



City of Danbury
Regular Council Meeting
Minutes
Thursday,
September 17, 2026



Mayor Rocky Hicks
Mayor Pro-Tem Armando Caceres III
Council Member Gordon Hatthorn

Council Member Otha Meador
Council Member Jason Shafer

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCE A QUORUM PRESENT

a. Roll call, Pledge of Allegiance, and Prayer

Mayor Rocky Hicks called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and the following council members and staff were present:

Rocky Hicks	Mayor
Armando Caceres III	Mayor Pro-Tem
Gordon Hatthorn	Council Member
Jason Shafer	Council Member
Otha Meador	Council Member
Tony Berger	Utility Supervisor
Erin Nolan	City Secretary
Lydia Silvas	Finance Officer

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. An opportunity for citizens to address the City Council on matters which are not scheduled for consideration. To address the Council, please sign up for public comment before the start of the meeting. The Texas Open Meetings Act prohibits deliberation by the Council of any subject which is not on the posted agenda, therefore the Council will not be able to discuss or act on items brought up during the citizen's participation.

NONE

III. MAYOR UPDATE

- Office will be closed Monday, September 21, 2026, for Judge Richard Davis's funeral.
- National Night Out will be October 6, 2026, flyer coming soon.

IV. COUNCIL COMMENTS

- a. Comments may be made by Council, but no action taken on the following topics. Those items include expressions of thanks, congratulations or condolence; information on holiday schedules; recognition of public officials, employees or citizens other than employees or officials whose status may be affected by the Council through action; reminders of community events or announcements involving an imminent threat to the public health and safety of the people of the municipality.

NONE

V. STAFF REPORTS

- a. Police Department: 10.6.26 National Night Out , generator at city hall is all ready for test next week, looking at purchasing tasers, and still looking into grant opportunities for radios.
- b. Utility Department: Mit Mod- smoke testing complete waiting on results, Lift Stations and community center generator project has been started
- c. Finance Department: not present at the meeting
- d. City Secretary: building permit update, reimbursement from softball light grant was received in total of \$212,872, BCCA October 21, 2026 in Sweeny, special meeting in November to swear in new council members, codification or ordinances the lawyer reviewed remaining questions and answered them, new website to be up in the next 3 weeks.

VI. Consent Agenda:

1. Consideration of the unaudited financial statements for August 2026.
2. Consideration of Credit Card Statement- 7.18.26-8.18.26
3. Notification of All Bank accounts- available balance as of 9.17.26
4. Consideration of Police Report/Maintenance Log
5. Consideration of Municipal Court Report
6. Consideration of Community Center Report
7. Consideration of Park Report
8. Consideration of Time Report
9. Consideration of Utility Report
10. Consideration of Building/Electrical Inspector Report

11. Consideration of Utility Department Vehicle Report
12. Consideration of meeting minutes 8.20.26
13. Consideration of meeting minutes 9.10.26

Motion by Armando Caceres III and seconded by Jason Shafer to accept the consent agenda as presented.
PASSES

VII. GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Public hearing on Tax rate of 0.366098 per \$100 for Tax Year 2026 .

Public hearing was opened at 6:38 p.m.

No one in the audience wanted to speak about the tax rate.

Public hearing was closed at 6:38 p.m.

2. Discussion and Consideration of Ordinance 26-16 regarding adopting tax rate of 0.366098 per \$100 for Tax Year 2026.

2a. Vote to approve the Maintenance and Operation Tax rate of 0.366098 per \$100 for Tax Year 2026 (Record vote).

Motion by Armando Caceres III and seconded by Gordon Hatthorn to approve the Maintenance and Operation Tax rate of 0.366098 per \$100 for Tax Year 2026.

Yes: Armando Caceres III , Gordon Hatthorn, Otha Meador, and Jason Shafer

No: NONE

Present but not voting: Rocky Hicks.

2b. Vote to approve the Debt Service Tax rate of 0.00000 per \$100 for Tax Year 2026 (Record Vote).

Motion by Armando Caceres III and seconded by Gordon Hatthorn to approve the Debt Service Tax rate of 0.00000 per \$100 for Tax Year 2026.

Yes: Armando Caceres III , Gordon Hatthorn, Otha Meador, and Jason Shafer

No: NONE

Present but not voting: Rocky Hicks.

2c. Vote to approve Tax Rate Ordinance 26-16 with Tax rate of 0.366098 per \$100 for Tax Year 2026 (Record vote).

Motion by Armando Caceres III and seconded by Gordon Hatthorn to approve Tax Rate Ordinance 26-16 with Tax rate of 0.366098 per \$100 for Tax Year 2026.

Yes: Armando Caceres III , Gordon Hatthorn, Otha Meador, and Jason Shafer

No: NONE

Present but not voting: Rocky Hicks.

3. Discussion and Consideration of CD in the amount of \$250,000 at The First State Bank.

Motion by Jason Shafer and seconded by Armando Caceres III not to renew CD in November and move the money to TexPool.

PASSES

4. Discussion and Consideration of ARPA MOU Addendum- moving money from one project to another project resulting in a revised total of \$96,766.42.

Motion by Armando Caceres III and seconded by Jason Shafer to approve the ARPA MOU Addendum- moving money from one project to another project resulting in a revised total of \$96,766.42.

PASSES

5. Discussion and Consideration of letter for the City to pay for \$53,133.58 of the Raw Water Test Well project after the \$96,766.42 ARPA funds have been applied.

Motion by Armando Caceres III and seconded by Otha Meador to approve the letter for the City to pay for \$53,133.58 of the Raw Water Test Well project after the \$96,766.42 ARPA funds have been applied.

PASSES

6. Discussion and Consideration of pricing for non-profit organizations at the community center.

TABLED- Jason will do research and present the information at a later meeting.

7. Discussion and Consideration for the Danbury Volunteer Fire Department to use the community center at no cost on November 14-15, 2026, for training.

TABLED to October 15, 2026 meeting

8. Discussion and Consideration of electrical quotes for softball.

Otha Meador went through the quotes and his visit with the electricians.

Motion By Armando Caceres III and Jason Shafer to approve the SES quote for \$15,292 which includes the surge protection and pay from the fund balance.

After discussion the motion was amended to:

Motion By Armando Caceres III and Jason Shafer to approve the SES quote for \$15,292 which includes the surge protection and not to exceed \$17,000 and pay from the fund balance.

PASSES

Moved to #10

9. Discussion and Consideration of electrical quotes for baseball.

Otha Meador went through the quotes and his visit with the electricians.

Moved back to #8 while Chief looked in email for quote.

Chief was able to find the quote in his email.

Motion by Gordon Hatthorn and seconded by Armando Caceres III to approve the quote form SES for \$31,622 and not to exceed \$33,000 with the funds to be paid from the fund balance.

PASSES

Moved to end meeting

10. Discussion and consideration of Ordinance No. 26-15 declaring each unopposed candidate elected to office and canceling the City's Special Election ordered for November 3, 2026.

Motion by Armando Caceres III and seconded by Gordon Hatthorn to approve Ordinance No. 26-15 declaring each unopposed candidate elected to office and canceling the City's Special Election ordered for November 3, 2026.

PASSES

11. Discussion and Consideration of General Code Questions to submit for next step of the process.

TABLED- October 15, 2026, meeting so that Armando has more time to review.

12. Discussion and Consideration of the Interlocal Agreement with Brazoria County from October 1, 2026- September 30,2027.

Motion by Jason Shafer and seconded by Gordon Hatthorn to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Brazoria County from October 1, 2026- September 30,2027.

PASSES

13. Discussion and Consideration of hiring Jeff Dandendeau as a part time Danbury Police Officer.

Motion by Jason Shafer and seconded by Armando Caceres III to approve hiring Jeff Dandendeau as a part time Danbury Police Officer.

PASSES

Went back to #9

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: not needed

- a. City Council may, as permitted by law, adjourn into executive session at any time to discuss any matter listed if they meet the qualifications in Sections

551.071 (consultation with attorney), 551.072 (deliberation regarding real property), 551.073 (deliberation regarding prospective gift), 551.074 (personnel matters), 551.076 (deliberation regarding security devices or security audits), 551.087 (deliberation regarding economic development negotiations), and 551.089 (deliberation regarding security devices or security audits) of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

**IX. CONSIDER AND TAKE ANY ACTION RESULTING FROM
EXECUTIVE SESSION
NONE**

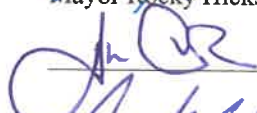
X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

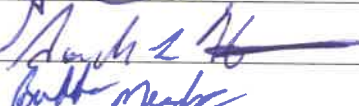
XI. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rocky Hicks adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

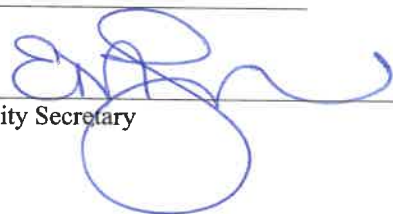


Mayor Rocky Hicks







ATTEST by: 
Erin Nolan, City Secretary