

**MINUTES  
BALMORHEA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 9 ,2025**

**MEMBERS PRESENT: MAYOR JOHN L. DAVIS, IKE WARD, ROSA DOMINGUEZ,  
JULIE LEWIS, JOY LEWIS**

**MEMBERS ABSENT: DANNY VASQUEZ III**

**STAFF PRESENT: SANDRA NAVARRETE, GREG PERRIN, RUSSELL MORRIS,  
LUPE MENDOZA.**

**VISTORS: ROBERT SYNDER, SYLVIA INIGUEZ**

1. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Davis at 7:06 pm.
2. Mayor John L. Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Rose Dominguez made a motion, seconded by Julie Lewis to approve minutes for May 12, 2025 & June 2, 2025. Motion Carried 4-0.
4. Ike Ward made a motion, seconded by Rosa Dominguez to approve bills and adjustments as presented. Motion Carried 4-0.
5. Reports
  - A. ESD 1&2 report was presented by Robert Snyder. Mr. Snyder stated that the contractors, Christensen Brothers have delayed the construction project for the new station for approximately 2 years. The completion dateline given was June 13<sup>th</sup>. If not completed by dateline, at that time there will be separation of that contractor. The contractor that is building Station 4 will then have to come in and finalize the construction at Station 3. Mr. Snyder added that basically all that was pending is the plumbing.
  - B. The City Clerk reminded the council about quarterly TML meeting that will be hosted in Midland on June 20, 2025. If anyone is interested, please inform her to submit registration and payment. Julie Lewis, Ike Ward and Greg Perrin stated they would be attending.
  - C. Russell Morris reported he had a deadline of June 11<sup>th</sup> to get public notices out. Mr. Morris added he had submitted 2 of the public notices that will clear 5 of the violations. All paperwork has been sent certified to the TCEQ team. Mr. Morris stated that he just found out that as of June 1 , 2025 there will be finger printing for

criminal background history. Mr. Morris stated he would have to put in his application for a C license and get an appointment for the finger printing and submit to TCEQ. Once TCEQ gives him the ok then he will go take his test for the C water license. Mayor Davis stated if all this is going to tie you up on the computer, you need to come into the office and get it done. We need to start working on reports and keep reports in this office. Mr. Morris added that the CCR report had been mailed with the May bills. Changes to the Lead & Copper sample addresses were also submitted to TCEQ. Mr. Morris stated the RAFA that runs the SCADA system was bought out and they been collapsing the system. They are running on a skeleton crew. Emails are not being sent out or updating the system and if there is an issue there is no one to contact. Bill with Prestige will give us contact information for other companies, because if there is a power outage at the well it is not being reported. Mayor Davis stated that the way the system has been monitored for years is for the water operator to go out and check well physically when the weather gets bad. There was no benefit to have put the generator in if the box was not put in to automatically turn the generator on. Mr. Morris added that due to lack of experience or knowledge the pump house here in town was not affected when the power outage occurred, so he didn't think to go out to the well. Mayor Davis added, when the system gets up and running, we need to have it alert the office and cell phones when issues happen at well. Mr. Morris stated that the city is only charging \$500 to downsize a water meter from a 2" to a ¾ and the city is losing money. Mayor Davis added that the city will continue to lose money for a while because we are taking baby steps. It should only take the employees a short time to install. Corny picks parts on his way to the job, he does not have time to wait on ordered parts. Mr. Morris the parts that are required to do the downsize is what are expensive. These are parts that required to get the job done. It doesn't matter where you buy them the cost continues to increase throughout time. Mayor Davis stated we have just increased the sewer fee, and we need to wait to make any changes to any other fees. Rosa Dominguez asked if work orders have been changed. Mayor Davis responded, work orders will not be changed. Joy Lewis asked if the employees are going to start recording mileage on the work orders. Mayor Davis added that once the systems get changed out on the pickups it will give you that information. Once a spot gets cleared back behind the office and we store the mowers and weed eaters there will be a check out list for the equipment. Julie Lewis added she would like to start a list or audit of the inventory. Mayor Davis stated that the skid steer rental would be arriving in the morning. Mr. Morris responded, he was not ready for it. Mayor Davis added Corny can use it if needed. Mayor Davis stated that from this point forward there will not be 2 employees out at the same time. If one employee is going to be out the other must work.

D. Rosa Dominguez reported that the BEDC had not had a meeting. McKnight floor project will start in July.

E. Rosa Dominguez stated that Memorial Day Weekend Event went well. Post event

analysis and expenditure report were presented.

6. Ike Ward made a motion, seconded by Rosa Dominguez to consider amendment to Texas Disposal Contract 07/2025-07/2027 to extend the contract 3 additional months for convenience of budget process. Motion carried 4-0.
7. Sylvia Iniguez had requested to close Lyric Lane Street last month to have a private party and was approved by council. This month this agenda item was re-sent to request a larger portion of the street to be closed due to RV parking. Rosa Dominguez made motion, seconded by Julie Lewis to approve closure of portion of Lyric Lane St. On June 20, 2025, for RV parking and private party. Motion carried 4-0. (Joy Lewis left-8:18pm)
8. Mayor Davis explained that the City of Balmorhea would start taking possession of the health and safety inspections in Balmorhea as of July 2025. Mayor Davis added that the City of Balmorhea will start by sending a letter to all businesses to notify them of these changes that are going to happen. Permits will start being issued here and we will be following State of Texas Health Safety Code. Reeves County will meet with the City of Balmorhea and give us paperwork to get started in July 2025. Memorial Day and Labor Day health permit will be issued with the Balmorhea Event Committee. Rosa Dominguez stated she will send all vendors information on the health permit. Rosa Dominguez made a motion, seconded by Julie Lewis to consider Health and Safety Inspection Process. Motion Carried 3-0.
9. Ike Ward made a motion, seconded by Rosa Dominguez to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 pm. Motion Carried 3-0.

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 14 DAY OF JULY, 2025.**



JOHN L. DAVIS, MAYOR



SANDRA NAVARRETE, CITY CLERK