

Regular City Council Meeting
Thursday, August 6, 2026, at 6:00 PM

Minutes

The Aledo City Council convened on Thursday, August 6, 2026, at 06:00 PM, in the Aledo Council Chambers, Aledo Municipal Complex, 200 Old Annetta Road, Aledo, Texas, for the purpose of a Regular Meeting, with the meeting being open to the public and notice of said meeting having been posted as prescribed by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, with the following members being present:

Council Present Mayor Shane Davis
Mayor Pro Tem Summer Jones
Councilmember Ben Clark
Councilmember Todd Covington
Councilmember Matthew Poston
Councilmember Melanie Allen

Staff Present Candice Edmondson, City Manager
Staci L. King, City Secretary
Alicia K. Kreh, City Attorney

1. Call to Order

Mayor Shane Davis called the meeting to order at 06:00 p.m.

2. Invocation

Councilmember Ben Clark led the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Shane Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag.

4. Citizen Appearances

No one came forward to address the Council.

5. Consent Agenda

a. Approve Meeting Minutes

i. July 16, 2026 Work Session

ii. July 16, 2026 Regular Meeting

MOTION by Todd Covington, second by Matthew Poston, to approve the consent agenda as presented. MOTION PASSED by unanimous vote.

6. Regular Agenda

a. **Consider approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Friends of the Aledo Public Library and the Aledo Public Library.**

Erika Cooper-Bateman, Director of Community Services, presented the item to Council. The intent of the proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to strengthen collaboration and ensure a clear understanding of how the organizations will work together to benefit the library and the community. Cathy Mason, Friends of the Aledo Public Library, was in attendance to answer questions.

Council engaged in extensive discussion regarding the proposed MOU and the relationship between the Library and the Friends organization. Ms. Mason responded to questions from Council regarding the Friends organization and its operations.

After Council discussion, City Manager Candice Edmondson suggested that staff bring back a revised version that included language regarding linking initiatives to the Library's Strategic Plan, references to the existing Library policies, and clarity on material versus monetary donations.

MOTION by Todd Covington, second by Ben Clark, to table the Memorandum of Understanding. MOTION PASSED by unanimous vote.

b. **Consider approval and adoption of the 2026 Certified Tax Roll (Fiscal Year 2027/Tax Year 2026)**

Candice Edmondson, City Manager, presented the item to Council. The City's certified total taxable value is \$1,057,685,374 and reflects \$41,014,945 in new improvements taxable value. As of certification, there was no taxable value under protest or otherwise uncertified, and there are no frozen (tax ceiling) accounts on the City's roll. The certified tax roll includes the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Zone, which has an incremental value of \$69,846,799.

MOTION by Summer Jones, second by Todd Covington, to approve and adopt the 2026 Certified Tax Roll. MOTION PASSED by unanimous vote.

c. **Consider setting the proposed Fiscal Year 2027 property tax rate and scheduling a public hearing on the proposed tax rate**

Candice Edmondson, City Manager, presented the proposed tax rate to Council. The Parker County Appraisal District certified the City of Aledo's 2026 appraisal roll on July 22, 2026, with a total certified taxable value of \$1,057,685,374. Based on that certified value, tax rates were calculated in accordance with Chapter 26 of the Texas Property Tax Code. Staff recommended a proposed tax rate of \$0.352415 per \$100 of assessed value, which would sufficiently fund the proposed FY 2027 Budget as presented to City Council. Staff also recommended that the public hearing on the tax rate be set for Thursday, August 20, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

MOTION by Matthew Poston, second by Melanie Allen, to set the proposed tax rate and schedule the public hearing on the tax rate as discussed. MOTION PASSED by unanimous vote.

7. Staff Presentations

a. Proposed FY 2027 Budget

Candice Edmondson, City Manager, presented the proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Budget to Council. No action taken.

8. Mayor and Councilmember Comments

9. City Manager Comments

10. Executive Session

- a. Section 551.071 - Consultation with Attorney. To conduct a private consultation with the City Attorney on any legally posted agenda item, when the City Council seeks the advice of its attorney about pending or contemplated litigation, a settlement offer, or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the provisions of Chapter 551, to include:**

- i. Aledo and Fort Worth vs. Willow Park**
- ii. Dean Ranch Development**

- b. Section 551.087 – Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations. To discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the City has received from a business prospect that the City seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the City and with which the City is conducting economic development negotiations; or to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect described above, including the following items:**

- i. Dean Ranch Development**
- ii. Downtown Development**
- iii. Bailey Ranch Development**

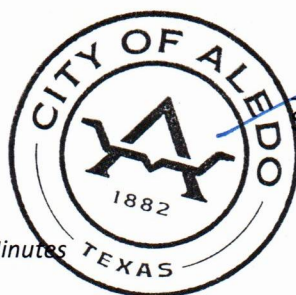
Mayor Davis recessed the meeting into Executive Session at 7:22 p.m.
Mayor Davis called the meeting back to regular session at 8:03 p.m.

11. Action Taken on Items Discussed in Executive Session, if Necessary

No action taken.

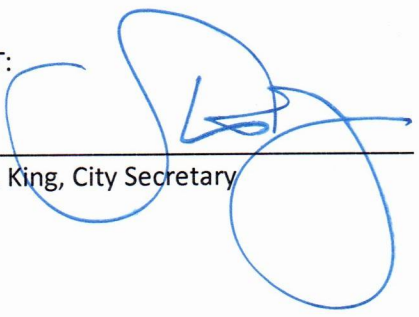
12. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.




Shane Davis, Mayor

ATTEST:



Staci L. King, City Secretary

