



**City Council
Regular Council Meeting,
July 13, 2026**

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Presidio, Texas will hold a Regular City Council meeting, **at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, July 13, 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. Discussion / action to approve prior minutes for Regular City Council meeting, June 22, 2026.
6. 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, Grant Administrator
 - b. Discussion / action / update on the TxCDBG Rural Economic Development (RED) Grant CRC23-0523 project status and other grant matters. – Mrs. Becky Brewster, Grant Administrator
 - c. Discussion / action / update on the TxCDBG Grant CDV25-0138 project status. – Mrs. Becky Brewster, Grant Administrator
 1. Other grant matters.
 - d. Discussion / action / update on the TDEM TX 5161-4 (ARPA Funds). – Mrs. Becky Brewster, Grant Administrator
 2. Project status
 3. Other grant matters.
 - e. Discussion / action to take appropriate approval for Resolution 2026-06R designating the Big Bend Sentinel as the official newspaper of record for the City of Presidio for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.
NOTE: On June 18, 2026, the Big Bend Sentinel announced that they were taking a hiatus from their print edition for the summer and will only public a digital version for subscribers. – City Secretary
 - f. Discussion / Update on the recent Independence Day Celebration in the City of Presidio and announcement on the upcoming Viva Big Bend Music event. – Mayor Ferguson
 - g. Discussion / action to take the appropriate approval to allow the Polvo con Causa, August 7th and 8th and Ruta Santa Teresa, October 16th through 18th, 2026, the use of the City of Presidio Baseball Fields as camping ground during their events. – Councilman Montoya
 - h. Discussion / action to appoint a member to the Presidio County Underground Water Conservation District Board. – Mayor Ferguson

- i. Discussion / action to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Texas Division of Emergency Management and Texas Emergency Management Assistance Teams Participating Jurisdiction and the City of Presidio. – Mrs. Cinderella Guevara, Texas Division of Emergency Management
- j. Discussion / action to appoint one candidate from the Letters of Interest or to request Letters of Interest to the vacated City Council Unexpired-Term seat and set date for last day to receive letters if no letters have not been submitted. – City Secretary
- k. Discussion / action to take appropriate action to approve the setting of a possible City Administrator Interim and publishing the opening for a new City Administrator for the City of Presidio. – City Secretary
 - 1. Adjourn into executive session as Authorized by the Texas Government Code including, but not limited to section 551.074 (Personnel Matters), regarding agenda item 6k.
 - 2. Reconvene into open session and take such action as appropriate.

7. 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 July 7, 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 July 7, 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 July 7, 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,
July 13, 2026

1. **Call meeting to order:** Mayor Ferguson called the Regular City Council meeting for July 13, 2026 at the Presidio Activity Center into order at 5:33 p.m.
2. **Quorum Check:** City Secretary verified quorum according to Texas Open Meetings Act, TX Local Government Code § 22.039.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
John Ferguson	Mayor	Present	
Cristian Montoya	Mayor Pro Tem	Present/Late	5:58 PM
Bianca Martinez-Bailon	Council member	Present	
Itzmira Bustamante	Council member	Present	
Silverio Escontrias	Council member	Present	
Vacant Seat	Council member		
Pablo Rodriguez	City Administrator	Present	
Brenda Ornelas-Acuña	City Secretary	Present	
Glorissel Muñiz	Deputy City Secretary	Present	

3. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Ferguson 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 July 13, 2026 at the Presidio Activity Center and opened floor for any visitor to address the City Council for five minutes. Mr. Carlos Nieto commented on the concern with the closure of Mexico Street and the implication it will cause with that closure. Mr. Nieto stated the possibility of legal action if Mexico Street is closed. Mr. Nieto also commented to recognize the heroic actions of the individual that helped the two vehicle victims that were hurt during a vehicular accident outside of Alpine. The individual that helped is from the City of Presidio. Mr. Jiovanny Escontrias thanked the city for their prompt action to the upkeep of the Baseball Fields.

5. **Discussion / action to approve prior minutes for Regular City Council meeting, June 22, 2026.**

DISCUSSION: No discussion at this time.

ACTION: Councilman Escontrias moved to approve the minutes for Regular City Council meeting, June 22, 2026, as presented.

Councilwoman Bustamante seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Unanimously 3-0

6. **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, Grant Administrator**

DISCUSSION:

ACTION: No action.

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

DISCUSSION:

ACTION: No action.

- c. **Discussion / action / update on the TxCDBG Grant CDV25-0138 project status. – Mrs. Becky Brewster, Grant Administrator**

1. Other grant matters.

DISCUSSION:

ACTION: No action.

- d. **Discussion / action / update on the TDEM TX 5161-4 (ARPA Funds). – Mrs. Becky Brewster, Grant Administrator**

1. Project status

2. Other grant matters.

DISCUSSION:

ACTION: No action.

- e. **Discussion / action to take appropriate approval for Resolution 2026-06R designating the Big Bend Sentinel as the official newspaper of record for the City of Presidio for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.**

NOTE: On June 18, 2026, the Big Bend Sentinel announced that they were taking a hiatus from their print edition for the summer and will only public a digital version for subscribers. – City Secretary

DISCUSSION: City Secretary stated that this resolution was to designate an official newspaper of record for the City of Presidio.

ACTION: Councilman Escontrias moved to approve the Resolution 2026-06R designating the Big Bend Sentinel as the official newspaper of record for the City of Presidio for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

Councilwoman Martinez-Bailon seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Unanimously 3-0

- f. **Discussion / Update on the recent Independence Day Celebration in the City of Presidio and announcement on the upcoming Viva Big Bend Music event. – Mayor Ferguson**

DISCUSSION / UPDATE: Councilwoman Martinez-Bailon updated on the City of Presidio Independence Day celebration and events. Mayor Ferguson thanked everyone for their dedication and help with this event. Mrs. Nelly Alvarez updated the City Council and public on the upcoming Viva Big Bend Music event.

- g. **Discussion / action to take the appropriate approval to allow the Polvo con Causa, August 7th and 8th and Ruta Santa Teresa, October 16th through 18th, 2026, the use of the City of Presidio Baseball Fields as camping ground during their events. – Councilman Montoya**

DISCUSSION: Mayor Ferguson stated these were events for two events to utilize the city's baseball fields as camping grounds during their weekend events.

ACTION: Councilwoman Martinez-Bailon moved to approve and allow the Polvo con Causa, August 7th and 8th and Ruta Santa Teresa, October 16th through 18th, 2026, the use of the City of Presidio Baseball Fields as camping ground during their events.

Councilman Escontrias seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Unanimously 3-0

h. Discussion / action to appoint a member to the Presidio County Underground Water Conservation District Board. – Mayor Ferguson

DISCUSSION: Mayor Ferguson volunteered to serve on the Presidio County Underground Water Conservation District Board. Mr. Fernando Juarez approached the City Council that he does not mind continuing to serve on the PCUWD board. Various public members commented on this issue and their concerns with conflict of interest. The public expressed their issues with the border wall and the potential conflict of interest this seat may cause. Mr. Juarez stated that this seat for the Presidio County Underground Water Conservation District Board has nothing to do with the border wall.

(Councilman Montoya entered the City Council meeting at 5:58 PM)

ACTION: Councilman Escontrias moved to reappoint Mr. Fernando Juarez to the Presidio County Underground Water Conservation District Board.

Councilman Montoya seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Unanimously 4-0

i. Discussion / action to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Texas Division of Emergency Management and Texas Emergency Management Assistance Teams Participating Jurisdiction and the City of Presidio. – Mrs. Cinderella Guevara, Texas Division of Emergency Management

DISCUSSION: Mayor Ferguson and City Council member's discussion on the requirements between the TDEM and the City of Presidio and they needed more information from Mrs. Guevara.

ACTION: Councilman Escontrias moved to table line item 6i pending more information from Mrs. Guevara.

Councilwoman Bustamante seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Unanimously 4-0

j. Discussion / action to appoint one candidate from the Letters of Interest or to request Letters of Interest to the vacated City Council Unexpired-Term seat and set date for last day to receive letters if no letters have not been submitted. – City Secretary

DISCUSSION: City Secretary stated there have been no Letters of Interest submitted as of today.

ACTION: Councilman Escontrias moved to reopen to call for Letters of Interest to the vacated City Council Unexpired-Term and last day to submit their Letter of Interest as of July 27 at 5pm.

Councilman Montoya seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Unanimously 4-0

k. Discussion / action to take appropriate action to approve the setting of a possible City Administrator Interim and publishing the opening for a new City Administrator for the City of Presidio. – City Secretary

1. Adjourn into executive session as Authorized by the Texas Government Code including, but not limited to section 551.074 (Personnel Matters), regarding agenda item 6k.

2. Reconvene into open session and take such action as appropriate.

ACTION: Mayor Ferguson adjourned into executive session at 6:53 pm. Mayor Ferguson reconvened into open session at 7:13 pm.

DISCUSSION: Mayor Ferguson requested a motion.

ACTION: Councilman Escontrias moved to appoint Mayor Ferguson as the Interim City Administrator until the position has been filled and October 30th is the last day to submit application.

Councilwoman Martinez-Bailon seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Unanimously 4-0

7. Adjourn

DISCUSSION: There being no further business for the City Council Mayor Ferguson adjourned the City of Presidio regular meeting for July 13, 2026 at 7:19 p.m.

ACTION: Councilman Montoya moved to adjourn the City of Presidio regular meeting for July 13, 2026 at 7:19 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

