

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BURNET
CITY OF MARBLE FALLS**

On the 6th day of January 2026, the City Council convened in regular session at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 800 Third Street, Marble Falls, with notice of meeting giving time, place, date, and subject having been posted as described in Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

<u>PRESENT:</u>	John Packer	Mayor
	Craig Magerkurth	Mayor Pro-Tem
	Dee Haddock	Councilmember
	Lauren Haltom	Councilmember
	Griff Morris	Councilmember
	Richard Westerman	Councilmember
<u>ABSENT:</u>	Karlee Hubble	Councilmember
<u>STAFF:</u>	Caleb Kraenzel	City Manager
	Russell Sander	Assistant City Manager
	Christina McDonald	City Secretary
	Josh Brockman Weber	City Attorney
	Glenn Hanson	Police Chief
	Trisha Ratliff	Assistant Police Chief
	Tommy Crane	Fire Chief
	Coy Guenter	Assistant Fire Chief/Fire Marshal
	Jeff Prato	City Engineer
	Scarlet Moreno	Director of Development Services
	Hanna Kadow	Planner
	Stacy Marberry	HLRECC Director
	Christian Fletcher	EDC Executive Director
	Lacey Dingman	Parks and Recreation Director
	Angel Alvarado	Human Resources Director
	Melanie Boucher	Communications Supervisor
	Justin Boucher	Detective - Sergeant
	James Kennedy	Director of Public Works
	Jay Everett	Assistant Director of Public Works
	Jeremy Qualls	Building Official
	Jake Eason	Assistant Parks and Recreation Director

VISITORS: David Russell (VP External Affairs Frontier Communications), Raymond Whelan (The Highlander), Dakota Morrissey (Daily Trib), Julie Oakley (City Manager City of Bee Cave), James Oakley, Jason Coleman, Mary Magerkurth, Kim Kankel (CEO/President Marble Falls Highland Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce)

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCE QUORUM IS PRESENT.** Mayor Packer called the meeting to order and announced the presence of a quorum.
2. **INVOCATION.** Councilmember Haddock gave the invocation.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES AND TO THE TEXAS FLAG.** Councilmember Westerman led the pledges.
4. **UPDATES, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**
 - **Recognition of Employee of the Quarter.** Mayor John Packer recognized Linda Burks, Municipal Court Clerk as employee of the quarter.
 - **Presentation of Servant Leadership Award.** Caleb Krzaenzel, City Manager presented the Servant Leadership Award to Communications Supervisor Melanie Boucher.
 - **Update from Fire Rescue.** Coy Guenter, Assistant Fire Chief/Fire Marshal gave the update.
 - **Update from Frontier Communications regarding Fiber Project.** David Russell, VP External Affairs provided an update on Frontier's fiber project.
5. **CITIZEN COMMENTS.** Jason Coleman expressed his appreciation to the Council for their service, gave a brief overview of his service on the Planning and Zoning Commission, and indicated that he would be available to serve as a real estate resource if needed.
6. **CONSENT AGENDA.**
 - (a) Approval of the minutes of the December 2, 2025 regular meeting.
 - (b) Approval of Capital Improvement Plan Committee appointment: Michele Loper.
 - (c) Approval of Hotel Motel Tax Advisory Committee appointments: Jamee Lynn Smith, and Darlene Oostermeyer.
 - (d) Approval of Parks and Recreation Commission appointment: Michele Loper (Place 2).
 - (e) Approval of Planning and Zoning Commission appointments: Darlene Oostermeyer (Place 2), MaxAnne Jones (Place 4) and Bailey Vercher (Place 6).
 - (f) Approval of TIRZ Board No. One appointments: Teresa Carosella, Bob Weis and Richard Westerman and the appointment of Kyle Stripling as Board Chair.
 - (g) Approval of Zoning Board of Adjustment appointments: Thomas Oostermeyer, Michele Loper and Jim Cездario.

(h) **Approve Resolution 2026-R-01A declaring the City's official intent to reimburse prior expenditures related to the AXS Radio Console Project from the proceeds of future debt obligations.**

(i) **Approval of the Investment Reports for 2025.**

Councilmember Haddock made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Morris seconded the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

7. REGULAR AGENDA.

(a) **Discussion and Action on Ordinance 2026-O-01A, an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinance, Chapter 15 (Parks and Recreation), Article II (Conduct in City Parks), to add a new Section 15-31 prohibiting smoking and vaping in city parks.** Lacey Dingman, Director of Parks and Recreation, presented the proposed ordinance. Councilmember Morris suggested establishing designated smoking areas within the parks. Mayor Packer stated that he was not in favor of a complete ban but would support prohibiting smoking during special events or events with a specified minimum number of attendees. Councilmember Westerman noted that the Parks and Recreation Commission could make a recommendation regarding the designation of smoking areas. Kim Kankel, CEO/President of the Marble Falls Highland Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce, questioned the Chamber's responsibility for enforcing the ordinance during Chamber-sponsored events.

After extensive discussion, Mayor Pro-Tem Magerkurth moved to approve Ordinance 2026-O-01A. Councilmember Haddock seconded the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 5-1, with Mayor Packer voting in opposition.

(b) **Discussion and Action on the approval of an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Marble Falls and City of Bee Cave for dispatch services.** Stacy Marberry, HLRECC Director, addressed the Council. City of Bee Cave City Manager Julie Oakley was present. Councilmember Haddock moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement contingent upon review and approval of the City Attorney. Councilmember Morris seconded the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

8. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT. No report was provided.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION CLOSE OPEN SESSION AND CONVENE EXECUTIVE SESSION Pursuant to §551.071 (*Private Consultation between the Council and its Attorney*), Pursuant to §551.072 (*Deliberation Regarding the Purchase, Exchange, Lease or Value of Real Property*), and Pursuant to §551.087 (*Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations*) of the Open Meetings Act. *Tex. Gov't Code*, Council will meet in Executive Session to discuss the following:

- Consultation with City Attorney regarding legal rights and obligations under CMAR agreement with MGC Contractors and legal advice regarding procurement issues for One Water plant.
- Consultation with City Attorney regarding the Thunder Rock Sports Complex
- Consultation with City Attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation or a settlement offer related to the Lone Star Paving Contract
- Acquisition of Real Property

7:39 p.m. Council convened to Executive Session

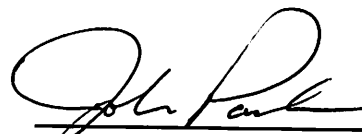
9:08 p.m. Council returned to Open Session

Note: Mayor Pro-Tem Magerkurth recused himself from participating in discussion on the CMAR agreement item and left the Executive Session at 8:50 p.m.

10. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION RESULTING FROM ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION. Councilmember Westerman made a motion to authorize the City Manager to make a bona fide initial offer for the purchase of 704-708 Second Street and 114-120 US Hwy. 281 (Parcel 28270). Councilmember Morris seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote (6-0).

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS. Council reviewed the January 20 draft agenda.

12. ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to discuss, Councilmember Westerman moved to adjourn. Mayor Pro-Tem Magerkurth seconded the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m.



John Packer, Mayor

ATTEST:



Christina McDonald, TRMC
City Secretary