

CITY COMMISSION MEETING
CITY HALL COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
MARCH 9, 2026

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

CITY STAFF: Wade Willson, City Administrator
Pamela King, City Secretary
Ross Hester, Police Chief
Waylan Field, Public Works
Rebecca Britton, Code Enforcement

OTHERS PRESENT: Henry & Collette Willson, Patsy Warshaw, Lisa Nowlin, Cleve & Patsy Vessels, Barry Wicker, Margaret Moore, Pat Moses, Geddy Melugin, Terry & Marilyn Melugin, Joanne Lancaster, Wyanza Basinger, Greg Dyess, Terry Reeves, Mark Meurer, Paula Samuels, Debroah Pickens, Jan Brush, Michelle Cheatham, Mike Delano, Becky Ford, Sharon McCarty, Monique Ruiz, Lezlee Harlan, Melissa Mchgarhen.

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. March 9, 2026, 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:

Invocation was given by Terry Reeves

4. Abstention and Conflict of Interest:

There was none.

5. Public Comment (limited to 5 minutes per person):

Slaton resident, Becky Ford stated she wanted to know the findings of the forensic audit, she said someone needs to look into this audit and let us know what is going on. She stated the audit has been paid for and the results should have been presented; She said it's obvious it has been done because the previous City Administrator is still in town. She also stated she, has an FBI friend who told her the audit should have been done and finished within three months. City Manager, Wade Willson said the audit is finished, and has been finished a long time ago; and it is now in the hands of law enforcement as part of an investigation.

Becky Ford then let him know she had several calls concerning the Slaton Museum, she said she went by the museum this morning and said it was a

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shit show, she wanted to know why the old ceiling was not repaired and why new lighting had not been installed, and the museum does not have heating and air. She asked why drop cloths had not been used and why nothing was covered while the library was having repairs done. She said nothing in the museum was put back, everything is covered in dirt, and the military uniforms are ruined; the museum is a mess. She asked why due diligence was not done and asked if the city was going to do anything about the condition of the museum. She said nobody up here gives a crap, except Commissioner Rodriguez, she asked why can't elected officials go by and check on what is part of our city. She expressed her frustration since she ran the museum for 22 years and took care of it. She said she was asked to work on getting the museum ready again and stated her concerns since the museum did not have heating and air. She asked if anyone was looking, thinking or consulting about what was going on at the museum.

City Manager, Wade Willson said the funding we received was for the library not the museum, and there was not enough funding to cover the cost of repairs for the museum, we are currently working on acquiring funding for the museum. He also said we are currently working on an asbestos abatement getting done on the old library and once that is done and we can demo the library, and we can use the HVAC system from there for the museum. He stated part of the delay was with the State of Texas, since they have held on to our Asbestos contract for almost a year now, and that meant we could not get started on the demo for the old library. City Manager, Wade Wilson then told Becky sorry we build a Library and this is the thing you can be upset about. Becky Ford then said to City Manager you just don't care because you are not from here and you were not raised here. Wade Willson asked why does it matter where he was raised or where he is from.

Slaton resident, Patsy Warshaw stated she was here on her own recognizance to make a plea for her friend, she stated her friend was recently diagnosis with cancer and currently under treatment. She said her friend called and let her know that her parents' house burned down on Christmas Eve, her friend then told her a story that was horrific. She said her friend was told by a city worker to put the house on the ground for safety reasons. Her friend also said, her husband would be able to do that and send a picture to show compliance on the house.

Patsy Warshaw said around January 22, 2026 while her friend was getting a port put in, the city worker called her friend and she was able to tell the city worker she couldn't afford for the city to tear down the house and they would do it themselves.

February 4, 2026 her friend calls the city worker, as she is waiting to go into surgery, but her calls go unanswered and she receives no callbacks, then her husband calls the city worker later that day and his calls go unanswered, she stated, this seems to be a pattern. Her friend then contacts a person at city hall, all she got from the person at city hall was an argument and a person who would not listen, that person then tells her, she is just like everyone else, looking for a free ride, this was repeated to her several times. She then calls a friend to help move the house, and that friend agrees and he calls the mayor to let him know the house would be gone in about four weeks, and Mayor said he would look into her request.

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February 20, 2026, she calls the mayor to let him know the house will be gone by Friday February 27, 2026 but on Monday, February 23, 2026 she was informed by someone that the city was already on the property and they were taking it down. She calls the mayor and he told her to call the city worker. So, she calls the city worker five times and sends a text, and she gets no response. She calls the mayor back and he tells her, he will text the city worker to tell her to answer her phone calls. She then calls the city worker three more times, and decides to drive to the house. When she arrived, the city worker tells her she would have to pay around \$4500 plus the city worker wages for being there and other fees. She said the city worker was angry and accused her friend of going behind her back and going over her head because she went to mayor and another authority regarding this issue. The city worker then made the commit; Thought we were friends, just doing my job.

Patsy Warshaw, then said her friend went through the proper channels and the proper people and numerous phone calls to get a little reprieve, understanding, compassion, and grace, but what she got was disrespect, accusations, and rejection. She said the property is the last thing her friend has that belongs to her parents and is going to have to let the city have it, how hard is it to be sensitive to someone who is sick and trying to keep comply with life's demands while ill from chemo and fighting for her life. Her friend was denied the opportunity to demolish the house while in her condition. All her friend needed was more time, the time she thought she had agreed upon. She in not out to short change the city. Patsy Warshaw said she was here tonight to humbly beg and humbly plea with the commissioners to review and investigate both sides and reconsider the decision and do the right thing, to show mercy and to forgive the lien. Patsy then gave her friends information and phone number to Commissioner Jim Taliaferro and the rest of the Commissioners present. She then asked Is this the kind of town you want to live in? Is it ok to treat Slaton citizens with disdain, whether healthy, unhealthy, affluent or not. Does this story represent Slaton to be your king of town?

She also said her friend received her invoice from the city in the amount of \$5594.71 due in full, March 31, 2026. Mayor Shaw said I wish you would have brought this to me instead of to the public meeting, but there is three side to every story, if you had gotten our side this probably wouldn't have happened.

Slaton resident, Lisa Nowlin decided not to speak, because what she had to say would be the same issues Patsy Warshaw had just presented and it would be redundant. Lisa Nowlin then asked Mayor Shaw to kindly repeat his commit after Patsy Warshaw presentation. Mayor Shaw stated there is always three sides to a story and I wished Patsy Warshaw would have come to me and got the city's side before this. Lisa Nowlin said the lady who had the issue did come to talk to you, Mayor Shaw said she did and said it was fine for Patsy Warshaw to present this issue at our public meeting but I think her attitude would have changed if she had come to get the city's side first, but it's immaterial now.

6. Discuss and consider approval of minutes for the Commission Meeting of February 9, 2026:

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A motion was made by Commissioner Taliaferro and a second by Commissioner Lopez to approve the minutes of the City Commission Meeting of February 9, 2026. 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 Taliaferro 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:

A motion was made by Commissioner Lopez and a second was made by Commissioner Taliaferro 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. Discuss and Take Necessary Action Ordinance #843 an Ordinance amending Chapter 12, Article 12.05.001 of the City Code of the City of Slaton, Establishing School Zones; and directing of the installation of Traffic-Control Devices accordingly; Complying with Article 12.02 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slaton; Providing a Penalty not to exceed \$200.00 or the maximum allowed by State Law, Providing a Saving Clause; Providing a Repealer; Providing for Publication:

A motion was made by Commissioner Lopez and a second was made by Commissioner Rodriguez to approve Ordinance #843. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Discuss and Take Necessary Action on Ordinance #844 an Ordinance requiring traffic travelling in all direction at the intersection of Geneva Street and 2nd Street to stop and directing the installation of Stop Signs at the intersection accordingly; complying with the article 12.02 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slaton; Providing a Penalty not to exceed \$200.00 or the maximum allowed by State Law, Providing a Saving Clause; Providing a Repealer; Providing for Publication:

A motion was made by Commissioner Lopez and a second was made by Commissioner Rodriguez to approve Ordinance #844. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Discuss and Take Necessary Action on Ordinance #845 an Ordinance requiring traffic travelling in all direction at the intersection of East

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Geneva Street and 6th Street: to stop and directing the installation of Stop Signs at the intersection accordingly; complying with the article 12.02 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slaton; Providing a penalty not to exceed \$200.00 or the maximum allowed by State Law, Providing a Saving Clause; Providing a Repealer; Providing for Publication:

A motion was made by Commissioner Lopez and a second was made by Commissioner Rodriguez to approve Ordinance #845. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Discuss and Take Necessary Action on Ordinance #846 an Ordinance requiring traffic travelling in all direction at the intersection of East Geneva Street and South New Mexico Street; to stop and directing the installation of Stop Signs at the intersection accordingly; complying with the article 12.02 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slaton; Providing a Penalty not to exceed \$200.00 or the maximum allowed by State Law, Providing a Saving Clause; Providing a Repealer; Providing for Publication:

A motion was made by Commissioner Taliaferro and a second was made by Commissioner Lopez to approve Ordinance #846. Motion carried unanimously.

14. Discuss and Take Necessary Action on Resolution #030926A a resolution of the City of Slaton approving a tariff authorizing, an Annual Rate Review Mechanism ("RRM") as a substitution for the Annual Interim Rate adjustment process defined by Section 104.301 of the Texas Utilities Code, and as negotiated between ATMOS Energy Corp. West Texas Division ("ATMOS West Texas") or "Company") and the Steering Committee of Cities served by ATMOS West Texas; Requiring the company to reimburse Cities' Reasonable ratemaking expenses; Adopting a Saving Clause; Determining that this Resolution was passed in accordance with the requirements of the Open Meeting Act; Declaring an effective date; and Requiring delivery of this Resolution to the company and Legal Counsel for the Steering Committee:

A motion was made by Commissioner Lopez and a second was made by Commissioner Taliaferro to approve Resolution #030926A. Motion carried unanimously.

15. Discuss and Take Necessary Action on approving a Memorandum of Understanding with Canadian River Municipal Water Authority (CRMWA):

A motion was made by Commissioner Lopez and a second was made by Commissioner Rodriguez to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Canadian River Municipal Water Authority (CRMWA). Motion carried unanimously.

16. Discuss and Take Necessary Action on Interlocal Agreement with the City of Plainview for services on Vector Disease Control Inc. (VDCI):

A motion was made by Commissioner Taliaferro and a second was made by Commissioner Lopez to approve the Interlocal Agreement with the City of

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Plainview for Vector Disease Control services. Motion carried unanimously.

17. Discuss and Take Necessary Action on a Building Construction Project in the amount of up to \$18,700.00 for The Combine-Commons on the Square. Approved by the SEDCO Board on February 19, 2026:

A motion was made by Commissioner Rodriguez and a second was made by Commissioner Taliaferro to approve the Building Construction Project in the amount of up to \$18,700.00 for The Combine-Commons on the Square. Motion carried unanimously.

18. Discuss and Take Necessary Action on an Equipment Project in the amount of up to \$14,027.00 for JJ's Cafe. Approved by the SEDCO Board on February 19, 2026:

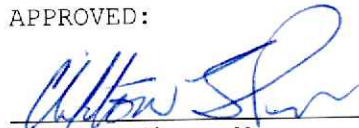
A motion was made by Commissioner Taliaferro and a second was made by Commissioner Rodriguez to approve the Equipment Project in the amount of up to \$14,027.00 for JJ's Cafe. Motion carried unanimously.

19. Adjournment:

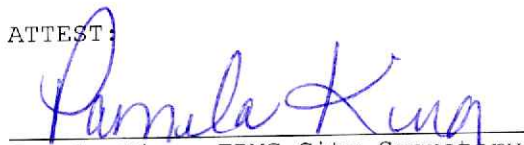
A motion was made by Commissioner Lopez and a second was made by Commissioner Rodriguez to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

APPROVED:


Clifton Shaw, Mayor

ATTEST:


Pamela King, TRMC City Secretary

