

Regular City Council Meeting
Thursday, August 20, 2026, at 6:00 PM

Minutes

The Aledo City Council convened on Thursday, August 20, 2026, at 6:00 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
Erika Cooper-Bateman, Deputy City Secretary
Alicia K. Kreh, City Attorney

1. Call to Order

Mayor Shane Davis called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

2. Invocation

Mayor Pro Tem Summer Jones led the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

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

4. Citizen Appearances

Richard Nelson introduced himself as the new Community News reporter.

5. Public Hearings

a. PUBLIC HEARING: Proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Budget

Mayor Davis opened the public hearing at 6:05 PM. No one came forward to speak in favor of or opposition to Proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Budget. Mayor Davis closed the public hearing at 6:05 PM.

b. PUBLIC HEARING: Proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Tax Rate (Tax Year 2026)

Mayor Davis opened the public hearing at 6:17 PM. No one came forward to speak in favor of or opposition to proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Tax Rate (Tax Year 2026). Mayor Davis closed the public hearing at 6:17 PM.

6. Regular Agenda

a. Consider approval of Ordinance No. 2026-O-21 adopting the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget

Candice Edmondson, City Manager, presented an overview of the Fiscal Year 2027 budget.

MOTION by Mayor Pro Tem Summer Jones, second by Councilmember Melanie Allen, to approve Ordinance No. 2026-O-21 adopting the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget. MOTION PASSED by unanimous roll call vote.

b. Consider approval of Ordinance 2026-O-22 setting and adopting the Fiscal Year 2027 Tax Rate (Tax Year 2026)

Candice Edmondson, City Manager, provided a presentation on the Fiscal Year 2027 Tax Rate.

MOTION by Councilmember Matt Poston that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.352415, which is effectively a 0.77% percent increase in the tax rate, second by Councilmember Melanie Allen, to Approve Ordinance 2026-O-22 setting and adopting the Fiscal Year 2027 Tax Rate. MOTION PASSED by unanimous roll call vote.

c. Consider ratification of the property tax revenue increase reflected in the FY 2027 Budget

Candice Edmondson, City Manager, provided an overview of Local Government Code Section 102.007(c), which requires the City Council to take a separate vote to formally ratify the property tax revenue increase reflected in the adopted budget when the budget generates more property tax revenue than the previous fiscal year.

MOTION by Mayor Pro Tem Summer Jones, second by Councilmember Ben Clark, to formally ratify the property tax revenue increase reflected in the FY 2027 Budget. MOTION PASSED by unanimous vote.

d. Consider approval of the City of Aledo Fiscal Year 2027 Employee Benefits Package and authorize the City Manager to execute necessary plan documents

Candice Edmondson, City Manager, provided a presentation on updates to the Fiscal Year 2027 Employee Benefits Package.

MOTION by Councilmember Matthew Poston, second by Councilmember Melanie Allen, to Approve City of Aledo Fiscal Year 2027 Employee Benefits Package. MOTION PASSED by unanimous vote.

7. Mayor and Councilmember Comments

Mayor Davis recognized City staff, with special appreciation for Patrol Officers and Public Works employees for their dedication while working in extreme heat conditions. He also thanked staff for ensuring the live-streaming was working for the meeting.

Councilmember Poston recognized Chief Riddle and the Police Department for their outstanding work organizing the Bike Rodeo and highlighted the strong community engagement and support from local partners. He also thanked Chief Riddle and her officers for their efforts in managing traffic and ensuring public safety during the first week of the school year.

8. City Manager Comments

9. Executive Session

Mayor Davis recessed the meeting into Executive Session at 6:35 PM.

- 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**
 - iii. **Capital Lane Advisors - Federal Funding Support**
- b. **Section 551.072 - Deliberations Regarding Real Property.** To deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property, to include:
- c. **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**

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

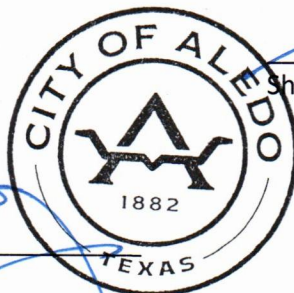
Mayor Davis called the meeting back to regular session at 7:12 PM. No action was taken.

11. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 PM.

ATTEST:

Staci L. King, City Secretary



Shane Davis, Mayor