

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF MULESHOE, TEXAS
Monday, May 11, 2026, 5:30 p.m. City Hall**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Ellis; Mayor Pro-Tem Gary Parker; Council members Myers, Atchley, Alarcon, Carpenter

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Gil Rennels, Channel 6; Police Chief Benny Parker; Public Works Director Juan Flores; City Manager Ramon Sanchez; City Secretary Tamara Cain; Iris Lopez, JC Carpenter, Tara Shaver, Peggy DeLeon, Kirk Lewis, Brett Bamert, Clara Reyes, Mark Lee Dickson, Angela Reyes

Mayor Ellis opened the meeting at 5:34 p.m.

Public comment by JC Carpenter about proposed Ordinance Outlawing Abortion and Declaring Muleshoe a Sanctuary City for the Unborn.

Public comment by Heather Garcia about proposed Ordinance Outlawing Abortion and Declaring Muleshoe a Sanctuary City for the Unborn.

Public comment by Iris Lopez about proposed Ordinance Outlawing Abortion and Declaring Muleshoe a Sanctuary City for the Unborn.

Public comment by Peggy DeLeon about proposed Ordinance Outlawing Abortion and Declaring Muleshoe a Sanctuary City for the Unborn.

Public comment by Tara Shaver about proposed Ordinance Outlawing Abortion and Declaring Muleshoe a Sanctuary City for the Unborn.

Public comment by Mark Lee Dickson about proposed Ordinance Outlawing Abortion and Declaring Muleshoe a Sanctuary City for the Unborn.

AGENDA

1. Oath of office was administered to re-elected Gary Parker for District 4, and newly elected Zanea Carpenter for District 3.

Presentation for exiting Council Member Atchley.

2. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Parker and second by Council member Myers to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2026, council meeting. Motion carried.

3. Motion was made by Mayor Ellis and second by Council member Carpenter to re-elect Mayor Pro-Tem Parker as Mayor Pro-Tem for another year. Motion carried.
4. Motion was made by Mayor Ellis and second by Mayor Pro-Tem Parker to approve Ordinance O-559-0526 Outlawing Abortion and Declaring Muleshoe a Sanctuary City for the Unborn. Votes were, for: Mayor Ellis; Mayor Pro-Tem Parker; Council member Carpenter and Council member Myers; against: Council member Alarcon. Motion carried.
5. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Parker and second by Council member Carpenter to approve Ordinance O-557-0526 Amending Section 13.02.005 Tree Limbs, Hedge Clippings or Other Trash Not Placed in Container, to include: If trash cannot fit in the city's provided container the person responsible for the trash shall dispose of it using an approved method, including landfill disposal. It shall be unlawful for any person to place trash or any other material in the alley or street. Motion carried
6. Motion was made by Mayor Ellis and second by Council member Alarcon to approve Ordinance O-558-0526 Adding Article 3.09, Shipping, Cargo, and Storage Containers to Chapter 3, Building Regulations, to the City of Muleshoe Code of Ordinances. This regulates the use and placement of such containers within the city limits and allows storages to only be used for storage, strictly prohibiting human habitation. Motion carried.
7. Motion was made by Mayor Ellis and second by Council member Myers to accept the recommendation from Muleshoe Economic Development Corporation for the Vital Springs Hydration and Wellness LLC. Motion carried
8. Motion was made by Mayor Ellis and second by Council member Myers to approve Resolution R-827-0526, an MEDC project for a forgivable loan to Vital Springs Hydration and Wellness LLC in the amount of \$30,000 (first reading). Motion carried.
9. Motion made by Council member Jackson and second by Council member Carpenter to approve Resolution R-828-0526 adopting the Water Conservation Plan for the City of Muleshoe. Motion carried.
10. Motion was made by Mayor Ellis and second by Council member Myers to approve the Revised Drought Contingency Plan. Motion carried.
11. Motion was made by Mayor Ellis and second by Council member Myers to receive the Financial Statement for April 30, 2026. Motion carried.
12. Administrative reports included:
 - a. City Hall was the polling place for the Muleshoe ISD General Election which was held on Saturday May 2nd. Ninety-one voters turned out to vote.
 - b. Mayor's Prayer Luncheon was held Thursday May 7th at the Muleshoe Training Facility.
 - c. The Muleshoe Water Park is scheduled to open May 26th.
 - d. The TML Region III Meeting will be held Thursday June 25, 2026 in Lubbock. More details will be shared as they become available.
 - e. The budget process for 2026-2027 has begun. A budget work session will be scheduled for a later date.

f. Project updates were provided by City Manager Ramon Sanchez.

13. Mayor and Council remarks included: None

14. At 6:49pm, Council convened a closed session in accordance with Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated Government, Section 551.072 Real Estate. Council reconvened in open session at 6:58pm.

15. Action on Executive Session: Motion was made by Mayor Ellis and second by Council member Myers to authorize City Manager Ramon Sanchez to continue to negotiate real estate transaction pertaining to Bailey County Appraisal District Property ID's 12360, 12359, 10793, currently owned by Muleshoe Heritage Foundation.

16. Mayor Ellis adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 8th DAY OF JUNE 2026.

Colt Ellis, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tamara Cain, City Secretary