

## MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

THE 1898<sup>th</sup> REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS HELD IN CITY HALL, 710 EAST SAN AUGUSTINE STREET, DEER PARK, TEXAS ON APRIL 21, 2026 AT 7:30 P.M.

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

JERRY MOUTON	MAYOR
SHERRY GARRISON	COUNCILWOMAN
TJ HAIGHT	COUNCILMAN
TOMMY GINN	COUNCILMAN
JUSTIN LEAGUE	COUNCILMAN
RON MARTIN	COUNCILMAN
GEORGETTE FORD	COUNCILWOMAN

### OTHER CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:

JAMES STOKES	CITY MANAGER
SARA COSTLOW	ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
JIM FOX	CITY ATTORNEY
ANGELA SMITH	CITY SECRETARY

SEC 551.127 VIDEO CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE - Not used.

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Mouton called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

INVOCATION - The invocation was given by Councilwoman Ford.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Councilman Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and the Texas Flag.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE - Cheryl Crawford, 906 North Kaufman, spoke in opposition regarding a proposed alternative housing resource at 822 North Kaufman, located within a residential area, and the proximity to her registered childcare business at her home.

### TAX PAYER IMPACT STATEMENT

*House Bill 1522, passed by the 89th Texas Legislature, amends section 551.043 of the Texas Government Code to require that the notice of a meeting required to be posted under section 551.043(a) of the Texas Open Meetings Act, at which a governmental body will discuss or adopt a budget for the governmental body, must include a taxpayer impact statement showing, for the median-valued homestead property, a comparison of the property tax bill in dollars pertaining to the property for the current fiscal year to an estimate of the property tax bill in dollars for the same property for the upcoming fiscal year.*

*CITY OF DEER PARK - TAXPAYER IMPACT STATEMENT*

<i>Description</i>	<i>FY 2024-2025 Adopted Tax Rate</i>	<i>FY 2025-2026 Adopted Tax Rate</i>	<i>FY 2025-2026 No New Revenue Rate</i>
<i>Tax Rate per \$100 Valuation</i>	<i>\$0.720000</i>	<i>\$0.720000</i>	<i>\$0.685560</i>
<i>Median Taxable Value Homestead</i>	<i>\$193,254.00</i>	<i>\$198,618.00</i>	<i>\$198,618.00</i>
<i>Estimated Annual Tax Bill</i>	<i>\$ 1,391.43</i>	<i>\$ 1,430.05</i>	<i>\$ 1,361.65</i>

PRESENTATIONS

1. PRESENTATION AND RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK, APRIL 19-25, 2026. - Police Chief Greg Grigg reported that the Deer Park Citizen’s Police Academy Alumni Association (DPCPAAA) and Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) contributed 3,766 volunteer hours in 2025, more than double the 2024 total, volunteers support various Police Department functions and charity events. Chief Grigg acknowledged the Deer Park Citizen’s Police Academy Alumni Association for their assistance at the 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas Police Chiefs Association Golf Tournament in Corpus Christi, TX. The president of the association gave the Deer Park Citizen’s Police Academy Alumni Association volunteers praise for their efforts.

Mayor Mouton recognized April 19-25, 2026 as National Volunteer Appreciation Week.

2. PRESENTATION OF THE 2025 ACHIEVEMENT OF EXCELLENCE IN LIBRARIES AWARD. - Library Director Rebecca Pool spoke in regards to the 2025 Achievement of Excellence in Libraries Award, noting that the Texas Municipal Library Directors Association awarded the Deer Park Library this recognition. Ms. Pool further noted that the Deer Park Library has received the award for fourteen (14) consecutive years and that staff work diligently each year to meet the program requirements.

Mayor Mouton recognized Library Director Rebecca Pool and the Library Staff for receiving the 2025 Achievement of Excellence in Libraries Award.

3. PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK 2026. - Library Director Rebecca Pool announced that it was National Library week April 19-25, 2026, noting the week recognizes the services libraries provide to the community and the ongoing efforts of library staff. Ms. Pool stated that the Deer Park Library offers education opportunities and programs for all ages.

Mayor Mouton recognized and proclaimed April 19-25, 2026 as National Library Week 2026.

CONSENT CALENDAR - Motion was made by Councilman Ginn and seconded by Councilman Haight to approve the consent calendar as follows:

4. APPROVAL OF THE WORKSHOP AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 7, 2026.

Motion carried 7 to 0.

NEW BUSINESS


5. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 WATER & SEWER FUND BUDGET FOR THE ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE (AMI) PROJECT. - After a proposed ordinance was read by caption, motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilwoman Ford to adopt Ordinance No. 4693.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2025-2026 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS, AND APPROPRIATING THE SUMS SET UP THEREIN TO THE OBJECTS AND PURPOSES THEREIN NAMED. (Water & Sewer fund budget for the advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) Project.)


Motion carried 7 to 0.

ADJOURN - Mayor Mouton adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
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Angela Smith, TRMC, CMC  
City Secretary

APPROVED:

  
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Jerry Mouton, Jr.  
Mayor

