



Small Town Texas

City of Murchison

Council Meeting



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December 9, 2025 6:00 PM Minutes

9540 FM 773 Murchison, TX 75778

The City of Murchison Council meets in regular session on the second Tuesday of each month. The council reserves the right to convene in an Executive Session on any item on the agenda under the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551. Items for this meeting include:
*Opening prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, call to order.

Meeting called to order at 6pm. All members present; Danny Garza did the prayer and Torance McClean lead the pledge.

Public Recognition (Citizen Comment):

HB 2840 – Any citizen wishing to address the Council on an agenda item may do so during the Citizen Comment section of the meeting, or when the item is being considered by the Council. **Sign in sheet (5 minutes)**

City sign in sheet consists of : Kayla Gray, Micah McClean, Saman Sharma (Sam), June Mclean, Marcia Keys, Farrah Fincke, DJ Warren, Kaylnn Johnson, Dacia Williams, Monica Grosz, Scott McWail, Jodi Hadsell, Joann Swain, Connie Haynes, Jeremy Crocker. Signed in for public comments are Saman Sharma (Sam), Scott McWail, and Joann Swain.

Sam would like to open a liquor store possibly in town. Murchison can only sale beer or wine. Bradley Gray explains the process of the having the residents needing to sign a petition and once he has enough, he can bring it to the council and then determine if it would go on a ballot to be voted on during elections before it could be done.

Consent Items:

1. Approve Council Meeting November 11, 2025 Minutes and November 2025 Financials
 - a. Torance McClean motions to approve November 11, 2025 Minutes and November financials, Bobette Bandy seconds, passes unanimously.

Mayors Report:

1. Discuss wine tasting event at Rooted
 - a. Bradley Gray explained that the November 28, 2025 It was brought to his attention Rooted would be doing a sip and shop with White Fox Vineyard and no one came to verify if it was ok with the City or needed to be presented to council prior to event date for approval. The event was advertised for November 29, 30 and December 1, 2025. A permit was not on site when it was asked for but could later be provided. Bradley Gray states he just wanted to make sure the correct paperwork was presented. Mr. Fears doesn't want anyone parking on the property behind the city hall and a survey has been requested to be completed for the property line. Dana Joslin asks why did they not have the paper work with them at the event location? Bradley Gray states he is not aware of why it wasn't there. Scott McWail asks how can in the future another event take place with out any incidents? Bradley Gray explains as long as the correct paper work is filed and provided then no issues would happen and it wasn't on the business as she didn't request it thru TABC. Leah Owens with TABC was contacted about it and it was stated that it was checked for the business to have verified with the city and that wasn't done. Ms Johnson states that with comments made on social media she feels they were unfair and she doesn't feel safe in town now. DJ Warren speaks that she is just wanting to have her business here and thrive for the community and for them all. Farrah Finke states that her selling at the business is beneficial for her house. Micah McClean adds that the Mayor would always protect anyone regardless of the circumstances. Bradley Gray would like to move on from this issue and make sure that everything is handled properly next time and to call or come to City Hall with concerns or questions.

Water Report by Jeremy Crocker: Went over the monthly report. 2 meters were changed out, no major issues.

1. Revisit filtration system at Water plant tabled last month, take any action if necessary.
 - a. Have a quote for it. Jeremy Crocker is not sure where the storm drains lead to or which creek they go to? Was going to reach out to other cities who has used them to get some information to move forward.
 - i. Torance McClean motions to reach out to them after the first of the year for filter systems, Danny Garza seconds this and passes unanimously.
2. Update on water well repair at ballfield.
 - a. Had to turn off at well to see what the issue might be and possibly see what the issue is with a camera but will still be insulating it. Danny Garza asks if it was fiber glass and not tape on it? Jeremy Crocker says they will insulate and use fiber glass.
3. TCEQ EPP update
 - a. Will call and see what the person is needing as they did respond to the 2A & 2B section previously Jeremy Crocker states.

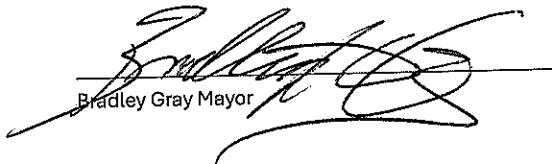
New Business:

1. Invoice for Mr Hardin- sewer issue reported.
 - a. Jeremy Crocker explains that Mr Hardin called him after hours about a sewer issue he was having and because Aqua Services was already in town working another issue they went over to help. Mr Hardin had a plumber there also who did a clean out and put a camera down as they line was jettied and it didn't see to improve the issue. No work order was done by the office as the information was not relayed until the next date, then a work order was done for the account. Still not sure if it was on the customer side or city side to determine who should have to pay for the camera service.
 - i. Torance McClean motions to not approve the city paying for the plumber invoice, Boyd Sauter seconds this. Danny Garza opposes, passes with majority.
2. Discuss and approve award to selected **engineering/architectural/surveying service provider(s)** for grant pre-application, application and project implementation for the City of Murchison 2025-2026 Texas Community Development Block Grant Fund Program funded and administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture.
 - a. Danny Garza motions to go with Schaumburg&Polk Inc for the Comprehension Grant, Torance McClean seconds this and passes unanimously.
3. Approve EDC Budget for 2026
 - a. Danny Garza approves EDC budget for 2026, Torance McClean seconds this and passes unanimously.
4. Discuss opening on EDC and current members terms
 - a. EDC council has one opening already, Wade Carter will be stepping down in January. Anyone interested can submit a letter to council by the January meeting, each term is 2 years. Lawrence Cotter, James Hardin, Bradley Gray want to remain on the EDC board.
 - i. Danny Garza motions to accept Lawrence Cotter, James Hardin, and Bradley Gray for EDC terms, reinstate them to continue on the board, Dana Joslin seconds this and passes unanimously.
5. Holiday Calendar for 2026
 - a. Boyd Sauter motions to accept Holiday Calendar Schedule for 2026, Bobette Bandy seconds this and passes unanimously.
6. Discuss and consider ordinance for City right of way construction.
 - a. Boring issues started happening with companies hitting lines that the city then has to pay as we can't always tell who the responsible party is sometimes. Permit form and fees form reviewed. Can add something about an extension is work goes past the date they originally say once forms submitted. Extension part can be done thru City Hall if needed. Ordinance 2025-03.
 - i. Torance McClean motions to accept requiring form and fee to be paid for ROW work being done in the City, Dana Joslin seconds this and passes unanimously.

Old Business:

Adjournment: Public Hearing for 2026 Budgets will be December 15, 2025, 6pm. Next City Council Meeting will be January 13, 2026 at 6pm. Torance McClean motions to adjourn, Bobbett Bandy seconds and meeting is over at 7:47pm.

Skyler Murrell 1-13-26
Skyler Murrell City Secretary


Bradley Gray Mayor

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the attached agenda of special meeting of the City of Murchison City Council is a true and correct copy and that I posted a true and correct copy of said notice on the front glass window, facing toward the glass to be visible from the street of the City Hall building located at 9540 FM 773, a place readily accessible to the general public at all times, and said Notice was posted by December 3, 2025, and will remain so posted for at least 3 business days preceding the scheduled time of said meeting in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

Bradley Gray Mayor

