

CITY COMMISSION MEETING
CITY HALL COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
JULY 14, 2025

THOSE PRESENT: Mayor Clifton Shaw
Commissioner Ward I Tony Newton
Commissioner Ward II Jim Taliaferro (Absent)
Commissioner Ward III Benny Lopez
Commissioner Ward IV Valarie Johnson

CITY STAFF: Wade Willson, City Administrator
Pamela King, City Secretary
Ross Hester, Police Chief
Jose Gonzalez, Police Officer
Jerrod Burtnett, Police Officer
Rebecca Britton, Code Enforcement

OTHERS PRESENT: Barry Wicker, Mike Delano, Paula Samuels, Doris Jones, Cleve & Patsy Vessels, Terry Reeves, Terry Melugin, Jesse & Carla Rodriguez, Melissa Mchgarhen, Frank Loera, Becky Ford.

1. Call to order:

With a quorum of the Commission members present the Regular Meeting of the Slaton City Commission was called to order by Mayor Clifton Shaw at 6:30 p.m. July 14, 2025, in the City Hall Commission Room, 130 S. 9th Street, Slaton, Texas.

2. Pledge of allegiance to the US flag and the Texas state flag:

3. Invocation:

The Invocation was given by Terry Reeves

4. Abstention and Conflict of Interest:

There was none.

5. Public Comment Limited to 5 minutes per person):

There was none.

6. Discuss and consider approval of the minutes for the Commission Meeting of July 14, 2025:

A motion was made by Commissioner Newton and a second by Commissioner Lopez to approve the minutes of the City Commission Meeting of July 9, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Discuss and consider approval of the financial statement, monthly bills, and pooled cash reports:

A motion was made by Commissioner Lopez and a second by Commissioner Johnson to approve the financial statements, pooled cash reports and pays the monthly bills. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Discuss and consider approval of the Public Investment Funds:

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A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson and a second was made by Commissioner Lopez to approve the Public Investment Funds. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Department Reports:

- a. CRMWA Report
- b. Street and Sanitation
- c. Water and Sewer
- d. Code Enforcement
- e. Police, Animal Control
- f. Administration and Finance

All Department reports were presented.

10. Public Hearing for the 2024 Consumer Confidence Water Quality Report:

Mayor Shaw opened the Public Hearing at 7:03 p.m.

Mayor Shaw closed the Public hearing at 7:09 p.m. s

11. Discuss and Take Necessary Action on Resolution **#071425A** a resolution authorizing the filing of a grant application with the USDA Texas Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program for a First Responder Police Car Recording System:

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson and a second was made by Commissioner Lopez to Resolution #071425A. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Discuss and Take Necessary Action on a Business Associate Agreement and Professional Services Agreement with Brinson Benefits for benefit plan consultant services:

A motion was made by Commissioner Newton and a second was made by Commissioner Johnson to approve the Business Associate Agreement and the Professional Services Agreement with Brinson Benefits for consultant services. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Discuss and Take Necessary Action on Utility Easement Agreement with GTP Towers VII, LLC:

A motion was made by Commissioner Newton and a second was made by Commissioner Lopez to approve the Utility Easement Agreement with GTP Towers VII, LLC. Motion carried unanimously.

14. Discuss and Take Necessary Action on Agreement with Fund View for online pay and credit card pay through FASTGOVPAY for Municipal Court:

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson and a second was made by Commissioner Lopez to approve the agreement with Fund View for online pay and credit card pay services through FASTGOVPAY for Municipal Court. Motion carried unanimously.

15. Discuss and Take Necessary Action on Agreement with Abatement Contractor:

A motion was made by Commissioner Newton and a second was made by Commissioner Lopez to approve the agreement with the Abatement Contractor. Motion carried unanimously.

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16. EXECUTIVE SESSION - VTCA Government Code 551-074 Deliberations regarding personnel of the City - Annual Review and Contract Negotiations of City Manager, Wade Willson:

Mayor Shaw closed the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Shaw opened the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

17. Discuss and Take Necessary Action resulting from Executive Session:

A motion was made by Commissioner Lopez and a second was made by Commissioner Johnson to approve the contract, with City Manager, Wade Willson pursuant to the terms, conditions and provisions of the contract. Motion carried unanimously.

18. Discuss and Take Necessary Action to accept the resignation of Commissioner Ward 1 Tony Newton:

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson and a second was made by Commissioner Lopez to accept the resignation of Commissioner Ward 1, Tony Newton. Motion carried unanimously.

19. EXECUTIVE SESSION - VTCA Government Code 551-074 To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee - Appointment of a successor for Commissioner Ward 1 to fill the vacancy and to serve the remainder of the term:

Mayor Shaw closed the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Mayor Shaw opened the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

20. Discuss and Take Necessary Action resulting from Executive Session:

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson and a second was made by Commissioner Lopez to accept the appointment of Carla Rodriguez for Commissioner Ward 1, to fill the vacancy and to serve the remainder of the term. Motion carried unanimously.

21. Budget Work Session:

City Manager, Wade Willson explained the budget process for the City of Slaton and He presented his early preliminary numbers for the budget. He said he has been working with Freelance Auditor, Bryce Wilson. He said he and Bryce Wilson go through the budget line by line every single year and then we sit down and look at the city's past history and future plans, we then start punching in the numbers and fine tune everything. He said the city has 5 different funds, and will open up a new fund, which is Fund 13 for the new street bonds. He went over the Water Fund 01, Cemetery Fund 02, Interest & Sinking Fund 03, General Fund 08, and Interest & Sinking Fund 11, he went into further details regarding the budget process and city funds.

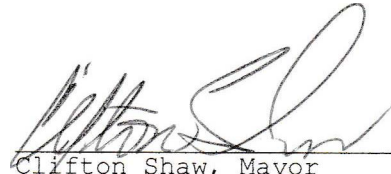
18. Adjournment:

A motion was made by Commissioner Lopez and a second was made by Commissioner Johnson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Clifton Shaw, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pamela King, TRMC City Secretary

