

Regular City Council Meeting
Idalou City Council
April 13, 2026

The regular meeting of the Idalou City Council was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Russ Perkins in the Council Chambers at 301 Main Street, Idalou, Texas.

Those in attendance were Mayor Russ Perkins; Darrell Fuller; Brendi Pierce; Joe Sisk and Albert Bravo.

Staff in attendance were City Administrator Suzette Williams; Public Works Director Oscar Rodriguez; Police Chief Eric Williams; EMS Director Billie Smith; and City Secretary Renee Wilbanks. Also in attendance were Allen Phillips with Jacob Martin Engineering and citizen Joseph Johnston.

Public in attendance was Brian Stephens.

Public Comment: Brian Stephens addressed the Council regarding Building requirements. His concerns were the Bond and Worker's Compensation policy.

Consider and Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from March 2026:

A motion was made by Brendi Pierce and seconded by Darrell Fuller to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from March 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

Consider and Approve the List of Bills for March 2026:

A motion was made by Joe Sisk and seconded by Brendi Pierce to approve the list of bills for March 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

Receive and Review the Public Works Department Monthly Report for March 2026:

Oscar Rodriguez presented the Public Works Department Monthly Report.

Receive and Review the Police Department Monthly Report for March 2026:

Chief Williams presented the Police Department Monthly Report.

Receive and Review the EMS Monthly Report for March 2026:

Suzette Williams presented the EMS Monthly Report.

Receive and Review the Fire Department Report – 1st Quarter 2026 (Calendar year): Russ presented the Fire Department Report for the 1st Quarter 2026.

Presentation, Review, and Discussion of the Financial Report for March 2026 and 2nd Quarter Review:

Suzette Williams presented the Financial Report for March 2026 and 2nd Quarter Review.

Update by Jacob|Martin Engineering on City Projects, Including:

- a. USDA Elevated Storage Tank
- b. Water Treatment Plant Evaluation
- c. Multi-Purpose court
- d. Opinion of Cost (OPC) of Identified Street Improvement Projects

Discussion and Review of Current Condition of the Outdoor Warning Siren System, Including Potential Upgrades and Future System Improvements: Suzette updated the Council on the current condition of the City's outdoor warning siren system and present potential repair and replacement options for future consideration. Options were presented to rebuild motor or purchase a new motor.

Presentation and Review of Proposed Seasonal Watering Schedule and Water Conservation Measures (No Action): The City will implement a seasonal watering schedule based on address numbering to help balance water usage and reduce peak demand on the system. Proposed Watering Schedule will be odd-numbered addresses may water on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Even-numbered addresses may be watered on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Sunday will be no outdoor watering. Staff anticipate beginning the watering schedule on May 4, 2026.

Discussion and Review of 2026-2027 Budget Process and Calendar: Suzette is requesting the Council members complete a Budget Request Form and identify two priority projects or initiatives for staff to evaluate. This will help give staff directions for budget preparation. The submission of a request does not guarantee inclusion in the final budget all items will be evaluated based on available resources and overall impact.

Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Use of a Consent Agenda for City Council Meetings: The City has revised its agenda format to improve organization, clarity, and meeting efficiency. This includes a consent agenda section which is a common practice among municipalities. A motion was made by Joe Sisk and seconded by Albert Bravo to approve the use of a consent agenda for City Council Meetings. Motion carried.

Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Disposition and Sale of Surplus City-Owned Cellular Devices for City Employees: Staff is requesting authorization to dispose of surplus cellular devices through a structured and consistent process. A fixed sale price of \$50.00 per device. A motion was made by Brendi Pierce and seconded by Darrell Fuller to approve the sale of surplus of City Owned cellular devices to City Employees. Motion carried.

Discussion and Possible Action to Approve an Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances by Adding Article 4.07 "Contractor Registration and Financial Responsibility": A motion was made by Joe Sisk and seconded by Darrell Fuller to approve and Ordinance amending the "Contractor Registration and Financial Responsibility. Motion carried with Brendi Pierce recusing herself.

Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Purchase of a Brush/Tanker Truck for the Idalou Volunteer Fire Department: The Fire Department is requesting approval to purchase a 2025 International MV607 SBA 4x2 to replace the existing LMTV: The purchase price of the vehicle is \$92,950.00. A motion was made by Brendi Pierce and seconded by Albert Bravo to purchase the new Fire Department truck. Motion carried.

Discussion and Possible Action to Approve 2026 Summer Work Schedule: A motion was made by Albert Bravo and seconded by Darrell Fuller to approve the Summer Work Schedule. Motion carried.

Mayor's Request for Council Agenda Items for the Upcoming Regular Meeting:
None.

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



Mayor William R. Perkins