

City Council Regular Meeting
September 15, 2025

A City Council regular meeting was held on the above date at Cameron City Hall, McLane Municipal Center, 100 South Houston Avenue, 3rd Floor, Cameron, Texas with all officers and members present except Council Member Pratt.

Mayor Fuchs called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Council Member Deal offered the invocation.

Council Member Dominguez led the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Fuchs asked for citizen's comments.

Clementine Ray requested information on any policy that the City has for the homeless and mentally disturbed.

Mayor Fuchs reminded Ms. Ray that no information can be relayed during citizens' comments.

There were no other citizens' comments.

Council Member Vaculin moved to approve September 2, 2025, special meeting minutes. Council Member Dominguez seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Mayor Fuchs opened a public hearing at 5:33 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public comments on 2025-2026 proposed City of Cameron Budgets.

There were no citizens' comments.

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There were no citizens' comments.

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City Manager Ricky Tow stated the Maintenance and Operation rate and interest and sinking rate.

There were no citizens' comments.

Mayor Fuchs closed the public hearing at 5:37 p.m.

Mayor Fuchs read the first reading of the following ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, TEXAS ADOPTING A WATER CONSERVATION AND DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN, REVISED OCTOBER 2025 (HEREINAFTER CALLED PLAN) AND PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE: PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY OF FINE NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00) FOR EACH OFFENSE; AND PROVIDING FOR A DATE THAT THIS ORDINANCE IS TO BECOME EFFECTIVE.

WHEREAS, the TCEQ Rules, Amended Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 288 states that a wholesale water supplier holding a right in the amount of 1,000 acre-feet or more for municipal use is required to revise its Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan to include specific quantified five and ten year targets to water savings, submit, and implement a Revised Plan meeting the requirements of the amended TAC Chapter 288.3 (1); and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that a Revised Plan be adopted by the City of Cameron: and

WHEREAS, the Revised Plan and Implementation Reports, required by the TCEQ, has been developed and submitted to the executive director; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Cameron believes that it is the best interest of the City of Cameron to adopt the Revised Plan in order to conserve the most important natural resource and meet with the TCEQ requirements; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF CAMERON:

Section 1. That the Revised Plan attached hereto and made part of by reference is hereby adopted as the official policy of the City.

Section 2. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances, in conflict with the ordinance are hereby, repealed and all other ordinances of the City not in conflict shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. If any paragraph, sentence, or phrase of the ordinance by judged or held to be illegal, or invalid, then all other parts of the ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. Any individual, business, firm, or company found guilty of violating this ordinance including the Plan shall be deemed guilty of committing a misdemeanor and upon conviction in the Municipal Court of the City of Cameron shall be punished by a fine not to exceed Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for each offense.

Section 5. The City Manager of the City of Cameron, or his/her designee, is hereby authorized and directed to implement the applicable provisions of the Revised Plan upon determination that such implementation is necessary to protect public health, safety, and welfare. The City Manager of the City of Cameron, or his/her designee, shall have the authority to initiate or terminate drought or other water supply emergency response measures as described in the Plan.

Section 6. The provisions of this Ordinance and the Plan shall apply to all retail and wholesale water customers of the City of Cameron, Texas.

Section 7. This ordinance shall take effect immediately after its adoption and publication as required by the City Charter and by law after its second and final reading.

Council Member Deal moved to approve the following ordinance on its second and final reading.
Council Member Cryer seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, TEXAS.

Council Member Cryer moved to approve the following ordinance on its second and final reading.
Council Member Harris seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

**CITY OF CAMERON, TEXAS
FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
ANNUAL BUDGET**

MAYOR
Nathan Fuchs

MAYOR PRO-TEM
Kyle Deal

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Barbara Dominguez
Jeremy Vaculin

Tommy Harris
Jimmy Pratt
Cliff Cryer

CITY MANAGER
Ricky Tow

CITY SECRETARY/FINANCE OFFICER
Amy Harris

This budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$40,000 which is a 2% increase from last year's budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$55,167.10.

City Council Record Vote

The members of the governing body voted on the adoption of the budget as follows:

FOR:

AGAINST:

PRESENT and not voting:

ABSENT:

Tax Rate	Proposed FY 2025-2026	Adopted FY 2025-2026
Property Tax Rate	\$0.631230	\$0.631230
No-New Revenue Tax Rate	\$0.600344	
Voter-Approval Tax Rate	\$0.610947	
M & O Tax Rate	\$0.486902	\$0.486902
Debt Rate	\$0.144328	\$0.144328

The total amount of municipal debt obligation secured by property taxes for the City of Cameron is \$512,055.69.

Council Member Deal moved to approve the following ordinance on its second and final reading. Council Member Vaculin seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, TEXAS LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2025 AND TERMINATING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026 PROVIDING FOR APPORTIONING EACH LEVY FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES; AND PROVIDING WHEN TAXES SHALL BECOME DUE AND WHEN SAME SHALL BECOME DELINQUENT IF NOT PAID.

Council Member Harris moved to approve the following ordinance on its second and final reading. Council Member Dominguez seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

A ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, TEXAS ADOPTING A MASTER FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE CITY WHICH PROVIDES A COMPREHENSIVE LISTING OF CITY FEES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Council Member Deal moved to approve the following resolution awarding the bank depository bid to Classic Bank. Council Member Cryer seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-09-15-014

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, TEXAS, DESIGNATING CLASSIC BANK AS THE CITY'S DEPOSITORY FOR A PERIOD BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2025 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2028 IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE CITY'S INVESTMENT POLICY; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACT AS THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CITY IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO SAID CONTRACT AGREEMENT.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 105.016 (a) of the Local Government Code, the city council of every municipality shall designate, by an order recorded in its minutes, the bank, credit union, or savings association which will serve as the depository for the municipality's funds; and

WHEREAS, the finance director of the City of Cameron has been designated by the city council to be the "designated officer" for the city's municipal funds under Section 105.001(8) of the Local Government Code. In compliance with Section 105.012(a) of the Local Government Code, the finance director has given notice to banks, credit unions, and savings associations requesting the submission of applications for the performance of depository services; and

WHEREAS, two financial institutions delivered their application before the date specified in the notice for receiving applications. The finance director has reviewed the applications and considered the terms and conditions for the performance of depository services, including the type and costs of services to be provided to the City of Cameron, consistent with policy guidelines adopted by the City Council in the Investment Policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, TEXAS:

Section 1. The Finance Director has reviewed the depository applications and recommends the City Council designate Classic Bank as the City's Depository for a period beginning October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2028.

Section 2. That the City Council hereby approves the attached Bank Depository Agreement from Classic Bank as submitted.

Section 3. The City hereby designates the City Manager as the Executive Officer and authorized representative of the City in all matters pertaining to said purchases.

Section 4. It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law, and that public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given as required.

Council Member Deal moved to approve the expenditures for August 23, 2025, through September 5, 2025. Council Member Harris seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

The following expenditure exceeded \$25,000.00:

- Waste Connections \$41,157.09
- TMRS \$32,036.37

Council Member Harris moved to table the July 2025 Financial Report since July deposits were received from Milam County Tax Office on September 15, 2025. Council Member Dominguez seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

There being no other business to consider, Council Member Deal moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m. Council Member Harris seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.