

**DRAFT - MINUTES
OF THE NEW BRAUNFELS CITY COUNCIL - SPECIAL
REGULAR MEETING OF THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2025**

Agenda Amended 8-28-25

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Linnartz called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

CALL OF ROLL: CITY SECRETARY

Present 7 - Councilmember D. Lee Edwards, Mayor Pro Tem Lawrence Spradley, Councilmember April Ryan, Councilmember Mary Ann Labowski, Councilmember Toni Carter, Mayor Neal Linnartz, and Councilmember Michael Capizzi

INVOCATION: COUNCILMEMBER EDWARDS

Councilmember Edwards 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.

1. WORKSHOP

A) Public hearing on the FY 2026 Operating Budget and Plan of Municipal Services.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

Jared Werner presented this item to council using a powerpoint presentation and answered questions.

No action was taken at this time.

Mayor Linnartz announced The FY2026 Proposed Budget, along with the 2025 Tax rate, will be adopted on September 8th, 2025, at a meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m. at 550 Landa Street, in the City Council Chambers.

B) Public hearing on the proposed tax rate for the City of New Braunfels for tax year 2025 and announce the meeting date and time of adoption.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

This item's information was discussed under item A. No further information was provided by staff.

No action was taken at this time.

Mayor Linnartz announced The FY2026 Proposed Budget, along with the 2025 Tax rate, will be adopted on September 8th, 2025, at a meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m. at 550 Landa Street, in the City Council Chambers.

- C) Discuss and consider approval of the first reading of an ordinance adopting the FY 2026 Operating Budget and Plan of Municipal Services.

TAXPAYER IMPACT STATEMENT

Comal County & Guadalupe County

House Bill 1522, passed by the Texas Legislature in 2025, amends section 551.043 of the Texas Government Code to require that the notice of a meeting required to be posted under section 551.043(a) of the Texas Open Meetings Act, at which a governmental body will discuss or adopt a budget for the governmental body, must include a taxpayer impact statement showing, for the median-valued homestead property, a comparison of the property tax bill in dollars pertaining to the property for the current fiscal year to an estimate of the property tax bill in dollars for the same property for the upcoming fiscal year.

The City of New Braunfels has proposed a budget for FY 2026. The City intends to adopt its budget on September 8, 2025.

2024 Value of Median-Valued Homestead Property in Comal County:
\$349,106

2024 Property Tax Bill for the Current Fiscal Year (\$0.0.408936)
\$1,428

2025 Value of Median-Valued Homestead Property in Comal County:
\$354,783

Estimated 2025 Property Tax Bill for the Upcoming Fiscal Year if the City Adopts the Proposed Budget and Tax Rate (\$0.408936 per \$100 of value)
\$1,451

Estimated 2025 Property Tax Bill for the Upcoming Fiscal Year if the City Adopts a Balanced Budget Funded at the No-New-Revenue Tax Rate (\$.409475 per \$100 of value)
\$ 1,453

2024 Value of Median-Valued Homestead Property in Guadalupe County \$ 331,133

2024 Property Tax Bill for the Current Fiscal Year (\$0.0.408936)
\$ 1,354

2025 Value of Median-Valued Homestead Property in Guadalupe County \$ 311,795

Estimated 2025 Property Tax Bill for the Upcoming Fiscal Year if the City Adopts the Proposed Budget and Tax Rate (\$0.408936 per \$100 of value)

\$ 1,275

Estimated 2025 Property Tax Bill for the Upcoming Fiscal Year if the City Adopts a Balanced Budget Funded at the No-New-Revenue Tax Rate (\$.409475 per \$100 of value)

\$ 1,277

The estimates in this Impact Statement are valid only for the proposed budget and proposed tax rate that the New Braunfels City Council will discuss at its public hearing on September 4th, 2025. The proposed budget and the proposed tax rate may each be amended by the City Council before it's adoption on September 8, 2025.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

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

Robert Camareno also spoke on this item and answered questions.

Mayor Pro Tem Spradley motioned to approve the first reading of an ordinance adopting the FY2026 Operating Budget and Plan of Municipal Services, including the Budget Order. Councilmember Labowski seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

D) Discuss and consider approval of the first reading of an ordinance adopting the 2025 ad valorem tax rates.

Mayor Linnartz read the aforementioned item.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Spradley motioned that the property tax rate be decreased by the adoption of a tax rate of .408936 per \$100 of

assessed taxable valuation, which is effectively an 0.1% decrease in the tax rate, with .193888 for debt service and .215048 cents for operations and maintenance. Councilmember Labowski seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Linnartz adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

By: _____
NEAL LINNARTZ, MAYOR

Attest:

GAYLE WILKINSON, CITY SECRETARY