CITY COMMISSION MEETING
CITY HALL COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
SEPTEMBER 14, 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
Crystal Perchez, Police Officer
Mason Rushing, Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT: Barry Wicker, Johnnie & Annetta Pettie, Patsy Warshaw, Mike Delano, Terry Reeves, Paula Bibbs Samuels, Cleve & Patsy Vessels, Darla Patton, Chris Brasher, Stacey Butler, Tonya Smith, Pam Phillips, Sarah Rodriguez, Lavance & Paula Samuels, Melissa Mcgarhen, Blake Pope, Henry Wilson, Debbie Matthews, Lezlee Harlan, Marie Wright, Doris Whaley, Monique Ruiz.

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. September 14, 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 3 minutes per person):

Slaton High School Sponsor, Sarah Rodriguez stated she was here on behalf of Slaton ISD to ask for permission for the Homecoming Firework display, set for September 23, 2026. She stated they forgot to call and get it placed on the agenda for the September 14, 2026 meeting. She also requested the Slaton Fire Department to be on standby during the firework display, which will take place on September 23, 2026 at 8:30 p.m.

Slaton Resident, Blake Pope stated his concerns against the Flock cameras that are going up around town, He demanded the City of Slaton take a stand to defend the peoples right and the Constitution of the United

States and not allow the Flock cameras in town. He quoted President Jefferson and President Madison and made reference to Edward Snowden during public comment, he then recited 10 of the Constitutional Amendments.

Slaton Resident, Darla Patton stated that after she complained at the last Commission Meeting, about several issues regarding the streets. She said a few days later she received a citation and her vehicle was tagged, she brought a copy of her citation as proof. She called Code Enforcement several times and has yet to receive a call back. She said she also went to the police department to speak to Code Enforcement, Rebecca Britton and she was not there. Darla Patton then stated she would be filing a formal complaint against Code Enforcement, Rebecca Britton for being targeted and for retaliation.

Slaton Resident, Lavance Samuels stated his concerns about the properties on the East side, that still need to be mowed, he said the property owners need to start moving their lots. He said he knows of an individual who purchased several lots on the east side and this individual lots look terrible added Mayor Shaw and City Manager both know who he is. He stated he is not blaming Code Enforcement, but he wants something done about, this individual has to mow his lots like the rest of the residents and he wants something done about it. He thanked Chief Hester for patrolling the East side of town.

Slaton Resident, Chris Brasher stated his concerns about severe harassment, severe hostility, systematic and administration over reached. He stated he has submitted three open record requests regarding his property located at 705 W. Panhandle, which have been ignored and zero compliance to this day. He said Code Enforcement entered his private property without a warrant. He said he will protect his rights and He stated he plans on filing criminal charges against Wade Willson and Rebecca Britton.

Slaton Resident, Pam Phillips addressed Commissioner Benny Lopez about a property on 9th Street that is on the verge of collapsed, she said at the last meeting you asked her about the building on 9th Street. She said the building has been ignored, yet the property across the street has been tagged twice. She said the building on 9th Street belongs to the person who is helping tear down the houses around town, she said his building is collapsing and nothing has been done about it and wants to know why. She then stated her concerns about the Hemp Plant, and again why nothing has been done about it. She then said I don't feel she is doing her job and said "We the People demand Code Enforcement to be fired"

6. Discuss and consider approval of minutes for the Commission Meeting of August 10, 2026 and the Special Meeting of August 24, 2026:

A motion was made by Commissioner Lopez and a second by Commissioner Taliaferro to approve the minutes for the July 13, 2026 Commission Meeting and the Special Meeting of August 24, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Discuss and consider approval of the financial statement and monthly bills:

A motion was made by Commissioner Lopez and a second by Commissioner Taliaferro 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. Discuss and Take Necessary Action on Ordinance **#852** an ordinance of the City of Slaton, Texas, Code of Ordinances Chapter 2, "Animal Control", by adding additional sections to article 2.01 General Provisions, Article 2.04 Wild Animals, Estrays and other animals, and Article 2.06 Care and Treatment; Providing a penalty in accordance with the general penalty provision found in Section 1.01.009 of the Code of Ordinances; Providing an Effective Date; Providing a Saving Clause; Providing a repealer and Providing for publication **(2nd Reading)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Taliaferro and a second was made by Commissioner Johnson to approve Ordinance #852. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Discuss and Take Necessary Action on Ordinance **#853** adopting the FYE 2027 Proposed Operating Budget **(2nd Reading)**

This budget will have the following impact on the property tax bill of the median home:

	FYE 2026	FYE 2027
Median Household Value	$98,614.00	$92,852.00
Median Household Property Tax	$676.15	$660.33

A motion was made by Commissioner Taliaferro and a second was made by Commissioner Creager to approve Ordinance #853. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Discuss and Take Necessary Action on Ratifying the Property Tax Decrease reflected in the FYE 2027 Operating Budget:

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson and a second was made by Commissioner Lopez to approve ratifying the Property Tax decrease reflected in the FYE 2027 Operating Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Record of Vote for each Commissioner on the FYE 2027 Operating Budget:
For: Mayor Shaw, Commissioners Keith Creager, Jim Taliaferro, Benny Lopez, Valarie Johnson
Against:
Absent:

12. Discuss and Take Necessary Action on Ordinance **#854** adopting the 2026 Tax Rate for FYE 2027 **(2nd Reading)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Lopez and a second by Commissioner Johnson to approve Ordinance #854 and I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of $0.711169 per $100 valuation, which is effectively a -3.03% decrease in the tax rate. Motion carried unanimously.

Record of Vote for each Commissioner on the 2026 Tax Rate for FYE 2027:
For: Mayor Shaw, Commissioners Keith Creager, Jim Taliaferro, Benny Lopez, Valarie Johnson
Against:
Absent:

13. Discuss and Take Necessary Action Resolution **091426A** a resolution of the City of Slaton Texas approving a negotiated settlement between the executive committee of cities served by ATMOS West Texas ("Cities") and ATMOS Energy Corp., West Texas Division regarding the company's 2026 rate review mechanism filing; Declaring existing rates to be unreasonable; Adopting tariffs that reflect rate adjustments consistent with the negotiated settlement; Finding the rates to be set by the attached settlement tariffs to just and unreasonable and in the public interest; Approving and attachment establishing a benchmark for pensions and retiree medical benefits; Requiring the company to reimburse cities' reasonable ratemaking expense; Determining that this resolution was passed in accordance with the requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act; Adopting a saving clause; Declaring an effective date; and requiring delivery of this resolution to the company and the cities' legal counsel:

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson and a second by Commissioner Lopez to approve Resolution 091426A. Motion carried unanimously.

14. Discuss and Take Necessary Action on Rate Resolution 091426B, updating rates and fees within the City of Slaton:

- Hydrant Meter Deposit $5,000
- Game Room Permit $40,000
- $25 per Coin Operated Machine.
- Animal Control Fee Schedule
- Red Tag Fee Schedule

A motion was made by Commissioner Taliaferro and a second was made by Commissioner Creager to approve Rate Resolution 091426B. Motion carried unanimously.

15. Discuss and Take Necessary Action on Interlocal Agreement with Lubbock County for Fire Suppression and Rescue Services:

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson and a second was made by Commissioner Lopez to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Lubbock County for Fire Suppression and Rescue Services. Motion carried unanimously.

16. Discuss and Take Necessary Action on approving the Slaton Police Department to apply for the Immigration & Customs Enforcement 287(g) program.

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson and a second was made by Commissioner Creager to approve the Slaton Police Department to apply for the Immigration & Customs Enforcement 287(g) program. Motion carried unanimously.

17. Discuss and Take Necessary Action on funding for Hotel/Motel Tax Money:

A motion was made by Commissioner Taliaferro and a second was made by Commissioner Creager to award $6749.89 in Hotel/Motel Tax Money to the following organizations; Slaton Chamber of Commerce, Spirit of Slaton, Harvey House and the Texas Air Museum. Motion carried unanimously.

$1687.48 awarded to:
Chamber of Commerce, Spirit of Slaton, and Harvey House

$1687.45 awarded to:
Texas Air Museum

18. Discuss and Take Necessary Action on Ordinance #855 an ordinance amending Article 3.14 Billboards, Signboards and Bulletin Boards to revise and update certain standards and provisions of this Article, and to add a section to this Article to now allow for electronic signs and to provide regulations of electronic signs:

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson and a second was made by Commissioner Lopez to approve Ordinance #855. Motion carried unanimously.

19. Discuss and Take Necessary Action on SEDCO Board recommendation for approval of vacant Board Seat #3 to be filled by Terrica Taylor to complete Nancy Norman's term due to her retirement, this was approved by the SEDCO Board on August 13, 2026:

A motion was made by Commissioner Taliaferro and a second was made by Commissioner Johnson to approve Terrica Taylor to fill vacant board seat #3 and complete Nancy Norman term on the SEDCO Board due to her retirement. Motion carried unanimously.

20. Discuss and Take Necessary Action on the 2025-2026 Amended Budget for Slaton Economic Development Corporation, this was approved by the SEDCO Board on August 13, 2026:

A motion was made by Commissioner Creager and a second was made by Commissioner Lopez to approve the 2025-2026 amended budget for the Slaton Economic Development Corporation. Motion carried unanimously.

21. Discuss and Take Necessary Action on a Resolution **091426C** for a Digital Sign Marquee Project by Slaton Economic Development Corporation for business retention and expansion for all Slaton Businesses as well as promotion of Slaton events and information. The project was approved by the SEDCO Board on August 13, 2026

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson and second was made by Commissioner Lopez to approve Resolution 091426C. Motion carried unanimously.

22. Discuss and Take Necessary Action on Right of Way agreement with TTX Company:

A motion was made by Commissioner Taliaferro and a second was made by Commissioner Creager to approve the Right of Way agreement with TTX Company. Motion carried unanimously.

23. Adjournment:

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

APPROVED:

Clifton Shaw, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pamela King, TRMC City Secretary

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