

City Council Meeting
Idalou City Council
September 14, 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; Kyle DuBois, 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.

City Engineer Allen Phillips with Jacob and Martin was in attendance.

Public in Attendance: John Shipley

Public Comment: John Shipley addressed the Council regarding the drainage on Walnut. John was also concerned about the raccoons in the neighborhood and the tornado sirens and repairs.

Consider and Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from August. Consider and Approve the Special Meeting Minutes from August. A motion was made by Brendi Pierce and seconded by Joe Sisk to approve regular and special minutes. Motion carried.

Consider and Approve the List of Bills for August 2026:

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

Receive and Review the Public Works Department Monthly Report for August 2026:
Oscar Rodriguez presented the Public Works Department Monthly Report.

Receive and Review the Police Department Monthly Report for August 2026:
Chief Williams presented the Police Department Monthly Report.

Receive and Review the EMS Monthly Report for August 2026:
Billie Smith presented the EMS Monthly Report.

Presentation, Review, and Discussion of the Financial Report for August 2026: Suzette Williams presented the Financial Report for August 2026.

Update by Joacob/Martin Engineering on City Projects, Including:

- a) Waste Water Treatment Plant Improvements

b) Water System Improvements and Texas Water Development Board Financial Assistance Application

Presentation and discussion Regarding Traffic and Safety Concerns on Chestnut Street Related to School Traffic, Including the possible installation of a Four-Way Stop at an Intersection in the area: The Council discussed the heavy traffic before and after school on Chestnut while children are walking home. After some discussion it suggested we start with a social media post to help with making drivers aware of the students walking in that area.

Presentation and Discussion Regarding Proposed Ordinance Establishing Regulations for the Idalou Police Department Reserve Force; Proposed Ordinance is Under Legal Review and will be presented at a future meeting for consideration and possible action: The proposed Ordinance is intended to establish a clear framework for the appointment and service of reserve police officers with the Idalou Police Department and to ensure that the City's procedures are consistent with applicable state requirements.

Discuss and consider Approval of the Appointments of Leonel Barrera, Brandi Bynum, Bryan Copeland, and John Friedli as Reserve Police Officers for the Idalou Police Department Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code 341.012: A motion was made by Darrell Fuller and seconded by Kyle DuBois to approve the appointments. Motion carried.

Discuss and Consider Approving a Resolution Authorizing the Filing of an Application with the Texas Water Development Board for Financial Assistance for the Planning, Acquisition, Design and Construction of the City of Idalou Water Infrastructure Improvements; Designating Authorized Representatives; and Authorizing other Matters related to the Application: A motion was made by Brendi Pierce and seconded by Joe Sisk to approve the Resolution. Motion carried.

Discuss and Consider Authorizing a Grant Amendment Request under the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) and approving the purchase of a Police Department Server in the amount of \$24,769.51, contingent Upon Grant approving using available grant Funds and a Transfer from City Reserves for the Remaining Cost: A motion was made by Albert Bravo and seconded by Brendi Pierce to authorize a grant amendment request for the purchase of a Police Department Server. Motion passed.

Discuss and Consider Approving an Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 25-08-01, The City of Idalou 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budget: A motion was made by Kyle DuBois and seconded by Brendi Pierce to approve Ordinance No. 25-08-01. Motion carried.

Discuss and Consider Approving an Ordinance Amending the City of Idalou Code of Ordinances, Chapter 3, Article 3.03, regarding substandard structures, including notices, time limitations, appeals, and enforcement provisions: The amendment would include four sections of the City's existing substandard structures regulations. The amendments are as follows: replace references to the "building and standards commission" with the "substandard structures review board" in the notice provisions. Update requirement when an owner, lienholder, or mortgagee is given more than 90 days to complete required repair, removal, or demolition work, including progress reporting a provision for financial security in certain circumstances. Update the process and timeframe for appealing an order to state district court. Update enforcement provisions allowing the Substandard Structures Review Board to assess civil penalties for failure to comply with an order and providing for applicable liens. A motion was made by Joe Sisk and seconded by Darrell Fuller to amend the Ordinance.

Discuss and Consider Selecting a Repair Package and authorizing repairs to the outdoor warning siren located at the Idalou ISD Football Field: The died for lack of motion.

Discuss and Consider Approving the Fiscal Year 2027 Interlocal Agreement Between Lubbock County, Texas and the City of Idalou for Fire Suppression and Rescue Services: A motion was made by Brendi Pierce and seconded by Albert Bravo to approve the Interlocal Agreement. Motion passed unanimously.

Discuss and Consider Approving a Temporary Street Closure on Chestnut Street from West 3rd Street to West 4th Street from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the Community "Trunk or Treat" Even on October 25, 2026: A motion was made by Joe Sisk and seconded by Brendi Pierce to approve the temporary street closure. Motion passed.

Discuss and Consider Approving a Request from Cotton Fest to provide hayrides during the 2026 Light Up Idalou Event: A motion was made by Albert Bravo and seconded by Joe Sisk to approve the hayrides for Light up Idalou. Motion carried with Brendi Pierce recused.

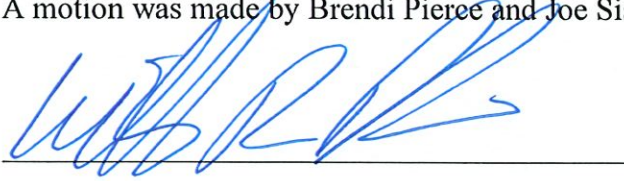
A motion was made by Joe Sisk and seconded by Albert Bravo to go into Executive Session at 7:28 p.m.

A motion was made by Joe Sisk and seconded by Darrell Fuller at 8:08 p.m.

A motion was made by Kyle Dubois and seconded by Darrell Fuller to purchase Real Property for 125,000.00. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Brendi Pierce and seconded by Albert Bravo to approve and extension of 3 years for Suzette Williams contract. Also include extra 4 hours per month vacation and 2% raise. Motion passed unanimously.

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



Mayor William R. Perkins