

CITY COMMISSION MEETING
CITY HALL COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
JUNE 8, 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 Administrator
Pamela King, City Secretary
Waylan Field, Public Works
Ross Hester, Chief of Police
Mason Rushing, Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT: Henry & Colette Wilson, Patsy Warshaw, Doris Whaley, Cleve & Patsy Vessels, Mike Delano, Becky Ford, Stacey Butler, Melissa Buxkemper, Mark Meurer, Paula Bibbs Samuels, Debroah Pickens, Sharon McCarty, Lavance & Paula Samuels, Monique Ruiz, Lezlee Harlan, Melissa Mcgarhen

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. June 8, 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 Henry Wilson

4. Abstention and Conflict of Interest:

There was none.

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

Slaton Resident, Pamela Phillips asked if everyone of the City Commissioners received a complaint letter regarding Code Enforcement employee Rebecca Britton. She then gave the definition of the word Tyranny and said the citizens of the City of Slaton demand to know why Tyranny is being allowed to take over our city government. She then reminded Mayor Shaw that in a meeting in 2023, when dispatch services were being discontinued, She said you stood up there and told Slaton citizens, "It doesn't matter what you think we are going to do whatever we want to, whether you like it or not and just remember you voted us in." she then reminded Mayor Shaw yes, you were voted in as Mayor of this town to represent every person in this town, not just the selected few. She then said the tyranny continues in the way you have allowed Code

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Enforcement, Rebecca Britton to go about with her duties. She is carrying out her duties in the wrong way, we understand that there is the desire to make our city look better, but how is it that she is going after certain people, while blatantly overlooking others. She said Code Enforcement is hiring her friend to go do bidding and to do clean up jobs here in Slaton, yet blatantly overlooking some of the things that are the first things people visiting this town see, she also hires her friend to tear down a house in town, which he has a building of his own, that is falling down on the Main Streets in town. Tell me how is that right, I want to know, can we not do better. She finished by saying, just remember it's easier to catch flies with honey than it is with vinegar.

Slaton resident, Mike Delano stated he had lots of questions from concerned citizens. He asked who owns the building next to the library and what are the plans with the building. He asked about what is being done with the Slaton Museum and the progress being made. He asked who is financing the museum project. He asked why the miniature golf course was tore down, when it was fenced in. He asked why the service station building on Scott St. and 9th St. that is falling down has not been flagged, this building is more dangerous than the miniature golf course. He asked what is being done with the BJ's Liquor Store building. He asked about the criteria for the abatements. Mayor Shaw said he would have to check with Rebecca Britton and find out what she is working on, regarding his concerns and said he was welcomed to visit with him anytime.

6. Discuss and consider approval of minutes for the Commission Meeting of May 11, 2026:

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson and a second by Commissioner Lopez to approve the minutes of the City Commission Meeting of May 11, 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 Johnson 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. Public Hearing on intention of the City of Slaton to designate the TTX Company Reinvestment Zone, establish the boundaries thereof and

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provide for and effective date, Pursuant to Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code

Mayor Shaw stated Agenda Item #9 would be skipped for this meeting and placed back on the agenda for the July 13, 2026 Commission Meeting.

10. Consider and Act on Approval on first reading of 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:

Mayor Shaw stated Agenda Item #9 would be skipped this meeting and placed back on the agenda for the July 13, 2026 Commission Meeting.

As it relates to the forgoing possible reinvestment zone, 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 exceptions below:

- Economic development negotiation on tax abatement - Tex. Gov't Code § 551.087
- Consultation with attorney - Tex. Gov't Code § 551.071

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

City Manager, Wade Willson went over the Tax Abatement Agreement regarding the TTX Company. He answered any questions the City Commissioner's had about the agreement, He said the next step will be to send the agreement to our city attorney for any changes and final review.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION: The City Council will convene into closed session in accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 - Consultation with Attorney and Texas Government Code, Section 551.087 - Economic development negotiations on tax abatements:

No Action was taken in Executive Session

13. Reconvene: The City Council will reconvene into open session to act, if necessary, regarding matters discussed in Executive Session:

Mayor Shaw closed the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

Mayor Shaw opened the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

14. Discuss and Take Necessary Action on Ordinance #847 an ordinance abandoning and vacating 19th Street between Crosby Street and Lynn Street, in the City of Slaton, Lubbock County, Texas; Providing a severability clause; and Providing an effective date (2nd Reading):

A motion was made by Commissioner Taliaferro and a second was made by Commissioner Creager to approve Ordinance #847. Motion carried unanimously.

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15. Discuss and Take Necessary Action on Resolution #060826 a resolution of the City of Slaton, authorizing the sale of a Surplus Fire Truck and Providing for and effective date:

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson and a second was made by Commissioner Lopez to approve Resolution #060826. Motion carried unanimously.

16. Discuss and Take Necessary Action on the 2026 Audit Engagement Letter with Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert & Moss, LLP:

A motion was made by Commissioner Taliaferro and a second was made by Commissioner Creager to approve the 2026 Audit Engagement Letter with Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert & Moss, LLP for the 2026 Audit. Motion carried unanimously.

17. Discuss and Take Necessary Action on the Texas Health Benefits Pool Election, Board of Trustees, to submit the name of a qualified person for the Election:

A motion was made by Commissioner Creager and a second was made by Commissioner Lopez to approve and submit the nomination of Elena Quintanilla, City Manager of Ransom Canyon, to the Texas Health Benefits Pool Election, Board of Trustees. Motion carried unanimously.

18. Elect Mayor Pro-Tem:

A motion was made by Commissioner Taliaferro and a second was made by Commissioner Johnson to appoint Commissioner Benny Lopez as Mayor Pro-Tem Motion carried unanimously.

19. 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 the next budget work session will be at our July meeting.

20. 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 8:10 p.m.

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APPROVED:


Clifton Shaw, Mayor

ATTEST:


Pamela King, TRMC City Secretary

