

STATE OF TEXAS)(

COUNTY OF HARDIN)(

CITY OF SILSBEE)(

On this the 16th day of March 2026 at 6:00 p.m. the City Council of the City of Silsbee held a Regular Called Meeting in the Regular Meeting place thereof with the following members being present, in which constituted a quorum:

Mayor Danny Reneau, present
Mayor Pro-Tem William Bass, present
Council Member Tina Holman, present
Council Member Paul Davis, present
Council Member Bruce Kay, present
Council Member Thomas Tyler, present
Council Member Curt Woodard, present
City Manager DeeAnn Zimmerman, present
Assistant City Secretary Brooke Steel, present
City Attorney Solomon Freimuth, present

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL.

Time approximately 6:00 p.m. Mayor Danny Reneau asked for a roll call and stated that a quorum was present.

II. PLEDGE AND INVOCATION.

Pledge led by Mayor Pro-Tem William Bass followed by Prayer.

III. PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATIONS.

Mayor Danny Reneau presented Proclamations for Child Abuse Prevention Month April 2026.

IV. HEARING OF VISITORS.

Cheryl Bean 140 Forest, Kountze, Tx grateful for freedom of speech. Tragic situation but isn't unusual because we have a number of animals out there. Not everyone can pay for spay and neutering. Advises Council, Advocates and vet clinics to work together and come up with a solution.
Mona Moore 260 Pine Street, Silsbee, Tx stated she is not here to bash anyone. The dog in the bag last week that Michella had was mine. Didn't know Josh was going to drown her and the puppies, if I would have known that I would have keep them.

Karen Ainsworth 3005 Sugar Maple, Hardin County pledge says "Justice for all" we the citizens are trying to get justice for these dogs. Who was Josh Nolen's boss and who was their boss? Why was public not allowed in shelter? Why were puppies dead and soaking wet? Mayor you are ultimately responsible, Josh Nolen's boss should be held accountable as well.

Renee Anthony Sims 3801 Pine Tree Ln, Silsbee, Tx things are not being taken care of at the shelter. Advocates are willing to help. Josh was real nice and doesn't think he wanted to do it but was told to do it. Accountability needs to be held.

Susan Lynn 8048 FM 1122 Silsbee, Tx doesn't understand the animosity coming from Council. Cameras need to be put up to catch these people that are dumping animals. Last week you said you were going to talk about if you are a kill or no kill shelter. Josh said he couldn't post pictures because he got in trouble, we are wanting to help and you aren't letting us.

Cresta Rumery 700 Hartman, Silsbee, Tx City has to get help and I have resources to help.

Carrie Romero 4515 Crest Circle, Silsbee, Tx here to speak for the dogs. Had a whole speech but you have cleared up a lot of it. Josh was only charged with a misdemeanor and what he did was a felony.

Michelle Lander 125 Dawn Dr Silsbee, Tx City Attorney I appreciate the effort to address the situation. Not one of you have apologized for the operation of the pound. Josh had a boss; his boss fell short of the job. Now y'all are going to figure out something and hold accountability.

V. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING THE EXPENDITURES FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2026. (City Manager)

Council Member Paul Davis made a Motion to Approve the Expenditures for the Month of March 2026.

Mayor Pro-Tem William Bass Seconded the Motion and was passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.

VI. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 23, 2026, AND MARCH 12, 2026, MEETINGS. (City Manager)

Council Member Curt Woodard made a Motion to Approve the February 23 and March 12, 2026 Meetings.

Council Member Paul Davis Seconded the Motion and was Approved with a unanimous vote of the Council.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS.

- 1. Discussion and Possible Action on Approving Invoice #202601731 from LJA Engineering in the amount of \$673.98 for Engineering Services Rendered for the City of Silsbee GLO-CDR Critical Infrastructure Generators.**
- 2. Discussion and Possible Action on Approving Pay Request #4 in the amount of \$113,047.20 to Experts Underground Solutions, LLC for the 2023 Tx CDBG Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project. (Pine Shadows)**
- 3. Discussion and Possible Action on Approving Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$-7,125.00 to Experts Underground Solutions, LLC for the 2023 Tx CDBG Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project. (Pine Shadows)**
- 4. Discussion and Possible Action on Approving Final Pay Request in the amount of \$42,996.00 to Experts Underground Solutions, LLC for the 2023 Tx CDBG Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project. (Pine Shadows)**
- 5. Discussion and Possible Action on Approving Certificate of Construction Completion for the work completed on the 2023 Tx CDBG Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project (Pine Shadows) by Experts Underground Solutions, LLC.**
- 6. Discussion and Possible Action on Approving Invoice #202607564 from LJA Engineering in the amount of \$667.66 for Engineering Services Rendered for the SCADA 2021 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project.**
- 7. Discussion and Possible Action on Invoice #202607565 from LJA Engineering in the amount of \$471.39 for Engineering Services Rendered for the City of Silsbee GLO-CDR Critical Infrastructure Grant. (Generators)**
- 8. Discussion and Possible Action on Invoice #20260766 from LJA Engineering in the amount of \$83,925.62 for Engineering Services Rendered for the City of Silsbee 2025 Phase I and III Sanitary Sewer Improvements.**

Council Member Paul Davis made a Motion to Approve Consent Items 1 thru 8.

Council Member Tina Holman Seconded the Motion and was passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.

VIII. ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED.

**1. Discussion on Grant Process Questions/Answers.
(Traylor & Associates Melinda Smith)**

Melinda Smith with Traylor & Associates is here based on discussion from January Meeting on how the Grant process works. Work closely with DeeAnn and Kena anytime there is a grant opportunity for the City. Sometimes other cities might get funded and not Silsbee but that is just how it works sometimes when it comes to funding.

**2. Discussion and Possible Action on Approving 2022 TWDB FMA
Drainage Improvement Project. (Traylor & Associates / LEAD)**

Council Member Bruce Kay stated he told Jeff where the problem was that needed to be fixed and then this is proposed and it's taking the easy way out and will never go along with this plan.

Zac with LEAD stated had to pick a project that was less than 1 million.

Council Member Bruce Kay stated this is not fixing the problem and asked Jeff to come to us with more information.

Council Member Paul Davis made a Motion to Table until Next Meeting.

Council Member Thomas Tyler Seconded the Motion and was passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.

**3. Discussion and Possible Action on Approving Certificate of Construction
Completion for the Critical Infrastructure Generators, CDBG-MIT
HMGP Supplemental GLO Project. (Jeff Scogin LJA Engineering)**

Public Works Director Roger Martin addressed.

Council Member Thomas Tyler made a Motion to Approve Certificate of Completion for the Critical Infrastructure Generators Grant.

Council Member Bruce Kay Seconded the Motion and was passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.

**4. Discussion and Possible Action on Approving Pay Request #8 (FINAL) in
the amount of \$99,413.00 to Gulf Coast Electric Co, Inc. for the Critical
Infrastructure Generators, CDBG-MIT HMGP Supplemental GLO
Project. (Jeff Scogin LJA Engineering)**

Public Works Director Roger Martin Addressed.

Council Member Thomas Tyler made a Motion to Approve Pay Request #8 (FINAL) in the amount of \$99,413.00 to Gulf Coast Electric Co, Inc.

Council Member Tina Holman Seconded the Motion and was passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.

**5. Discussion and Possible Action on Policies and Procedures for the Silsbee
Animal Control Facility.**

City Attorney Solomon Freimuth addressed and went over what the policy and procedures would intel now. Resolution ready for next meeting to adopt the Policy and Procedures.

Council Member Thomas Tyler stated possibly looking at putting it under the Police Department.

6. Discussion and Possible Action on Ordinance No. 26-05

**ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SILSBEE, TEXAS,
SUSPENDING THE RATES PROPOSED BY CENTERPOINT
ENERGY RESOURCES CORP., d/b/a CENTERPOINT
ENERGY ENTEX AND CENTERPOINT ENERGY TEXAS GAS
COMPANY'S GAS RELIABILITY INFRASTRUCTURE
PROGRAM FILING MADE WITH THE CITY ON OR ABOUT
FEBRUARY 17, 2026; FINDING THAT THE MEETING
COMPLIES WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING**

OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT, AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(City Attorney)

City Attorney Solomon Freimuth addressed trying to suspend rates for a certain time period.

Council Member Paul Davis made a Motion to Approve Ordinance No. 26-05 and read the caption in full waiving the Second Reading.

Council Member Curt Woodard Seconded the Motion and was passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.

7. Discussion and Possible Action on the 2026 Request for Proposals for Solid Waste Collection Service for the City of Silsbee.

Council Member Curt Woodard stated that we have dropped the ball on this due to other distractions would like to Table until Next Meeting.

8. Discussion and Possible Action on utilizing funds from Special Water & Sewer Improvement fund in the amount of \$8,070.00 to Pumps of Houston, Inc for North Plant. (Public Works Director)

Council Member Paul Davis made a Motion to Approve utilizing Special Water & Sewer Improvement funds in the amount of \$8,070.00 to Pumps of Houston, Inc.

Mayor Pro-Tem William Bass Seconded the Motion and was passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.

9. Discussion and Possible Action on utilizing funds from General Fund Reserve for Contingencies for Invoice #3885 in the amount of \$3,978.91 to CarTech Quality Automotive Repair for City Vehicle Repairs.

Council Member Thomas Tyler made a Motion to Approve using General Fund Reserve for Contingencies funds in the amount of \$3,978.91 to CarTech Quality Automotive Repair.

Council Member Tina Holman Seconded the Motion and was passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.

10. Discussion and Possible Action on Resolution No. 26-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SILSBEE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING A SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SILSBEE, TEXAS AND VEPO, LLC FOR ENVIROTRAX SERVICES. (Public Works Director)

Public Works Director Roger Martin addressed and brought up new information on company.

Council Member Bruce Kay made a Motion to no approve Resolution No. 26-04.

Council Member Curt Woodard Seconded the Motion and was passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.

IX. DISCUSSION ABOUT ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA, SPECIFICALLY LIMITED TO PROPOSALS THAT A SUBJECT BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR A SUBSEQUENT MEETING.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Time approximately 6:20 p.m. Mayor Danny Reneau recessed into Executive Session.

- a. Pursuant to Texas Gov't Code Sect. 551.074(a)(1) to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duty, discipline, or dismissal of a Public Officer or Employee.
- b. Pursuant to Texas Gov't Code Sect. 551.071(1)(A) to consult with City Attorney on pending or contemplated litigation.
- c. Pursuant to Texas Gov't Code Sect. 551.071(2) to consult with City Attorney on a matter in which the duty of the Attorney to the Governmental Body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with

this chapter.

d. Pursuant to Texas Gov't Code Sect. 551.072 to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.

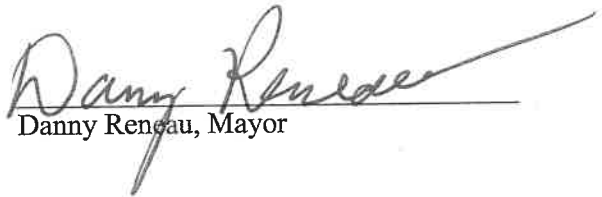
Time approximately 7:12 p.m. Mayor Danny Reneau reconvened into Open Session.

XI. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

XII. ADJOURN.

Time approximately 9:15 p.m. with no further discussion
Council Member Thomas Tyler made a Motion to Adjourn.
Mayor Pro-Tem William Bass Seconded the Motion and was passed with a unanimous vote of the Council.

SIGNED:



Danny Reneau, Mayor

ATTEST:



Brooke Steel, Assistant City Secretary