

**DRAFT - MINUTES
OF THE NEW BRAUNFELS CITY COUNCIL - SPECIAL
REGULAR MEETING OF MONDAY, JULY 20, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor French called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

CALL OF ROLL: CITY SECRETARY

Present 7 - Councilmember D. Lee Edwards, Councilmember Lawrence Spradley, Councilmember Toni Carter, Mayor Pro Tem Michael Capizzi, Councilmember Mary Ann Labowski, Mayor Michael French, and Councilmember Nikki Shaw

INVOCATION: COUNCILMEMBER CARTER

Councilmember Carter provided the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & SALUTE TO THE TEXAS FLAG

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

1. WORKSHOP

A) Presentation amending Chapter 130, Article IV, Divisions 3,5,6, and 7 of the City's Code of Ordinances to adjust residential and landscape irrigation drought surcharges; revise drought stage destinations and triggers; clarify definitions and related provisions; repeal conflicting ordinance; provide a savings clause; and establish an effective date.

Mayor French read the aforementioned item.

Ryan Kelso presented this item to council using a powerpoint presentation and answered questions.

Ryan Kelso also introduced Andrew Cummings, who also presented to council and answered questions.

No action was taken at this time.

B) Presentation and update from the Humane Society of the New Braunfels Area and direction to staff regarding the FY 2027 contract for services.

Mayor French read the aforementioned item.

Jared Werner presented this item to council and introduced Sarah Hammond, who presented to council using a powerpoint presentation and answered questions.

No action was taken at this time.

C) Presentation on Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan Incidental Take Permit Renewal

Mayor French read the aforementioned item.

Amy Niles presented this item to council using a powerpoint presentation and answered questions.

No action was taken at this time.

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.

A) Deliberate the appointment and duties of Nathan Brown as the Interim City Attorney in accordance with Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code.

B) Deliberate the appointment and employment of a City Attorney, including matters related to the search and selection of candidates, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters).

Mayor French read the aforementioned executive session items.

Mayor French adjourned into closed session at 7:08 p.m.

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

City Council reconvened into open session at 8:03 p.m.

Mayor French announced the appointment of Nathan Brown as the Interim City Attorney.

Councilmember Edwards motioned to approve Nathan Brown as the Interim City Attorney. Councilmember Labowski seconded the motion

which passed unanimously.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor French adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

By: _____
MICHAEL FRENCH, MAYOR

Attest:

GAYLE WILKINSON, CITY SECRETARY