authorizing and approving the grant, to promote airport improvements and authorizing and approving the action of the Hearne Economic Development Corporation and the Hearne Community Development Corporation. Councilmember Luster seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Ola Redmon and Verna Nelson discussed proposal for Senior Citizen Project. With no further business, the City of Hearne Council meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.**