MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF GHOLSON CITY COUNCIL
GHOLSON CITY HALL
THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2026 AT 6:30 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Buck McAdams III. Council members present Josh Rager, Sandra Gonzales, and Melissa Sparks Teal. Council members absent were Taylor Jackson and Keith Kilgo (resigned August 20, 2026). City Secretary Robyn Mills, Visitors Chance Bradbury, Justin Gonzales, Vernon Leuschner, Pam Searcy, Billy C. Sparks, Brenda Binnion, Tommy Buzzbee, and Donald Erwin.

II. PRAYER by Mayor Buck McAdams III.

III. PLEDGE – recited.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT:

a. Public invited to address the Council. The public is respectfully requested to limit comment to **5 minutes**. The public should identify their name, street, or city, and may address any subject. By state law, the Council may not engage in discussion on any matter not listed on the agenda.

b. The City Policy is that each person who desires to address the Council must speak on his or her own behalf and may not reserve or grant time to another person.
Vernon Leuschner, 891 Silver River Road – Mr. Leuschner had concerns on Budget meeting agenda item "addition of security at the meetings" regarding making a motion to approve, voting on it, and no discussion. He also referenced the 2025-2026 budgeted funds to use to construct the entrance for the park and whether or not the funds will be used before the end of the fiscal year.
He also voiced concerns regarding no longer having the workshops before the meetings. Mr. Leuschner feels it is stifling the public from commenting.
Billy C. Sparks, 1067 Wesley Chapel Road – Mr. Sparks stated that the Off-Duty Security Officer was included in the upcoming 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Budget.

V. INFORMATION:

a. Mayor's Report – The following items have been completed or addressed by the City Council: All council members are now on the general checking account;

The TEXPOOL account has been updated with a primary (Melissa Teal), secondary (Sandra Gonzales), and inquiry only (City Secretary Robyn Mills) individual. Sandra has also been signed up for Public Investment Officer Training; A quarterly investment report will be given at the Regular September meeting of the status of the remaining CD and the CDs that matured and were moved into General Checking account by the previous council; Exterior doors have been re-keyed; Resolution to move $7,000.00 from City Park Fund to Maintenance and Repairs Fund (approved in May 21, 2026 Regular meeting) to cover cleaning septic, padlock for Tornado Siren, routine A/C maintenance, etc.; Septic has been cleaned out and sound has been fixed; Savings Acct # 0717 has been closed and the balance of the Savings account $3,596.12 has been transferred to General Checking #4292; Still currently working on the Opioid monies that need to be spent; Currently, getting quotes on Children at Play Signs and deciding placement; A/C needs to be scheduled for routine maintenance; The Council would like to publicly say "Thank you" to City Secretary Robyn and Keith Mills for mowing the corner of Hamilton and River Road so you could see the Stop sign. This was done completely voluntary (unpaid) and out of their love for this community; Finally, the matter of the altercation that occurred involving Daniel Ballew on May 22, 2025 at City Hall needs to be addressed due to statements made at the last meeting. Statements were made during public comment that 3 individuals were assaulted. According to paperwork filed, one person made the claim that they were assaulted. This individual involved themselves in an altercation of two individuals in a mutual fight and was elbowed in the back of the head due to intervening in the incident. Due to lack of evidence presented, the DA formerly dismissed the entire case with a Disposition of CASE NOT ACCEPTED on September 17, 2025 due to findings stated as follows: Injury is result of Negligence, not intent, knowledge, or recklessness.

We as a community need to move on from this and come together for the betterment of everyone. We face local challenges and we need to focus on projects that unite us rather then put us at odds with one another. A community is strongest when we find common ground and by listening closely to one another and working on common goals, we can turn our differences into strengths and build a community welcoming for all.

b. City Secretary's Report - Reports of road signs missing on Hamilton and River Road.
c. City Attorney's Report – none.
d. Planning and Zoning Committee Report – none.
e. Budget Committee Report – The Budget Committee met on July 21, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. for a Special meeting. Committee members consisted of Billy C.

Sparks, Melissa Sparks Teal, Larry McFarland, Vivian Gafford, and Lynn Roberts. The minutes of the July 9, 2026 Regular Meeting were approved. The committee discussed adjusting line items to the following expenditures in the Budget Template: Labor/Equipment $3,500.00 for shredding and trees and copy paper $500.00. No adjustments made to receivables. A second Special meeting was held on July 30, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. to make a final adjustment to expenditures for security at meetings for $3,500.00 and an adjustment to receivables for $89,855.00 to ad valorum taxes. Committee members consisted of Billy C. Sparks, Melissa Teal, Larry McFarland, Vivian Gafford, and Lynn Roberts. The minutes of the July 21, 2026 Special Meeting were approved. The Budget Committee voted to approve and sign the Budget template and present it to the City Council. No proposed tax rate was recommended. No further Budget Committee meetings will be held until January of 2026 for the Fiscal Year of 2027-2028.

f. Discuss Children at Play Signs.
Council members discussed placement of the Children at Play Signs. Suggestions made to place some signs on Hamilton, Quillian Trace, and River Road.

g. Discuss weather siren at the Gholson Volunteer Fire Department.
Mayor Buck Adams III addressed the discussion of whether a weather siren is needed for the Gholson Fire department. He spoke with Richard Caldera might have found an old one for between $7,000 - $8,000.

h. Discuss City Park.
Mayor Buck Adams III spoke with Chris (the Engineer). TXDOT requires a Topography ($20,000) in order to show how water to drain properly. There has been no topography done on the park.

i. Discuss future approval of preliminary and final plats located on TXDOT (State) roadways within City Limits.
City Secretary Robyn Mills spoke to TXDOT and the individual who owns the property MUST go through TXDOT first on all state roads before sending the preliminary plot to the City Council. This must be done on all future items.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA – *Council to consider any agenda item marked with * under the consent agenda.* (Note: any Council member can request that a particular item be removed from consent for further discussion.)

a. *Approval of July Finance Report.

b. *Approval of and acting upon authorization to issue payment for pending bills, purchase orders, and/or accounts payable.

c. *Approval of Minutes from **July 30, 2026** Special Meeting.

d. *Approval of Minutes from **August 11, 2026** Special Meeting.
e. *Consider and act upon any applications to fill vacancies, if any, on the Budget Committee.
f. *Consider and act upon any application to fill vacancies, if any, on the Planning and Zoning Committee.

Motion by Sandra Gonzales to approve Consent Agenda items VIa., VIb., VIc., and VId. as presented, seconded by Josh Rager. Approved unanimous. Absent Keith Kilgo.

VII. Items to be Considered – *The Council may vote and/or act upon each of the items set out in the Agenda:*

a. Discuss, consider, and act upon approval of changing the allowed public comment time from 5 minutes to 3 minutes.

Motion by Melissa Sparks Teal to approve changing the allowed public comment time from 5 minutes to 3 minutes, seconded by Sandra Gonzales. Approved unanimous. Absent Keith Kilgo.

b. Discuss, consider, and act upon approval of adopting Rules of Decorum for City Council members and members of the public.

Motion by Sandra Gonzales to approve adopting Rules of Decorum for City Council members and members of the public as presented, seconded by Josh Rager. Approved unanimous. Absent Keith Kilgo.

c. Discuss, consider, and act upon approval of appointment of an Emergency Management Coordinator and an Assistant Coordinator.

Motion by Josh Rager to approve appointment of Mayor Buck McAdams III as Emergency Management Coordinator and Chance Bradbury as Assistant Coordinator as presented, seconded by Sandra Gonzales. Approved unanimous. Absent Keith Kilgo.

d. Discuss, consider, and act upon approval of moving money (+$25,000.00) from General Checking to TEXPOOL account for purpose of earning interest. *(Specific amount will be determined by the Council).*

Motion by Josh Rager to approve moving money, ($300,000.00), from General Checking to TEXPOOL account for the purpose of earning interest as presented, seconded by Sandra Gonzales. Approved unanimous. Absent Keith Kilgo.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION – *The Council may enter into closed or executive session to discuss the following:* **Council did not go into closed session.**

a. Consultation with attorney under Texas Government Code 551.071 regarding pending or contemplated litigation, including but not limited to discussion of Cause No. 2024-3475-5.

b. Consultation with attorney under Texas Government Code Section 551.071 regarding pending or contemplated litigation, including but not limited to discussion of Cause No. 2026-176-5.
c. Consultation with attorney under Texas Government litigation Code Section 51.013 regarding the power to authorize and approve lawsuit settlement of Cause No. 2024-3475-5.
d. Deliberations regarding real property: Deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property under Texas Government Code, Section 551.072 – property between 330 Oak Drive, Waco, TX 76705 and 342 Oak Drive, Waco, TX 76705 (square footage 7,405 sq. ft. (0.17 acres)).

IX. RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION:

a. Consider and act upon items listed under Section VIII. - Executive Session, as necessary.
   1. Consider and act upon consultation with attorney under Texas Government Code 551.071 and Texas Government Litigation Code Section 51.013 regarding any litigation. (City Attorney).
      No action taken on this agenda item.
   2. Consider and act upon consultation with attorney under Texas Government Code 551.072 – property between 330 Oak Drive, Waco, TX 76705 and 342 Oak Drive, Waco, TX 76705 (square footage 7,405 sq. ft. (0.17 acres)).
      No action taken on this agenda item.

b. Receive Council Member requests of items for next month's Meeting. Signs on sides of the road advertising their businesses, discuss a Facebook City Council page, Clean up Days, possibly selling sign that is located on Donald Erwin's property.

X. ADJOURNMENT at 7:21 p.m. by Mayor Buck McAdams III. Motion by Sandra Gonzales, seconded by Josh Rager. Approved unanimous. Absent Keith Kilgo.

Attested this, the 17th **day of** September **2026**

Robyn Mills

City Secretary

Attested this, the 17th **day of** September **2026**

Mayor