

**CITY OF LYFORD
REGULAR CITY MEETING
August 10, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.**

**LYFORD CITY HALL
13550 MAIN AVENUE
LYFORD, TX 78569**

NOTE: If during the course of the meeting, any discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in executive or closed session, the city commission will convene in such executive or closed session whether or not such item is posted as an executive session item at any time during the meeting when authorized by the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act.

AGENDA

The following represents the actions taken by the Lyford City Commissioners in the order they occurred during the City Commissioners meeting.

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Mayor Pablo Morales

Commissioner Leticia “Letty” de la Paz

Mayor Pro-Tem Lucio Esparza III

Commissioner Michael Sanchez

Vacancy

Commissioner Leticia Salinas

IV. Public Hearing: Final public hearing regarding the City of Lyford's completed Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) Community Resiliency Program (CRP) Contract No. 70800001005, funded by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs in the amount of \$5,000,000.00, which provided the Lyford Resiliency Center, to review and comment on program performance and actual use of funds.

V. Public Comments: A person intending to address the governing body may speak at a scheduled meeting of the governing body following registration with the presiding clerk, prior to the scheduled meeting. A registered speaker may not exceed 3 minutes when addressing the Board regarding an agenda item.

VI. Presentations:

- Discuss and consider approval of the Master Mutual Aid Agreement with the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council; presentation by Cesar Merla and Angel Salinas.
- Presentation by Rick Margo and Ceilhy Garcia from Texas A&M Health, on the Diabetes Education Program, Texas A&M Health, regarding their diabetes education program.
- Presentation by Willacy County Commissioner Henry de la Paz regarding an update on the Simo Pump Station project, funded by the Texas Water Development Board.

VII. Consent Agenda: (All consent agenda items are considered routine by the Board and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Board member requests that an item be removed and considered separately.)

- a. Approval of utility billing adjustments through July 31, 2026

- b. Approval monthly bills and any grant payment requests.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Mayor Pablo Morales

City Administrator Tony Chavez

City Secretary Ana K. Martinez

(A) Fire Department- Chief Ben Vera

(B) Municipal Court- Judge Juan Salinas

(C) Police Department- Chief Marc Garcia

(D) Public Works- Jorge Galvan

(E) Water/Wastewater Departments- Jesse Gonzales, Water Operator

GENERAL FUNCTION:

1. Discussion and possible action regarding a proposal from Willacy County Commissioner Henry de la Paz (Precinct 3) to allow use of a designated area of City-owned land near the Wastewater Treatment Plant for brush-only burning, with permits issued through Commissioner de la Paz's office to residents of Lyford and Precinct 3
2. Discuss and consider approval of requests from Lyford CISD regarding the 2026 football season and homecoming festivities: (1) temporary closure of a section of Bulldog Blvd. (from the east corner of Simon Gomez Blvd./Bulldog Blvd. to immediately west of the District's maintenance/bus barn entrances and the Lyford Elementary School circle drive) for varsity home football games on September 17, September 25, October 9, and October 23, 2026; (2) permission to conduct the annual homecoming bonfire on October 8, 2026, as an exception to the City ordinance prohibiting open burning; and (3) temporary closure of streets for the homecoming parade route (High School Circle, Oleander Avenue, Main Street, Park Avenue, Bulldog Avenue, and Simon Gomez Blvd.)
3. Discuss and consider (1) authorizing the creation and advertisement of a new, full-time Police Investigator position, with full benefits; and take any necessary action.
4. Discussion and action to designate Tony Chavez, City Administrator, to perform the Truth-in-Taxation calculations and complete all required notices and postings for the City of Lyford's 2026 tax rate.
5. Discuss and consider approval of the first reading of an ordinance amending the City of Lyford Garbage / Trash Collection rates and ordinances, setting new service fees for residential and small commercial units, and setting an effective date of September 1, 2026.
6. Discussion and action acknowledging receipt of the 2026 Certified Appraisal Roll for the City of Lyford from the Willacy County Appraisal District.
7. Discussion and possible action regarding a request for a building permit and variance/exception from lot requirements under Building Permit Ordinance No. 13-12-16, to allow an existing structure

to remain on the residential property located at 13315 9th St., Lyford, TX.

8. Discussion and approval of training and travel for the following: (1) City Secretary Ana K. Martinez to attend the WOW-E 2026 Summit, September 9–10, 2026, in Dallas, Texas — travel and conference costs sponsored, with the City providing per diem only; (2) Water Operator Jesse Gonzales to attend the TRWA Customer Service Inspector (CSI) & Cross-Connection Control (CCC) course, September 9–10, 2026, in Harlingen, Texas, at a cost of \$400.00 (member rate); and (3) the City's Code Enforcement Officer to attend the Code Enforcement Association of Texas training, August 20–21, 2026, in McAllen, Texas, at a cost of \$200.00.
9. Discussion and possible action to obtain quotes for a City of Lyford sign and to designate a possible location for its placement.
10. Discussion and action to approve a budget of \$10,000.00 for a Winter Festival to be held on December 12, 2026, at the Lyford Sports Complex.
11. Discussion and action regarding the ongoing progress of construction at the Resiliency Center.

VIII. Adjournment

Witness my hand and seal this 4th day of August, 2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ana K. Martinez", written over a horizontal line.

Ana K. Martinez, City Secretary