

**DRAFT - MINUTES
OF THE NEW BRAUNFELS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING OF MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Linnartz called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

CALL OF ROLL: CITY SECRETARY

Present: 6 - Mayor Neal Linnartz, Councilmember Michael Capizzi, Councilmember D. Lee Edwards, Mayor Pro Tem Lawrence Spradley, Councilmember Mary Ann Labowski, and Councilmember April Ryan

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Toni Carter

REQUEST ALL PHONES AND OTHER DEVICES BE TURNED OFF, EXCEPT EMERGENCY ON-CALL PERSONNEL.

INVOCATION: COUNCILMEMBER CARTER

Councilmember Carter was absent during this meeting. Councilmember Capizzi provided the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & SALUTE TO THE TEXAS FLAG

Mayor Linnartz led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Salute to the Texas Flag.

PROCLAMATIONS:

A) National Service Dog Month

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned proclamation.

Karen Koepp accepted the proclamation and addressed council.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS

This time is for citizens to address the City Council on issues and items of concerns not on this agenda. There will be no City Council action at this time. In the interest of protecting the City's network and data, the City is not accepting flash drives or electronic files for use during Citizens Communications. Please use hard copies, the overhead projector or access the City's online digital form to upload electronic files you would like the Mayor and Council to view. The digital form would need to be uploaded two (2) hours prior to the City Council meeting. A link to this form can be accessed on the City Secretary's website. Individuals desiring to speak at citizen's communications should line up behind the podium and be ready to speak.

The following individuals spoke at this time: Daniel Walker, Travis Lewis

1. CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed below are considered to be routine and non-controversial by the City Council and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember or citizen so requests, in which case the item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered as part of the normal order of business. Citizens must be present to pull an item.

Action Items

- A) Approval of the August 7, 2025, August 18, 2025, August 19, 2025 budget workshop special meeting minutes, and the August 11, 2025 regular and executive session meeting minutes.
- B) Approval of contract spend with McCreary, Veslka, Bragg & Allen P.C. for support of case resolutions and delinquent account collections.
- C) Approval of a Professional Services Agreement with MIG, Inc. to update the City of New Braunfels' Comprehensive Plan, Envision New Braunfels
- D) Approval of a contract with JMT Engineering for a condition assessment of the bridge and culverts leading to the Landa Park Golf Course parking lot.
- E) Approval of an expenditure of up to \$200,000.00 to Texas Pack + Load for parts and services on Solid Waste Department collection vehicles.
- F) Approval of the New Braunfels Urban Transit District Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program.
- G) Approval of the New Braunfels Urban Transit District Agency Safety Plan (ASP).
- H) Approval of the City of New Braunfels FY 2025 Third Quarter Investment Report.

Resolutions

- I) Approval of a resolution of the City Council of the City of New Braunfels, Texas approving participation in a settlement agreement

between the State of Texas and Purdue Pharma L.P. and the Sackler Family; and authorizing the city manager to execute the Subdivision Settlement Participation Form.

- J) Approval of a resolution of the City Council of the City of New Braunfels, Texas approving participation in a settlement agreement between the State of Texas and Opioid Manufacturers Alvogen, Amneal, Apotex, Hikma, Indivior, Mylan, Sun and Zydus; and authorizing the city manager to execute the Subdivision Settlement Participation Form.

Ordinances

(In accordance with Section 3.10 of the City Charter, a descriptive caption of each ordinance shall be read on two separate days.)

- K) Approval of the amended second and final reading of an ordinance establishing the number of positions in each classification in the New Braunfels Police Department pursuant to Local Government Code, Chapter 143.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned Resolutions and Ordinances of the consent agenda.

Mayor Pro Tem Spradley made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Ryan seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Absent:

Councilmember Carter

2. INDIVIDUAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Individuals desiring to speak to any individual item should line up behind the podium and be ready to speak when public comment is recognized.

- A) Discussion and possible action approving a resolution recommended by the New Braunfels Economic Development Corporation approving an economic development incentive, not to exceed \$950,000, to Lefko USA, Inc., pursuant to Section 501.101 of the Texas Local Government Code.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

Jeff Jewell presented this item to council using a powerpoint

presentation.

Councilmember Edwards motioned to approve this item. Councilmember Capizzi seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Absent:

Councilmember Carter

B) Discussion and possible action approving a resolution nominating Lefko USA, Inc for designation as an Enterprise Zone Project under the State of Texas Enterprise Zone Program under the Texas Enterprise Zone Act, Chapter 2303, Texas Government Code

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

Jeff Jewell presented this item to council using a powerpoint presentation.

Councilmember Ryan motioned to approve this item. Councilmember Labowski seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Absent:

Councilmember Carter

C) Discuss and consider implementation of a traffic calming plan on Mission Drive between Valley View Lane and Trail View.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

Carly Farmer presented this item to council using a powerpoint presentation and answered questions.

The following individuals spoke at this time: Brent Perry, Katie Kolinek, Jaqueline Smith, Kathy Bassett, Richard Hall, Tom Gallagher, Keith Sieczkowski.

Councilmembers discussed the possible option of reducing the speed limit to 25mph in addition to the staff recommendations.

Mayor Pro Tem Spradley motioned to reduce the speed limits to 25mph on the entirety of Mission Rd in addition to staff recommendations. Councilmember Capizzi seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Absent:

Councilmember Carter

- D) Discuss and consider the first reading of an ordinance to amend New Braunfels Code of Ordinances Article IV- Sec. 138-93 and Appendix D by adopting new fees for EMS Rates, restructuring of the Licensed Hospital Inspection Fee, and moving fees to Appendix D.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

Karrie Cook presented this item to council using a powerpoint presentation.

Councilmember Ryan motioned to approve this item. Councilmember Labowski seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Absent:

Councilmember Carter

- E) Discuss and consider the first reading of an ordinance to amend New Braunfels Code of Ordinances, Appendix D by updating and codifying fees related to services provided by the Neighborhood & Community Planning Department.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

Karrie Cook presented this item to council using a powerpoint presentation.

Councilmember Labowski motioned to approve this item. Councilmember Ryan seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Absent:

Councilmember Carter

- F) Discuss and consider the first reading of an ordinance to amend New Braunfels Code of Ordinances, Chapter 86, Article IV, Section 86-94 by adopting updated admission fees at the New Braunfels Landa Park Aquatic Center and adding all related fees to Appendix D, updating and codifying fees related to Camp Minnehaha and Fischer Park in Appendix D, and amending ordinance 2020-82 to update the scope of fees related to Das Rec and adding that language to Appendix D.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

Karrie Cook presented this item to council using a powerpoint presentation and answered questions.

Ken Wilson, Jordan Matney, and Jared Werner also answered questions regarding this item.

The following individuals spoke at this time: Larry Lane

Mayor Pro Tem Spradley motioned to approve this item. Councilmember Ryan seconded the motion which passed.

Opposed:

Councilmember Capizzi, and Councilmember Labowski

Absent:

Councilmember Carter

G) Discuss and consider the first reading of an ordinance to amend New Braunfels Code of Ordinances, Appendix D by updating and codifying fees related to services provided by the New Braunfels Civic/Convention Center.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

Karrie Cook presented this item to council using a powerpoint presentation and answered questions.

The following individuals spoke at this time: Larry Lane

Councilmember Labowski motioned to approve this item. Councilmember Capizzi seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Absent:

Councilmember Carter

H) Discuss and consider the first reading of an ordinance to amend New Braunfels Code of Ordinances, Appendix D by updating and codifying fees related to services provided by the New Braunfels National Airport.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

Karrie Cook presented this item to council using a powerpoint presentation and answered questions.

Jordan Matney also spoke on this item.

Councilmember Labowski motioned to approve this item. Mayor Pro Tem Spradley seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Absent:

Councilmember Carter

- I) Discuss and consider the first reading of an ordinance regarding the proposed abandonment of a 0.972-acre portion of East Bridge Street Right-of-Way, located between the terminus of East Bridge Street and the Comal River.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

Matt Eckmann presented this item to council using a powerpoint presentation and answered questions.

Ashley Fairmond, a representative of the applicant spoke to council.

Councilmember Labowski motioned to approve this item. Mayor Pro Tem Spradley seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Absent:

Councilmember Carter

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Ch. 551.071, the City Council may convene in a closed session to discuss any of the items listed on this agenda. Any final action or vote on any executive session item will be taken in open session.

4. IF NECESSARY, RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION AND TAKE ANY ACTION RELATING TO THE EXECUTIVE SESSION AS DESCRIBED ABOVE.

There were no executive session items.

No action was taken at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Linnartz adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

By: _____
NEAL LINNARTZ, MAYOR

Attest:

GAYLE WILKINSON, CITY SECRETARY