

**City of Flaxton
Council Proceedings
Minutes Pending Approval
September 1, 2026**

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kalmbach @ 7:30 p.m. Present were council members Dan Snyder & Jeremy Ragle both by conference call, Public Works Director, Barb Cron and City Auditor, Amy Ones. Members of the public present were Amie Vandegraft, Connie Nygaard & James Cron.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

There was no public comment.

The "Oath of Office" was administered & read by Amie Vandegraft who was appointed to the vacant (2) year un-expired term council member position.

Motion J. Ragle, second D. Snyder to approve the August 4, 2026 regular council meeting minutes as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion A. Vandegraft, second D. Snyder to approve the financial report and bills as presented. All in favor, motion carried. Overdue utility accounts and bulk water activity were reviewed.

Sean Weeks representing Ackerman Estvold was absent from the meeting, therefore there was no engineering report presented.

B. Cron presented the Public Works report. Total hours worked for the month of August were 80.00. Tasks completed include the following: mowing, cutting tree branches, mosquito fogging, lead & copper water sampling, repaired weed sprayer, repaired city hall toilets

Mayor Kalmbach & PWD Cron worked on the Toro & Big Dog mowers. The council unanimously approved to keep the Big Dog mower & repair as needed for use as a relief mower if the other (2) newer mowers become inoperable. Discussion was held on selling the Toro mower. Mayor Kalmbach offered to buy the Toro mower for \$200.00. Motion J. Ragle, second D. Snyder to accept the offer as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion held on the estimate from AE2S regarding the recommended water depot repairs in the amount of \$3,400.00. Motion J. Ragle, second A. Vandegraft to not move forward with the estimate as presented and to research different options. All in favor, motion carried.

Auditor Ones stated that the city computer & screen are approximately (10) years old and starting to show signs of malfunction. Additionally the city's QuickBooks software is outdated & will need to be replaced to remain current. Motion A. Vandegraft, second J. Ragle to authorize Auditor Ones to purchase the requested items. All in favor, motion carried.

An email from Janet Cron was presented for council reference & review.

Connie Nygaard representing the Preservation of the Hall Committee was present. Their annual meeting was held August 11, 2026. There are (4) remaining windows to be replaced in the gymnasium. Discussion was held on the committee's plans for a 100 year celebration in

2031. Discussion was held on funding received from the Burke County Historical Society in the amount of \$2,000.00 / year for the past (5) years for assistance with Memorial Hall utility & insurance costs. C. Nygaard stated that a request has been made to the Burke County Commissioners for continued funding. A. Vandegraft stated that the County is consulting with the Burke County States Attorney to determine if the mill levy can be used for a city owned building vs. a Burke County Historical Society owned building.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Next meeting Tuesday, October 6, 2026 @ 7:30 p.m. at the Flaxton City Hall.

Approved Bills:

August Payroll: 3,382.00, US Treasury: 966.40, Circle Sanitation: 585.50, Dacotah Bank: 5.00, FDHU: 30.00, Lignite Oil: 585.13, MDU: 1,160.91, NCC: 197.42, NCME: 13,759.00, One Call Concepts: 3.00, Visa: 1,144.64, B. Cron: 36.74

Submitted By: Amy Ones, City Auditor

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