

MINUTES
BALMORHEA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 10, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT: MAYOR JOHN L. DAVIS, IKE WARD, JOY LEWIS

ROSA DOMINGUEZ, JULIE LEWIS, DANNY VASQUEZ III

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

STAFF PRESENT: SANDRA NAVARRETE, RUSSELL MORRIS, LUPE MENDOZA-ABSENT, GREG PERRIN,
ROD PONTON-PHONE

VISTORS: ROBERT SYNDER, KELLIE NAGY, SCOTT VOEGTTINE, BRADLEY MUZECHENKO

1. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Davis at 6:05 pm.
2. Mayor John L. Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Old Business:

1. Julie Lewis made a motion, seconded by Rosa Dominguez to adopt City Council Ordinance of Rules & Procedure 2nd hearing. Motion Carried 5-0.
2. After some discussion Ike Ward made a motion, seconded by Danny Vasquez III to approve revision to Employee Handbook. Motion Carried 5-0.
3. Mayor Davis explained that after several complaints on the drinking in the park and numerous EMS calls that were associated with the individuals that hang around in the park, we need to make some changes to the current park ordinance. If law enforcement decides to work the complaints the city will have an ordinance to back it up. Rosa Dominguez made a motion, seconded by Julie Lewis to 1st reading of the City Park Ordinance. Motion carried 5-0.
4. Rosa Dominguez stated that after the Balmorhea Economic Development Corporation discussed the possibility of relocating their meeting location to the McKnight Building. They decided to remain at the Balmorhea Public Library. The Balmorhea Economic Development Corporation did agree to try to pursue to sell the McKnight Building. Mayor Davis responded that it was fine, but they needed to find out what will happen to the medical. Mrs. Dominguez responded that it was for Mayor Davis to address the medical, since he had a meeting pending on Wednesday. Mrs. Dominguez added that depending on the outcome of Wednesday meeting on the medical issue, this item needs to be addressed again with the city council.

Joy Lewis stated that the purpose of the BDEC is to recruit and promote new business, and we are not doing that. Mayor Davis stated that on the medical side that is considered promoting, because we are trying to bring people in. Anything for the elderly, bring in programs that are free for people that do not have medical insurance or don't have any form of transportation, we will make this possible. Joy Lewis added that she thought that the BEDC was in a good location. Mayor Davis added, it is as long as it is not in a conflict with the people that own the building. No action was taken. Rosa Dominguez made a motion, seconded by Julie Lewis to table Item 4 until actual response from pending meetings. Motion Carried 5-0.

5. Joy Lewis stated on these contracts that a paper trail is always good. Mayor Davis stated that contracts are good but on water leak repairs there is no way you can expect to get one. On any other projects, you can have a contract in place. Joy Lewis added that was not the fact with the tree trimming project on the trees in town. Mayor Davis responded if you look at the work order, it has been 3 months since I put that work order out there. The only reason it hasn't been done is because they have been slacking on the piping downtown, the trees are dead, and dumpster needed to be relocated that is the reason the dumpster sat out there close to the street. This job should of been completed. On the other hand, I understand where you are coming from. Julie Lewis asked the council should we acquire a contract for Corny Reimer to do jobs that our employees can't do it. Joy Lewis added that such things as the tree trimming can go out for bidding. Mayor Davis responded that you will not get anything from anybody, why do you think we got away from Norman & David. We have 3 work orders. David has not completed they have too much stuff going on. But we can do that if you all desire that. Mayor Davis added that the city needs to purchase the equipment to get away from all the bs. No action was taken.

New Business:

1. Kellie Nagy stated that due to Senate Bill 1494 being approved it authorizes the governing body of a political subdivision, other than a county or municipal utility district, to change the date on which it holds its general election to November uniform election date in odd-numbered years no later than December 31, 2025. This would give the City of Balmorhea the opportunity to join in with the Reeves County Elections in November. Mayor Davis stated that if the council decides to contract Reeves County to run the election for the city, it would be cheaper, and the benefit would be that voters can go to one location. City Clerk asked Ms. Nagy if they decided to move the election for November the council would remain on a 2-year term. Ms. Nagy responded yes. Julie Lewis made a motion seconded by Rosa Dominguez to move elections from May to the November election. Motion Carried 5-0. Ike Ward made a motion, seconded by Danny Vasquez III to contract with Reeves County to work the city elections and share

the election cost with the other entities. Motion Carried 5-0.

2. Joy Lewis requested a correction to item C under reports from an 80-hour week to an 80-hour pay period. Rosa Dominguez made a motion, seconded by Ike Ward to approve minutes with corrections for October 14, 2025. Motion Carried 5-0.
3. Ike Ward made a motion, seconded by Danny Vasquez to approve bills and adjustments as presented. Motion Carried 5-0.

4. Reports

A. ESD 1&2 Report was read by Robert Snyder.

B. Balmorhea Volunteer Fire Department did not submit a report or representation.

C. City Clerk had no report but stated that there was an individual in the audience that is new in town and wanted to introduce himself to the city council.

Bradley Muzechenko stated he had moved to the area around 4 years ago and lives in Precinct 3 and is running for the Justice of the Peace office in the Precinct. He stated he has been in public service since he was 17 years old in EMS and fire in the Houston area. Mr. Muzechenko stated he and his wife who works with the ESD are interested in buying land here in Balmorhea. Mr. Muzechenko added he had applied for the Constable position but was not picked for the first round.

Mayor Davis stated it doesn't matter what position you take, we need good people that do it for the right reasons. Mr. Muzechenko added that one of the things that brought him down here is that it's almost like southeast Texas. If anyone needs his services, he is still licensed as an EMT & firefighter.

D. Russell Morris stated he had passed his water license test. That was to get a Class C license ground water operator. Mr. Morris added that he had renewed his wastewater license. Mayor Davis stated that Mr. Morris reach out to the lowest estimate and get the tank inspection scheduled to be done in December. Mr. Morris requested that the city purchase new Christmas lights versus trying to fix or replace the non-lighting strings due to the processes being time consuming. Mayor Davis responded that the installation of the lights was running kind of late, and if Jeanette must come in to help, we can do that. We started too late and this is why you are in a bind. We need to use what we have and try to go solar next year. Fix what you can and then we will go from there.

E. Rosa Dominguez stated BEDC had no update.

5. After some discussion Julie Lewis stated that Danny continues to shop around for

vehicles and reach out to the dealerships that gave him the estimates and check to see if they are members of Sourcewell or any other cooperative programs. Ike Ward made a motion, seconded by Julie Lewis to table item 5 until research is complete and will place it back on the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.


6. City Clerk stated once these accounts are closed the remaining funds will be transferred to the water account. Rosa Dominguez made a motion, seconded by Danny Vasquez III to close accounts-CRG Loan Reserve & USDA Water Improvement. Motion Carried 5-0.

7. Mayor Davis stated that the city will continue to look for other better options. Joy Lewis added that since the city has contacts in Ft. Stockton and in Pecos we need to reach out and see if they are interested in our business. It would not hurt to start those conversations going with these cities. City Clerk stated that with this process of trying to find other options the city needs a true count of the number of dumpsters that are really needed for the size of the town and have statistics when the council goes out to have those conversations. Also, illegal dumping has become a problem. There have been numerous complaints from residents on people from the surroundings coming in and using our dumpsters. So maybe eliminating some of the extra dumpsters will stop illegal dumping. Danny Vasquez III asked if the city had notified the residents of these changes and the City Clerk yes, the water operator did reach out and advise the residents affected. If this becomes a problem over time, if a lack of dumping room happens for the residents, we can go back and put the dumpsters back.

8. Mayor Davis stated that the city is not ready to make an unloading and loading pad at the roll-off currently. No action was taken.

9. Danny Vasquez III made a motion, seconded by Julie Lewis to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 pm. Motion Carried 5-0.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 8 DAY OF DECEMBER 2025.


JOHN L. DAVIS, MAYOR


SANDRA NAVARRETE, CITY CLERK