

Regular City Council Meeting  
Idalou City Council  
September 8, 2025

The regular meeting of the Idalou City Council was called to order by Mayor Russ Perkins. Those in attendance were Mayor Russ Perkins, Darrell Fuller, Joe Sisk, Brendi Pierce and Albert Bravo. Staff in attendance were City Administrator Suzette Williams, Public Works Director Oscar Rodriguez, and City Secretary Renee Wilbanks. Also in attendance was Allen Phillips with Jacob and Martin.

Public Comment: None

Consider and Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from August 2025: A motion was made by Brendi Pierce and seconded by Darrell Fuller to approve Regular Minutes. Motion carried.

Consider and Approve the Special Meeting Minutes from August 2025: A motion was made by Joe Sisk and seconded by Albert Bravo to approve the Special Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.  
Consider and Approve the List of Bills for August 2025:

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Receive and Review the Public Works Department Monthly Report for August 2025: Oscar presented the August report. Results for 1:1 Dichloroethylene is all good. The package of results has been sent to TCEQ.

Receive and Review the Police Department Monthly Report for August 2025: Officer Enriquez will be on his own as of September 20<sup>th</sup>, he is making good progress. Officer Friedli will be working full-time employment as of September. Chief Williams conducted the Active Shooter tabletop exercise on Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at Idalou ISD

Receive and Review the EMS Monthly Report for August 2025: For the month of July, EMS expenditure amounted to \$25,133.09. While total revenue, combined billing and the UMC Subsidy, was \$11,442.31, the resulting difference is \$13,690.78.

Suzette presented the Financial Report:

Discuss and Consider Amendments to the 2024-2025 Budget: A motion was made by Brendi Pierce and seconded by Albert Bravo to approve the amendments. Motion carried.

Discuss and Consider Adoption of Sanitation Rate Ordinance No. 25-09-01: The increase for commercial accounts will be 3.5% and residential accounts will be 3.5%. A motion was made by Joe Sisk and seconded by Brendi Pierce to approve the new rates for Sanitation. Motion carried.

Discuss and Consider Adoption of Water and Sewer Utility Rate Ordinance No. 25-09-02: NewGen Strategies completed a study analyzing the current Water and Wastewater rates. Current rates will not fund upcoming water projects, Water Treatment Plant and the new water tower. The rates in the ordinance reflect the recommended rates by NewGen Strategies. The rates will allow the city to meet debt obligations and the daily operations of the Public Works Department. This

increase will be 3.17%. A motion was made by Brendi Pierce and seconded by Albert Bravo to approve Ordinance 25-09-02. Motion carried with Darrell Fuller opposed.

Discuss and Consider Amending Roofing Ordinance No. 06-03-13 Regarding Roof Permit Requirements, Specifically Permit Costs: The City currently charges \$30.00 for roofing permits; however, the City's building inspectors charge \$75.00 per inspection. The city has been absorbing the additional inspection costs. Suzette recommends increasing the permit fee to \$75.00 to align with the actual inspection cost. This item was postponed to be addressed at the next meeting.

Discuss and Consider Awarding the Construction Bid for the Multipurpose Court Project to be funded by Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Funds: A motion was made by Joe Sisk and seconded by Albert Bravo to award the bid to WR Construction Inc. Motion carried with Brendi Pierce recused.

Discuss and Consider Approving Alcohol Sales at the Cotton Fest Street Dance on September 20, 2025: A motion was made by Joe Sisk and seconded by Darrell Fuller to approve the alcohol sales at the Cotton Fest Street Dance. Motion carried with Brendi Pierce recused.

Discuss and Consider Approving a Temporary Street Closure for Cotton Fest on September 20, 2025: A motion was made by Darrell Fuller and seconded by Albert Bravo to approve the Street closure. Motion carried with Brendi recused.

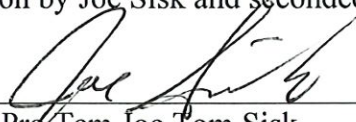
Discuss and Consider Resolution 25-09-01 Establishing the Regular Meeting Day, Time and Place for City Council Meeting; Adopting Procedures for Rescheduling and Cancellation; and Incorporating Updated Posting Requirements Under the Texas Open Meeting Act (HB 1522): Consider moving meetings to begin at 5:30 p.m. The Notice of Posting Requirements will change to be posted three business days before the meeting date, excluding weekends and holidays-replacing the prior "72 hour" rule. Budget meeting requirements, for any meeting where the budget will be discussed or adopted, the agenda must include a physical copy of the proposed budget (unless fully available on the City's homepage) and a taxpayer impact statement for the median-valued homestead property. A motion was made by Joe Sisk and seconded by Albert Bravo to approve Resolution 25-09-01. Motion carried.

Discuss and Provide Update on the Lead and Copper Line Replacement Project: Allen Phillips and Oscar updated the Council on Lead and Copper Line Replacement.

Receive Update on the Citywide Water Meter Replacement project: Suzette updated the Council on the Meter Replacement Project.

Request by Mayor for Agenda Items for the Next Council Meeting:

A motion by Joe Sisk and seconded by Brendi Pierce to adjourn. Motion passed.

  
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Mayor Pro Tem Joe Tom Sisk