

CITY COMMISSION MEETING
CITY HALL COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
JULY 13, 2026

THOSE PRESENT: Mayor Clifton Shaw
Commissioner Ward I Keith Creager
Commissioner Ward II Jim Taliaferro
Commissioner Ward III Benny Lopez
Commissioner Ward IV Valarie Johnson

CITY STAFF: Wade Willson, City Manager
Pamela King, City Secretary
Waylan Field, Public Works
Ross Hester, Chief of Police
Mason Rushing, Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT: Jason Rounds, Nick Halmrast, Barry Wicker, Tony Privett, Patsy Warshaw, Jeff Creager, Terry Reeves, Lisa Nowlin, Pam Phillips, Doris Whaley, Cleve & Patsy Vessels, Mike Delano, Becky Ford, Stacey Butler, Melissa Buxkemper, Mark Meurer, Monique Ruiz, Lezlee Harlan, Melissa Mcgarhen, Sherril Wilson.

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 6:33 p.m. July 13, 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, Pamela Phillips gave Mayor Shaw her condolences for the loss of his mother. She then addressed Mayor Shaw about the comments he made on Facebook regarding curfew and the installation of cameras around town. She said his actions and words made him appear as a tyrant. She was upset about the curfew and the camera installation. Mayor Shaw stated the cameras were license plate readers and the State would be doing the installation and not the City, regarding the curfew matter, Mayor Shaw said there is not a curfew on kids anymore, the curfew he is talking about includes everybody, for issues pertaining to individuals being out late at night on city property, which included the cemetery.

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6. Discuss and consider approval of minutes for the Commission Meeting of June 8, 2026 and the Special Meeting of June 29, 2026:

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson and a second by Commissioner Lopez to approve the minutes of the City Commission Meeting of July 8, 2026 and the Special Meeting of June 29, 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 Taliaferro and a second by Commissioner Creager to approve the financial statements, and pay the monthly bills. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Department Reports:

- a. CRMWA Report (Quarterly 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.

9. Slaton Museum Association Update by Tony Privett:

Tony Privett gave a brief update on the direction the Slaton Museum Association is headed regarding the Slaton Museum. He started off by saying how much he appreciated the help they have received from the City of Slaton, he thanked Mayor Shaw and City Manager, Wade Willson. He said the museum has 15 volunteers; and he advised the museum is without electricity at the moment, these volunteers are working on the cleanup and they are working on putting the museum collection back in order so people can go in and see the museum collection. He said the museum is a real asset for Slaton. They have plans to have the museum opened by September of this year; They have raised 1,750.00 and the funds will be used for the purchase of vacuum cleaners, fans and other supplies needed. He said individuals have donated items to the museum and some of the items that have been donated are duplicates, the duplicated items will be donated to another museum, or sold once the original owner of the item has been notified, they will also be selling items that are not essential to the story of Slaton, and any profit made from sales will go back to the museum for items needed or supplies.

10. Public Hearing on Consumer Quality Drinking Report:

Mayor Shaw opened the Public Hearing at 7:12 p.m.
Mayor Shaw closed the Public Hearing at 7:14 p.m.

City Manager, Wade Willson went over the Consumer Quality Drinking Report details. He went over the list of chemicals used to treat the water, the report also listed the heavy metals found in the water. He

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said the report is posted on the city's website for review. He then addressed any questions and concerns regarding the Consumer Quality Drinking Report.

11. Public Hearing on Water Conservation Plan:

Mayor Shaw opened the Public Hearing at 7:14 p.m.
Mayor Shaw closed the Public Hearing at 7:17 p.m.

City Manager, Wade Willson said the Public Hearing for the Water Conservation Plan is required by the state. He went over the reports that are required by the state such as the Water Loss Audit, a Living Document Plan which an emergency plan that states the steps the city will take in case of an emergency, and the Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan this report will have to be done each year. He addressed any questions and concerns regarding the Water Conservation Plan.

12. Discuss and Take Necessary Action on approval on second reading of Ordinance #848 an Ordinance designating the TTX Company Reinvestment Zone, establishing the boundaries thereof and providing for an effective date, pursuant to Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code:

A motion was made by Commissioner Taliaferro and a second by Commissioner Johnson to approve Ordinance #848. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Discussion and possible action regarding Tax Abatement Agreement with TTX Company dba (DE) TTX Company, pursuant to Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code:

As it relates to the forgoing possible tax abatement agreement, the City reserves the right to enter into a Closed Session pursuant to Subchapter D, Sections 551.071 - 551.088 of the Texas Government Code and specifically, the statutory exception below:

- Economic development negotiations on tax abatement - Tex. Gov't Code § 551.087

- Consultation with attorney - Tex. Gov't Code § 551.071.

TTX Company representatives Jason Rounds and Nick Halmrast gave a brief update on the progress made with TTX Company, He said they are happy to have a new location in Slaton Texas and excited to get started. They answered all questions and concerns regarding the TTX Company.

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson and a second was made by Commissioner Lopez to approve the Tax abatement Agreement with TTX Company. Motion carried unanimously.

14. Discuss and Take Necessary Action on Ordinance #849 an ordinance amending the City of Slaton, Texas Code of Ordinances Chapter 8, "Offenses and Nuisance". Article 8.11 "Prohibited Activities in Public Places," by adding Section 8.11.001 "Definitions," Section 8.11.001 "Definitions," Section 8.11.002 "Sleeping in Public Places," and Section

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8.11.003, "Defecating or Urinating in Public Places," Providing for penalty not to exceed \$500.00 for each offense; Providing an effective date, Providing a saving clause; Providing a repealer and Providing for publication:

A motion was made by Commissioner Lopez and a second was made by Commissioner Taliaferro to approve Ordinance #849. Motion carried unanimously.

15. Discuss and Take Necessary Action on Ordinance **#850** an ordinance amending the City of Slaton, Texas Code of Ordinances Chapter 8, "Offenses and Nuisance". Article 8.10 "Panhandling," By adding sections 8.10.001 through 8.11.007, Regulating Panhandling; Providing for penalty not to exceed \$500.00 for each offense; Providing an effective date, Providing a saving clause; Providing a repealer and Providing for publication:

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson and a second was made by Commissioner Lopez to approve Ordinance #850. Motion carried unanimously.

16. Discuss and Take Necessary Action on Ordinance **#851** an ordinance amending the City of Slaton, Texas Code of Ordinances Chapter 1, "General Provisions". Article 1.10 "Parks and Recreation," By adding Division 3, Section 1.10.035, "Hour of Operation," "Designating the Hours City Parks are Open for Public Use; Providing for penalty not to exceed \$500.00 for each offense; Providing an effective date, Providing a saving clause; Providing a repealer and Providing for publication:

A motion was made by Commissioner Taliaferro and a second was made by Commissioner Johnson to approve Ordinance #851. Motion carried unanimously.

17. Discuss and Take Necessary Action on Resolution **#071326A** a resolution authorizing the Mayor of Slaton or his designee to enter into multiple-use agreements with the Texas Department of Transportation, Lubbock Division, allowing Flock Safety the installation and operation of automated; license plate recognition cameras in the Texas Department of Transportation Right-of-Way on behalf of the Slaton Police Department; and Providing as effective date:

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson and a second was made by Commissioner Taliaferro to approve Resolution #071326A. Motion carried unanimously.

18. Discuss and Take Necessary Action on an agreement between the City of Slaton and Safebuilt, LLC for professional services for Building, Electrical, Code Enforcement and Public Works:

A motion was made by Commissioner Lopez and a second was made by Commissioner Creager to approve the agreement with Safebuilt, LLC for professional services for Building, Electrical, Code Enforcement and Public Works. Motion carried unanimously.

19. Discuss and Take Necessary Action on renewing water supply contract with the City of Post:

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A motion was made by Commissioner Taliaferro and a second was made by Commissioner Creager to approve the renewal of the water supply contract with the City of Post and approve the \$4.75 per 1000 gallons and for this amount to remain at \$4.75 and to be stated in their contract. Motion carried unanimously.

20. Discuss and Take Necessary Action to set new water rates for the City of New Deal:

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson and a second was made by Commissioner Lopez to keep the same rate of \$5.00 per 1000 gallons for the City of New Deal. Motion carried unanimously.

21. Discuss and Take Necessary Action to award a bid for the 1993 Surplus Fire Truck:

A motion was made by Commissioner Taliaferro and a second was made by Commissioner Johnson to award the 1993 Surplus Fire Truck to the highest bidder, the City of Justiceberg Volunteer Fire Department. Motion carried unanimously.

22. Budget Work Session:

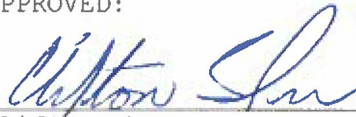
City Manager, Wade Willson said he has started working on the budget and asked each Commissioner what they would like to have done in their Ward's so he could start to budget for those things, he asked if there were any street repairs that needed to be done. He also asked about any parks they wanted to update, and if any playground equipment was needed. They went over the electrical work that needs to be done on the electrical pedestals at City Hall. He said he will continue working on the budget and get things ready for review.

23. Adjournment:

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

APPROVED:


Clifton Shaw, Mayor

ATTEST:


Pamela King, TRMC City Secretary

