

CITY OF HONDO
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 23, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers
1600 Avenue M
Hondo, Texas

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. QUORUM

Present: Mayor **McAnelly**; Mayor Pro Tem Ytuarte; Councilmembers Williams, Ramirez, Lange.

Late Arrival: Councilmember **McCollum** arrived at **6:07 p.m.**

3. INVOCATION

The invocation was delivered by **Mayor McAnelly**.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

5. CITIZENS' / PUBLIC COMMENTS

People who desire to address the City of Hondo City Council may do so at this time. Those wishing to speak must complete a Public Comment Form and submit it to the City Secretary prior to the meeting. Public comments are limited to **three (3) minutes per speaker**. In accordance with the **Texas Open Meetings Act**, the City Council cannot deliberate or take action on items not listed on the agenda.

Speakers:

- Sean Patty addressed the Council regarding the progress made in the city, highlighting improvements to infrastructure, public safety, parks, downtown

beautification, and recreational and library programs. He also recognized efforts to improve water, wastewater, and waste services while maintaining fiscal responsibility, and expressed appreciation for the Council's dedication to strengthening the community.

- George Berry addressed the council regarding the lawsuit he has brought against the city.
- Chavel Lopez addressed the council regarding the war in Iran and the development of data centers/AI facilities. Mr. Lopez stated that the war is increasing costs for fuel, fertilizer, food, and affecting local farmers, while also resulting in loss of military lives. He also expressed concerns that data centers could worsen drought conditions by using large amounts of water, increase electricity costs, contaminate land, and lead to job losses due to artificial intelligence. Additionally, Mr. Lopez raised a concern about deer carcasses that have reportedly remained on Avenue D near the cemetery for several weeks and requested they be removed.

Action:

No action was taken.

6. PRESENTATIONS

Chief Soza presented information regarding Public Information Request software, NexQuest.

Action:

Discussion only; no action taken.

CONSENT AGENDA

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.

7. Consideration and possible action on the approval of the march 9, 2026, regular city council meeting minutes.

8. Discuss and consider action to approve an amended resolution no. 476-26, authorizing the submission of an application for financial assistance to the office of the governor for the Hondo police department -Uvalde 2026 operation Stonegarden project, to include the designation of a grantee financial officer.

Motion:

Councilmember Williams moved to approve Items 7 and 8 on the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ramirez.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously

OTHER BUSINESS

9. Discuss and Consider action to accept the Annual Comprehensive Financial Audit report for fiscal year 2025

(Chris Hill, Chief Finance officer and Pattillo, Brown & Hill, L.L.P CPA Firm)

Chris Pruitt with PB&H presented the Financial Audit for 2025

Discussion followed.

Motion:

Councilmember Ytuarte moved to approve the 2025 Financial Audit Report. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lange.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

10. Discuss and Consider action to approve one or more renovation proposals for the Rick Taylor Recreation Center, including the foyer, bathrooms, and showers, in an amount not to exceed \$39,004.00, and authorize the city manager to execute any necessary documents related to the approved work.

Jamie Kindred presented and requested Council approval for renovation work at the Rick Taylor Recreation Center, specifically the foyer, bathrooms, and four showers, at a cost not to exceed **\$39,004**. These areas are heavily used and have not been updated since the building opened in **1998**, resulting in worn tile, aging fixtures, and maintenance issues that can no longer be addressed with minor repairs. The renovations aim to improve safety, cleanliness, and the overall experience for the thousands of residents who use the facility each month for activities such as basketball, volleyball, fitness classes, and other recreation programs. The work would be completed by a **local contractor**, and approval would authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

Discussion followed

Motion:

Councilmember Williams moved to approve the Rec Center Renovations. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ramirez.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

11. Discuss and Consider action to authorize continued participation in the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) home program and approve funding for up to two (2) additional homes in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00, subject to available funding.

Jamie Kindred provided an update on Hondo's participation in the **HOME Program**, administered by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, which helps expand access to safe and affordable housing. Since joining the program in **2021**, the city has completed **nine homes** for qualifying households. These homes were delivered between **2023 and 2026**, including **four homes in 2026 alone**, with three completed in one day. The program has helped improve housing conditions and support long-term stability for families in the community.

Discussion followed.

Motion:

Councilmember Ytuarte moved to approve the additional two homes not to exceed \$30,000.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Williams.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

12. Discuss and Consider action to approve a proposal from Cemsites for cemetery record management software and related services and authorize the city manager to negotiate an agreement.

Valeria Ruiz presented **Cemsites**, a cloud-based cemetery management system, as a solution to improve service and efficiency. Current challenges include outdated paper maps and limited search capabilities, which make it difficult to locate plots and assist families. Cemsites offer digital, searchable maps, real-time inventory of plots, 360-degree cemetery views, and online access for the public. Features like visual lot viewing and "walk-to-site" directions enhance accuracy and ease for families. The system would modernize

recordkeeping, reduce errors, and allow staff to provide more respected and efficient service during sensitive moments.

Discussion followed

Motion:

Councilmember Ramirez moved to approve the record management from Cemsites. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ytuarte.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

13. Discuss and Consider action to approve funding for repairs to the city of Hondo swimming pool in an amount not to exceed \$89,500.00.

City Manager, John Naron provided an update on the ongoing maintenance and repairs at the **City Pool**, noting that a full replacement would cost **\$5-7 million**, so the plan is to continue repairing the existing pool. Work completed this year includes fixing leaks, upgrading pumps, repairing the pump room, and addressing electrical issues. Additional repairs planned include rehousing the lights, completing leak repairs, and implementing a backwash system to reuse water for sprinkling nearby playgrounds, reducing dust and chemical costs. Mr. Naron would also like to plan to inspect the **bottom drain** during the off-season to determine if further work, like installing a side drain, is needed. Pool liner replacement is anticipated within the next 1-2 years. The recommendation is to prioritize repairs that can be completed before the pool opens **May 12** and defer larger projects to future budgets.

Discussion followed

Motion:

Councilmember Ytuarte moved to approve the pool repairs. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McCollum.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at **7:20 p.m.**

Passed and approved this 13th day of April 2026.



John McAnelly, Jr.
Mayor



ATTEST:



Julie Schneider
City Secretary