

**Town of Bayside
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2026**

1. Call to Order

Mayor Sharon Scott called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by a Silent Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

Mayor Sharon Scott, Mayor Pro Tem David Vega and Councilmembers Place II Barbara Gray, Place III Sandra Haley, Place IV Daniel Molina, and Place V Steven Nix were present.

3. Presentation and Information on Refugio County Aquifer Levels, Refugio Groundwater Conservation District

Tim Andress, General Manager for the Refugio Ground Water Conservation District (RGWCD), gave a presentation on the mission of the RGWCD, their organizational structure, and how they carry out their responsibilities and protect the water rights of property owners. Mr. Andress also discussed the Gulf Coast Aquifer conditions in Refugio County, explained their monitoring program and incentives, and answered questions from the Council and citizens present.

4. Discuss/Consider/Act on the Refugio Groundwater Conservation District monitoring the quality of Bayside's water wells

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. Councilmember Haley made a motion to enter into an agreement with the Refugio Groundwater Conservation District monitoring the quality of Bayside's water wells. Councilmember Nix seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Items by Citizens

Ken Dahl signed up to speak on "Economic". He gave his opinion of how the Economic Development Foundation has helped Bayside and asked that someone put funding them back on the agenda.

Tim Delaney signed up to speak on "Thanks". When called on, he said he passed and to go ahead.

6. Discuss/Consider/Act on approving minutes from the Regular Meeting on June 9, 2026, the Workshop on June 22, 2026

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. Councilmember Haley made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on June 9th and the Workshop on June 22nd. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Discuss/Consider/Act on approving paying new expenses/bills

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. Councilmember Nix moved we pay the bills. Councilmember Haley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Discuss/Consider/Act on approving building permits, temporary construction

trailer/mobile home permits, electrical permits, culvert permits, and permit extensions

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. The first permit was for an addition to an existing building at 305 Paisano and a temporary construction/RV permit. The setbacks have not been verified. Councilmember Gray made a motion to approve the permits pending setback verification and the fee has to be paid. Councilmember Molina seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The second permit was for an addition to an existing building at 634 Fourth Street. After a short discussion on the square footage not being correct and the setbacks not being checked, Councilmember Gray motioned to approve pending setback verification, the fees being paid, and the square footage being changed. Councilmember Nix seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The final permit was for a fence at 503 First Street. The setbacks have not been checked and the fees have not been paid. Councilmember Nix moved we approve the fence permit for First Street pending setbacks and fees. Councilmember Haley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Discuss/Consider/Act on approving a resolution by the Town Council of the Town of Bayside requesting financial participation from the Texas Water Development Board; authorizing the filing of an application for financial participation; and making certain findings in connection therewith

Mary Afuso, Director of Planning and Economic Development, was present. She addressed items 9, 10, and 11. The Council of Governments (COG) received a grant to fund a wastewater assessment for the Town of Bayside. They are coming today to have the COG on our behalf submit a grant for six million dollars. She explained they have to have approval from the Council to apply for us. Keenan Woods, with the COG, explained there is an application and six or seven pieces and the Water Conservation Plan that have to be passed. The application deadline is July 30th. Ms. Afuso informed Council they want to get it submitted by the 28th. She briefly explained the Water Conservation Plan. Councilmember Nix moved we approve a resolution by the Town Council of the Town of Bayside requesting financial participation from the Texas Water Development Board; authorizing the filing of an application for financial participation; and making certain findings in connection therewith. Councilmember Molina seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Ms. Afuso explained they would handle the administration of the grant not to exceed the allowable amount.

10. Discuss/Consider/Act on a resolution authorizing participation in an interlocal agreement with the Coastal Bend Council of Governments for the preparation and submission of an application to the Texas Water Development Board Water Supply and Infrastructure Grants Program; authorizing participation in the grant program if selected; authorizing the Mayor to execute all necessary documents; and providing for related matters

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11. Discuss/Consider/Act on approving a Town of Bayside Water Conservation Plan

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. After a brief discussion, Councilmember Haley made a motion to approve the Town of Bayside Water Development Conservation Plan with one amendment to include the most recent water boil notice. Councilmember Nix seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

12. Discuss/Consider/Act that all and any adjustments (changes, corrections, etc) made to water/sewer utilities or municipal court be presented to Council for approval before any adjustments are made

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. Mayor Pro Tem Vega put this on the agenda. He informed Council in March the auditor came to us and addressed the findings. It's a small community. We have family and friends. Some funds were being - we as a Council have to be responsible for any loss. All adjustments have to be approved. There was a discussion on water leaks being brought to Council, and several citizens commented they have been at meetings where adjustments were approved. Mayor Scott read from the minutes of the May 14, 2019 meeting where the Council gave the Mayor permission to approve adjustments for overread meters and billing issues. There was a discussion on Mayor Pro Tem Vega wanting to change this, the Mayor having an order that she can approve some adjustments, payments posted to the wrong account by mistake, and Mayor Pro Tem Vega claiming there was a loss of \$33,000. Municipal Court Judge Emi Riemenschneider addressed the Council. On the Municipal Court, this is the first she has heard of the auditor's report. She asked Mayor Pro Tem Vega for clarification on adjustments. He replied about a check he had signed. Judge Riemenschneider stopped him because of the confidentiality of court cases. She stated she wished he had contacted her prior to this meeting. Due to confidentiality, we are not allowed to discuss cases. It is discussed in court proceedings. She cited Local Government Code 201.005 (b) A local government officer or employee does not have, by virtue of the officer's or employee's position, any personal or property right to a local government record even though the officer or employee developed or compiled it. Her recommendation before any action is taken was for Councilmember Vega to reach out to the local attorney because we are talking about confidentiality. Find out how we should approach this. How should we address this based on confidentiality? Councilmember Gray made a motion to table this until David Vega reaches out to the attorney about this. Councilmember Nix seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Vega opposed. The motion carried.

13. Discuss/Consider/Act on approving the discount rates for the 2026 tax collections

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. The discounts are three percent if paid in October, two percent if paid in November, one percent if paid in December, and split-payments of taxes. A person who pays one-half of the unit's taxes before December 1, may pay the remaining one-

half of the taxes without penalty or interest before July 1 of the following year. Councilmember Haley made a motion to approve the discount rates for the 2026 tax collections. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

14. Discuss/Consider/Act on the Interlocal Assistance Agreement for Animal Control by and between the County of Refugio and the Town of Bayside

Mayor Scott read the agenda item and informed Council it is the same cost as last year \$4,692.00. It is due on or before September 1, 2026, and he has been coming to town some. Councilmember Nix moved that we approve it. Councilmember Haley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

15. Discuss/Consider/Act on repairing rotten boards on pier

Mayor Scott read the agenda item and informed Council there are rotten boards on the pier. Councilmember Molina made a motion to repair the rotten boards on the pier. Councilmember Haley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

16. Discuss/Consider/Act on authorizing the Mayor to contact the Town Attorney about Park Funds

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. Councilmember Nix moved to authorize the Mayor to contact the Town Attorney about mixing the park funds. Councilmember Molina seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

17. Discuss/Consider/Act stop signs need to be replaced at Black Point/West, Salt Flat/West, Copano/Egery

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. Councilmember Gray informed Council these are not there anymore. One is missing on Fourth and Park. A lot of signs are not there around Town. She understands the poles and signs are at the maintenance department. Ken Dahl input. We don't have breakaway posts. Councilmember Gray started to make a motion to take an inventory of town and was told that is not what is on the agenda. Councilmember Gray made a motion to replace stop signs at Black Point/West, Salt Flat/West, and Copano/Egery. Councilmember Nix seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

18. Discuss/Consider/Act on generator hookups at the Community Center and Well 4

Mayor Scott read the agenda item and informed Council the generators are still not hooked up. Councilmember Haley made a motion to proceed with hooking up the generators at the community center and well 4. Mayor Pro Tem Vega input. It's hooked up. Mayor Scott responded. Brandon told her it wasn't hooked up. After a discussion, Councilmember Haley revised her motion to get it hooked up on well 4 and on the community center we have someone come in and get it where it works. Mayor Pro Tem Vega seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

19. Discuss/Consider/Act on setting a workshop date to discuss the 2026-2027 budget

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. After a brief discussion, Councilmember Haley made a motion to set a workshop for August 10th for the 2026/2027 budget at one o'clock. Councilmember Nix seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

20. Discuss status of the required FEMA Courses for elected officials

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. She announced elected officials are required to take the FEMA 100 and 700 courses. We have persons on the Council who haven't taken them. There was input from a citizen that they don't have to take them. Judge Riemenschneider input. It is her understanding, if we have a disaster and FEMA comes in, you could possibly lose your funding if you haven't taken them.

21. Discuss/Consider/Act on declaring the Scag Zero Turn mower, Hustler Zero Turn mower, and the Rhino 6' shredder as surplus property

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. Mayor Pro Tem Vega informed her the shredder was not a Rhino. After a short discussion, Councilmember Haley made a motion to table until we have the correct items. Councilmember Nix seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

22. Discuss/Consider/Act Received a Resident complaint -Please fix the walking track in the park – this was investigated and the price received from Tex Mix Paving out of Corpus., Was approx. \$ 35,000. We will continue to look for additional options.

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. Councilmember Gray input because it is so expensive, she was thinking to purchase asphalt and tar and do it ourselves. Councilmember Haley made a motion to take no action. Mayor Pro Tem Vega seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

23. Discuss/Consider/Act Council Received a Resident complaint in writing-sewage backup on their property

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. Councilmember Gray informed Council she received an email about this problem and wasn't sure what to do. Terry Gray input to continued repairing manholes and repairing cleanouts that are open that drain into the sewer system.

Councilmember Gray made a motion that we continue to repair manholes that we are doing right now. Mayor Scott input. But this agenda item is just for a resident. Councilmember Nix moved we take no action because we've discussed it. We are working on manhole recovery. We probably need to look into this getting the 4" caps. I don't know if we are going to have to come up with an ordinance to require it or go in there and maybe in the future, we can start looking at how many open cleanouts there are and start taking some kind of action. Mayor Pro Tem Vega input. We discussed that, that we repair them and after that it would be the homeowners. Councilmember Gray seconded his motion. The motion carried unanimously.

24. Discuss/Consider/Act Revisit Resident request for help with his water bill—Erasmus Mottley (if not resolved)

Mayor Scott read the agenda item and informed Council this was resolved. He didn't pay it and it was cut off in a timely manner. Councilmember Gray inquired. He hasn't come back into the office to ask for his water to be turned back on? The response was no.

Councilmember Gary made a motion to take no action. Councilmember Molina seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

25. Discuss/Consider/Act Consider changing Brandon (maintenance dept) to a full time Employee

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. After a brief discussion, Councilmember Grey made a motion to ask him if he would like to be full-time. Councilmembers inquired if anyone had talked to him. No one has. It was pointed out this agenda item was to change him to a full-time employee. Councilmember Nix made a motion to take no action. Councilmember Molina seconded the motion. Councilmember Gray opposed. The motion carried.

26. Discuss/Consider/Act Rick McMahan requesting easement be incorporated into his property

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. Councilmember Gray input this has been going on for three years and the easement is being maintained by him. Mayor Scott responded. The Council never voted to close that street. There was a discussion on what the Planning Commission had recommended, that the Council never voted to close it, Mr. McMahan coming to the Council and the Planning Commission, and him being under the impression with Charmaine it was going through. Mr. McMahan informed Council without the easement the property is useless. There was a short discussion on squatter's rights. Councilmember Gray moved to take no action. Councilmember Nix seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

27. Discuss/Consider/Act Council Members should receive a copy of the maintenance dept work schedule and job responsibilities when they receive theirs

Mayor Scott read the agenda item and announced we do not have a work schedule. Councilmember Gray responded she thought maintenance was getting a list of job requirements. Mayor Scott responded. I give them things that they need to do but it's not a schedule. I give it to Mike because Mike is their supervisor, and then he has to make sure that they do that. I still have some that are outstanding that have not been done. They're still working on some of them. That's not really a work schedule. It's more of an assignment that they need to do. Councilmember Gray commented. The problem is that, if I drive around town myself looking to see if maintenance is working or what they're doing, or if I see one them off to the side not doing something, it's not really clear what the maintenance department is supposed to be working on. As the City Council, we should know what projects they are supposed to be accomplishing in that week or that month or that day. Mayor Scott responded. I have some in the office. If you'd like me to make you a copy of what I give to Mike, or you can come in and look at them, whichever one you prefer or anybody on the Council, if you want to, it's there. If there's anything that you see or that the Councilmembers sees that needs to be done, you can come in and I'll write it up. Councilmember Nix moved we take no action. Mayor Pro Tem Vega seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

28. Discuss/Consider/Act Open a new Bank account for the Park Dept Budget. To be Deposited into at the start of every fiscal year. (\$4000) and to remain in this account to grow for purposes of maintenance, repairs, and improvements.

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. After a short discussion, Councilmember Nix moved to take no action. It's too specific. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

29. Discuss/Consider/Act Revisit approving the name change from Cooke Street to Downs Street

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. Councilmember Gray input this had come to Council. Mayor Scott responded. It's been voted on not to change it. After a discussion, Councilmember Molina made a motion to take no action. Councilmember Haley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

30. Discuss/Consider/Act Look into the condition of the water pipe by the firehouse (Mike has exact location) that needs to be sleeved before it breaks.

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. She informed Council we have this in our grant application. Councilmember Nix moved to take no action since we have it in the grant application. Mayor Pro Tem Vega seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

31. Discuss/Consider/Act Add funding onto the budget for maintaining the streets and coverts

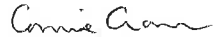
Mayor Scott read the agenda item. After a short discussion Mayor Pro Tem Vega made a motion to take no action. Councilmember Molina seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

32. Adjournment

Councilmember Nix made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Haley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Connie Cramer
City Secretary