

CITY OF HONDO, TEXAS  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
February 9, 2026, 6:00 P.M.  
Council Chambers  
1600 Avenue M, Hondo, Texas

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor McAnelly called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**2. QUORUM**

Present: Mayor McAnelly; Mayor Pro Tem Jose Ytuarte; Councilmembers Brett Williams, Rachel Ramirez, Makenna Lange.

Absent: Councilman BJ McCollum.

**3. INVOCATION**

The invocation was delivered by Pastor Beverly Kelling, St. Paul Lutheran Church

**4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**5. CITIZENS'/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Persons who desire to address the City of Hondo City Council will be received at this time. Those persons wishing to speak should complete a Public Comment Form and submit it to the City Secretary prior to the meeting. If the speaker wishes to comment on a particular agenda item, then the speaker should indicate such item(s) on the form. Public comment is limited to 3 minutes per speaker. Speakers must conduct themselves in a civil manner. In accordance with Texas Open Meeting Act, the City of Hondo City Council cannot deliberate or take action on items not listed on the meeting agenda.**

**Stella Gonzalez**

Ms. Gonzalez, a resident of Hondo, addressed the Council regarding:

- The requirement for an Animal Advisory Board is due to Medina County's population exceeding 50,000.
- Lack of recent spay and neuter events since August 2025.
- Concerns about using non-local veterinary services.
- Suggestion that grants be pursued for animal services and the shelter.
- Concerns about implementing fees for spay and neuter services.

- Comments regarding the use of taxpayer funds for other projects.

### **Mr. George Berry**

Mr. Berry addressed the Council regarding:

- Concerns about water usage at the golf course.
- Allegations of harassment.
- Intent on seeking legal counsel and potential legal action.
- Statement of his intent to be present at the golf course clubhouse the following morning.

**No action was taken on public comments.**

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **6. Employee Service Awards**

Human Resources Manager Michelle Packer and Employee Committee President Steven Frausto recognized employees for 5, 10, and 15 years of service.

#### **Five (5) Years of Service**

- Yolanda Contreras (Custodian) – Not Present
- Lorena Cook (Assistant Library Director)
- Ricardo Flores (Police Detective)
- Jamie Kindred (Director of Public Relations & Recreation) – Not Present
- Len McVay (Buildings & Grounds Director)
- Maritza Villarreal (Police Officer)

#### **Ten (10) Years of Service**

- Jose Alvarez
- Jennifer Ytuarte

#### **Fifteen (15) Years of Service**

- Bernardo “Barney” Bernal (Street Department)
- Joe Alex Quintanilla (Athletics Coordinator)

The mayor expressed appreciation for the employees' dedication and service to the City of Hondo.

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## **CONSENT**

*The Consent Agenda is considered self-explanatory and will be enacted by the Council with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless they are removed from the Consent Agenda upon the request of the Mayor or a Council Member.*

Items **9 and 10** were pulled from the Consent Agenda.

**Motion to approve the Consent Agenda for Items 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 was made by Council Member Williams and seconded by Council Member Ramirez.**

7. Consideration and approval of January 12, 2026, Regular City Council Minutes (Julie Schneider, City Secretary)

8. Consideration and approval of January 26, 2026, Regular City Council Minutes (Julie Schneider, City Secretary)

### **9. Solid Waste/Bulk Pickup Contract (Pulled Item)**

City Manager provided an update regarding contract language related to bulk pickup services and prevention of abuse of the program. Council previously approved negotiating language: however, adoption of the related fee schedule was postponed until revised contract language is presented.

Item will be returned at a future meeting.

**No action taken.**

### **10. Purchase of 2025 Ford Transit Van – Bookmobile**

Council considered approval of the purchase of a 2025 Ford Transit Van in the amount of \$46,480.58 for use as a bookmobile.

Library Director explained:

- Funding is through a reimbursement grant from the Texas State Library (pass-through from the Institute of Museum and Library Services).
- No financial impact on the City; purchases will be reimbursed.
- Deadline to equip bookmobile is May 31.

**Motion to approve the bookmobile was made by Council Member Ytuarte and seconded by Council Member Lange.**

11. Consideration and approval of resolution no. 474-26 of the city council of the city of Hondo, Texas, authorizing the submission of an application for financial assistance to the office of the governor for the Hondo police department – operation lone star grant program for FY 2026/2027. (Justin Soza, chief of police)

12. consideration and approval of designating forfeited firearms in the possession of the Hondo police department as surplus and authorizing their disposition. (Justin Soza, chief of police)

13. Consideration and approval of designating certain departments-owned firearms of the Hondo police department as surplus and authorizing their disposition. (Justin Soza, chief of police)

14. Consideration and approval of the appointment of Brad Price to the airport advisory board to fill the current vacancy.

15. Consideration and approval of the appointment of John Villa to the board of adjustment to fill the current vacancy.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

16. Consideration and approval of Resolution no. ED 1-26 of the board of directors of the Hondo economic development corporation, a type b economic development, approving additional funding for an expenditure in the amount of \$30,000.00 for the facade improvement grant project as part of the small business development program, authorized by section 505.158 of the Texas local government code; and providing for an immediate effective date. (Sean Patty, EDC director)

**Resolution No. ED 126 – Hondo Economic Development Corporation (First Reading)**

Economic Development Director reported:

- \$100,000 initially budgeted in 2024.
- \$20,480 reimbursed in first year.
- \$28,962 already reimbursed in FY 2025–2026.
- \$236,158.90 in private investment leveraged.

- Program reimburses 50% up to \$10,000 per project.

**Motion to approve the first reading was made by Council Member Ytuarte and seconded by Council Member Lange.**

**First reading approved.**

17. Consideration and approval of ordinance no. 1316-02-26 of the City Council of the city of Hondo, Texas, creating and joining the motion to approve purchase and authorizing the city manager to execute the contract was made by council member Ytuarte and seconded by council member Lange.

City Manager explained:

- Replaces the Medina County Regional Water Alliance.
- Enables grant eligibility for water infrastructure and Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) projects.
- Collaboration between Medina County and multiple municipalities and water entities.
- No immediate increase in cost; any future costs would require Council approval.

**Motion to approve was made by Council Member Williams and seconded by Council Member Ytuarte.**

**Motion carried. Ordinance adopted.**

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## **18. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Williams and seconded by Council Member Ytuarte.

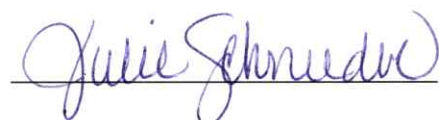
Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

*(Signatures on next page)*

Passed and approved the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026

  
John McAnelly Jr, Mayor

Attest:

  
Julie Schneider, City Secretary

