



**City Council
Regular Council Meeting
January 12, 2026**

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Presidio, Texas will hold a Regular City Council meeting, at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, January 12, 2026 at the Presidio Activity Center, (PAC) 1200 East O'Reilly St, in the City of Presidio, Texas for the purpose of considering the attached agenda. This notice is posted pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act. (Section 551.043, Texas Government Code).

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1. Call meeting to order
2. Quorum Check
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. **Public Comments** *(Comments are limited only to matters that are not included in any item that has been posted on the agenda. Speakers are limited to a maximum of five minutes per speaker. Before addressing the City Council each speaker will state their name and address clearly before making comments).*
5. Department Reports
6. Discussion / action to approve Prior Minutes for Regular City Council Meeting, December 8, 2025.
7. City of Presidio Business (New/Old)
 - a. Discussion / action / update on the TxCDBG Grant CDV23-0300 (Water and Drainage Improvements) project status and other grant matters. – Mrs. Becky Brewster
 - b. Discussion / action / update on the TxCDBG Rural Economic Development (RED) Grant CRC23-0523 project status and other grant matters. – Mrs. Becky Brewster
 - c. Discussion / action / update on the TxCDBG Grant CDV25-0138 project status. – Mrs. Becky Brewster
 1. Other grant matters.
 - d. Discussion / action / update on the TDEM TX 5161-4 (ARPA Funds). – Mrs. Becky Brewster
 1. Project status
 2. Other grant matters.
 - e. Discussion / action to approve the City of Presidio EMS proposed mandatory On-Call Coverage proposal. – EMS Director, Troy Sparks
 - f. Discussion / action on the City of Presidio salaried employees' expectations. – Councilman Montoya
 - g. Discussion / action on the accountability for the City of Presidio supervisors. – Councilman Montoya
 - h. Discussion / action on the communication between the City of Presidio and the Community. – Councilman Montoya
 - i. Discussion / action on the complaints during the Lighting of the Christmas Tree. – Councilman Montoya
 - j. Discussion / action on the 2026 major projects per the City of Presidio departments. – Councilman Montoya
 - k. Update on the agreement on the "Type 3 Brush Truck to be available for disaster deployment under TIFMAS and for the Presidio County Volunteer Support". – City Administrator

- l. Discussion / action to reconsider the submission of the Certificate of Obligation for the City of Presidio. – City Administrator
- m. Discussion / action to consider issuing the payment of outstanding invoices of \$84,460.25 from the Texas Department of Transportation sidewalk project. – City Administrator
- n. Discussion / action on modifying the City of Presidio lighting ordinance to prioritize the safety of residents and travelers. – Councilman Juarez
- o. Discussion / action to change the regular City Council meeting times from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm. – Councilwoman Martinez-Bailon
- p. Update on the rural ambulance grant meeting with EMS Director Troy Sparks, Commission Hisler, and Mr. Ramon Rodriguez with Lone Star Strategy, the EMS Director from Marfa, and the Marfa City Council members. – Councilwoman Martinez-Bailon
- q. Discussion / action to separate the current roles of the City Secretary and Human Resources with the City of Presidio Attorney guidance. – Councilwoman Martinez-Bailon
 - 1. Adjourn into executive session as Authorized by the Texas Government Code including, but not limited to section 551.074 (Personnel Matters), & 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) regarding agenda item 7q.
 - 2. Reconvene into open session and take such action as appropriate.
- r. Discussion / action Mr. Teodoro Escontrias is interested in purchasing the Hendrix & Miles property owned by the City of Presidio. – City Administrator
 - 1. Adjourn into executive session as Authorized by the Texas Government Code including, but not limited to section 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), regarding agenda item 7r.
 - 2. Reconvene into open session and take such action as appropriate.

8. Adjourn

I certify that the above notice of regular city council meeting was posted in the display case near the front entrance of City Hall on or before three working days January 6, 2026 and at the display case near the door of the Presidio Activity Center located at 1200 E. O'Reilly St, Presidio, Texas on or before three working days January 6, 2026. I further certify that this agenda was also posted in the City of Presidio website www.presidiotx.us – Council Meeting & Updates – Agenda & Meetings on or before three working days January 6, 2026.



Brenda Lee Ornelas-Acuña
City Secretary

All items on the agenda are for discussion and/or action by the Presidio City Council. The Presidio City Council Reserves the Right to Adjourn Into Executive Session at Any Time During the Course of this Meeting to Discuss Any of the Matters Listed Above, as Authorized by the Texas Government Code including, but not limited to, Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations About Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), 551.087 (Economic Development) and 418.183 (Deliberations about Homeland Security Issues) Council will make a tape recording of the proceedings of a closed meeting to deliberate this information. This facility is wheelchair accessible and parking spaces are available. Request for accommodations must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. Please contact City Hall at 432/229-3517, FAX 432/229-3505, or email bornelas@presidiotx.us for further information.

**Regular Council Meeting Minutes,
January 12, 2026**

1. **Call meeting to order:** Mayor Ferguson called the Regular City Council meeting for January 12, 2026 at the Presidio Activity Center into order at 4:09 p.m.
2. **Quorum Check:** City Secretary verified quorum.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Departed
John Ferguson	Mayor	Present	
Cristian Montoya	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	
Bianca Martinez-Bailon	Council member	Present	
Silverio Escontrias	Council member	Present	
Fernando Juarez	Council member	Present	
Juan R. Saenz	Council member	Present	8:00 pm
Pablo Rodriguez	City Administrator	Present	
Brenda Acuña	City Secretary	Present	
Glorissel Muñiz	Deputy City Secretary	Present	

3. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Councilman Juarez led pledge of allegiance.
4. **Recognize and Welcome Visitors – 5 minutes**

Public Comment is reserved for members of the public who would like to address the City Council regarding agenda and non-agenda items. Please be aware that, under Texas Law, the Council may not deliberate or take any action during Citizen's comments for items not on the agenda. In some situations, City Staff may be able to respond to the public comments with a factual statement or clarification. The City Council may have the item placed on a future agenda for action or refer the item to Management and Staff for study or conclusion.

Mayor Ferguson welcomed public and City of Presidio staff to the regular meeting on January 12, 2026 at the Presidio Activity Center and opened floor for any visitor to address the City Council for five minutes. No comments at present time.

5. **Department Reports –** Councilman Escontrias asked about some the ordinances being enforced by the Police Department. Chief Covos stated they were enforcing the ordinances with the junk vehicles.
6. **Discussion / action to approve Prior Minutes for Regular City Council Meeting, December 8, 2025.**

DISCUSSION: Approved as presented by the City Council.

ACTION: Councilman Escontrias moved to approve the prior minutes for the Regular City Council meeting, December 8, 2025 as presented.

Councilman Saenz seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Unanimously 5-0

7. **New Business**

- a. **Discussion / action / update on the TxCDBG Grant CDV23-0300 (Water and Drainage Improvements) project status and other grant matters.**

DISCUSSION:

ACTION: Councilman Juarez moved to take no action for line items 7a, 7b, 7c, and 7d.

Councilman Montoya seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Unanimously 5-0

- b. **Discussion / action / update on the TxCDBG Rural Economic Development (RED) Grant CRC23-0523 project status and other grant matters.**

DISCUSSION:

ACTION: Councilman Juarez moved to take no action for line items 7a, 7b, 7c, and 7d.
Councilman Montoya seconded the motion.
Motion Carried Unanimously 5-0

- c. **Discussion / action Discussion / action / update on the TxCDBG Grant CDV25-0138 project status.**
1. **Other grant matters.**

DISCUSSION:

ACTION: Councilman Juarez moved to take no action for line items 7a, 7b, 7c, and 7d.
Councilman Montoya seconded the motion.
Motion Carried Unanimously 5-0

- d. **Discussion / action Discussion / action / update on the TDEM TX 5161-4 (ARPA Funds). – Mrs. Becky Brewster**
1. **Project status**
2. **Other grant matters.**

DISCUSSION:

ACTION: Councilman Juarez moved to take no action for line items 7a, 7b, 7c, and 7d.
Councilman Montoya seconded the motion.
Motion Carried Unanimously 5-0

- e. **Discussion / action to approve the City of Presidio EMS proposed mandatory On-Call Coverage proposal.**

DISCUSSION: Mr. Troy Sparks, EMS Director, approached the City Council and Mayor Ferguson with the proposal of mandatory On-Call Coverage for all EMS employees. This is for employees to be on-call as mandatory coverage for the city. Mr. Sparks recommended integrating the On-Call through February as a trial basis. In addition, he would need to have this proposal be mandatory for all EMS classifications.

ACTION: Councilwoman Martinez-Bailon moved to approve the City of Presidio EMS proposed mandatory On-Call Coverage proposal.
Councilman Montoya seconded the motion.
Motion Carried Unanimously 5-0

- f. **Discussion / action on the City of Presidio salaried employees' expectations.**

DISCUSSION: Councilman Montoya stated this was not an action item, more of a discussion item. This is to hold the supervisors accountable for their time during work hours. Councilman Montoya requested to have the supervisors available for the citizens and other city necessities.

ACTION: No action.

g. Discussion / action on the accountability for the City of Presidio supervisors.

DISCUSSION: Councilman Montoya stated that this as supervisors they must be accountable for their employees. Supervisors need to be available for the employees and their needs. Implementing a structure and chain of command is very important for the employees.

ACTION: No action

h. Discussion / action on the communication between the City of Presidio and the Community

DISCUSSION: Councilman Montoya requested to have a better line of communication between the City of Presidio and the community. Councilman Montoya stated that the city needs to update the community, weekly, daily, or monthly, through social media and the city's website. Reverse 911 may also be used to give imperative reports to the community.

ACTION: No action

i. Discussion / action on the complaints during the Lighting of the Christmas Tree.

DISCUSSION: Councilman Montoya expressed the complaints from the community during the Christmas event and decorations. Community felt the Christmas event was not festive enough and need more decorations. Ms. Glorissel Muñiz, Finance Director stated that the Christmas event had a budget and it did not go over budget. City Administrator Rodriguez stated that these complaints would be taken into consideration for the next Christmas event.

For the record, Councilman Saenz left the meeting at 8:00 pm.

ACTION: No action

j. Discussion / action on the 2026 major projects per the City of Presidio departments.

DISCUSSION: Councilman Montoya asked to have the department heads available to discussion major projects for their department. Public works reported on their projects. City Administrators gave reports on the projects for the city for this year.

ACTION: No action

k. Update on the agreement on the "Type 3 Brush Truck to be available for disaster deployment under TIFMAS and for the Presidio County Volunteer Support"

DISCUSSION: City Administrator, Pablo Rodriguez reported that the City of Presidio went into contract with D&J Wildland Services for the type 3 brush truck only. Presidio Fire Chief Saul Pardo stated that the truck would only be for deployment only. Chief Pardo said that this contract would serve for two major purposes. First, it would make some revenue for the fire department at a 25% and the D&J would profit 75% due to them having ownership of the brush truck. Second purpose would be for that any of the deployed firefighters be compensated during their deployment.

i. Discussion / action to reconsider the submission of the Certificate of Obligation for the City of Presidio.

DISCUSSION: City Administrator approached the council with the consideration of reapplying for the Certificate of Obligation for the city. The certificate would be used for only essential needs for the City of Presidio. Mr. Rodriguez pointed out the needs for the city as in payments for the initial assessment of \$44,000 expense for the landfill, the Quality report for groundwater \$46,000, trash trucks, dump truck, backhoe, jetter truck, vehicles for Public Works, and possible purchase of the old TxDOT property and the property behind City Hall. Town Hall meeting will be conducted to give the public more information the possibility of a Certificate of Obligation for the city.

ACTION: Councilwoman Martinez-Bailon moved to approve the reconsideration of the submission of the Certificate of Obligation for the City of Presidio.
Councilman Escontrias seconded the motion.
Motion Carried Unanimously 4-0

m. Discussion / action to consider issuing the payment of outstanding invoices of \$84,460.25 from the Texas Department of Transportation sidewalk project.

DISCUSSION: City Administrator informed the City Council that back in December the city received three outstanding invoices from TxDOT estimated around \$70,000. Then in January, there was another invoice for \$84,460. These invoices are from the sidewalk project back in 2019.

ACTION: Councilman Juarez moved to table line item 7m pending more investigation.
Councilman Montoya seconded the motion.
Motion Carried Unanimously 4-0

n. Discussion / action on modifying the City of Presidio lighting ordinance to prioritize the safety of residents and travelers.

DISCUSSION: Councilman Juarez addressed the issue of why the modifying the City of Presidio dark sky ordinance for the safety people inside the city. Mayor Ferguson stated that it was overdue for the City of Presidio to have newly installed lighting, which has not happened in over thirty years. The public commented the same sentiment of needing more street lighting inside the city. Councilman Juarez recommends 2700 kelvins as indicated in the Dark Sky Ordinance. Councilman Juarez recommended modifying as follows on page one Section two definitions, under "Adaptive Controls" removing the second part to the first sentence. Page three under "Lumens per Net Acre" to remove "Undeveloped, non-illuminated portions of the property may not be included in the net acreage calculation." Page four, under section three, second paragraph, to remove "Any owner who further fails to comply after 30 days from the issuance of such warning notice shall be subject to a fine of \$25.00 for each day of noncompliance." Page 4, under section four, "Light Trespass" add the word unreasonable to the second sentence, "No luminaire, except governmental streetlights, shall create "unreasonable" conditions of light trespass. Page seven, third paragraph, first sentence remove "provided the source of the light is not visible from any other property". Page nine, to remove (c) "Nothing in this article shall be construed as limiting the right of any person or entity to pursue legal action against any other person or entity under any applicable law, including the doctrine of light trespass. Page eight, under 5-b to remove all organizations from the paragraph. Page eight, under Section seven, Exemptions, amendments, and variances, add (6) that temporary display are exempt when a governmental agenda determines it is necessary for public safety."

ACTION: Councilwoman Martinez-Bailon moved to approve modifications as follows, on page one Section two definitions, under “Adaptive Controls” removing the second part to the first sentence. Page three under “Lumens per Net Acre” to remove “Undeveloped, non-illuminated portions of the property may not be included in the net acreage calculation.” Page four, under section three, second paragraph, to remove “Any owner who further fails to comply after 30 days from the issuance of such warning notice shall be subject to a fine of \$25.00 for each day of noncompliance.” Page 4, under section four, “Light Trespass” add the word unreasonable to the second sentence, “No luminaire, except governmental streetlights, shall create “unreasonable” conditions of light trespass. Page seven, third paragraph, first sentence remove “provided the source of the light is not visible from any other property”. Page eight, under 5-b to remove all organizations from the paragraph. Page eight, under Section seven, Exemptions, amendments, and variances, add (6) that temporary display are exempt when a governmental agenda determines it is necessary for public safety.”

Councilman Saenz seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Unanimously 5-0

o. Discussion / action to change the regular City Council meeting times from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm.

DISCUSSION: Councilwoman Martinez-Bailon requested this agenda item. She stated that the time change would help with the Councilmembers and public that have an 8-5 employment. This would benefit the public that work to be able to attend the meetings.

ACTION: Councilman Juarez moved to approve the change of the regular City Council meeting times from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm effective February 2026.

Councilman Montoya seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Unanimously 4-0

p. Update on the rural ambulance grant meeting with EMS Director Troy Sparks, Commission Hisler, and Mr. Ramon Rodriguez with Lone Star Strategy, the EMS Director from Marfa, and the Marfa City Council members.

DISCUSSION: Councilwoman Martinez-Bailon updated the public with the rural ambulance grant meeting. Presidio County entities, including the city’s EMS will be applying for the rural ambulance grant. Mr. Ramon Rodriguez stated that the state is awarding grants to rural communities for ambulances. Presidio County qualifies for \$500,000 in grant monies. Mr. Troy Sparks, EMS Director stated that this is a onetime grant for counties only. The City of Marfa is requesting half of the funds from the grant.

q. Discussion / action to separate the current roles of the City Secretary and Human Resources with the City of Presidio Attorney guidance. – Councilwoman Martinez-Bailon

1. Adjourn into executive session as Authorized by the Texas Government Code including, but not limited to section 551.074 (*Personnel Matters*), & 551.071 (*Consultation with Attorney*) regarding agenda item 7q.
2. Reconvene into open session and take such action as appropriate.

ACTION: Mayor Ferguson adjourned into executive session at 4:13 pm. Mayor Ferguson reconvened into open session at 4:52 pm.

DISCUSSION: No discussion. Mayor Ferguson entertained a motion.

ACTION: Councilman Escontrias moved to table line item 7q.

Councilman Juarez seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Unanimously 5-0

r. Discussion / action Mr. Teodoro Escontrias is interested in purchasing the Hendrix & Miles property owned by the City of Presidio. – City Administrator

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ACTION: Mayor Ferguson adjourned into executive session at 4:13 pm. Mayor Ferguson reconvened into open session at 4:52 pm.

DISCUSSION: Mayor Ferguson entertained a motion.

ACTION: Councilman Juarez moved to take no action.
Councilman Saenz seconded the motion.
Motion Carried Unanimously 5-0

8. Adjourn

DISCUSSION: There being no further business for the City Council Mayor Ferguson adjourned the regular City of Presidio meeting for January 12, 2026 at 9:00 p.m.

ACTION: Councilman Montoya moved to adjourn the regular City of Presidio meeting for January 12, 2026 at 9:00 p.m.
Councilwoman Martinez-Bailon seconded the motion.
Motion Carried Unanimously 4-0

CITY OF PRESIDIO, TEXAS



John Ferguson
City of Presidio Mayor

ATTEST:



Brenda Lee Acuña
City Secretary

