



MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Azle City Council

505 W. Main Street
Azle, Texas 76020

May 20, 2025

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Goode called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM

Members Present:

Mayor Randa Goode
Mayor Pro-tem Stacy Peek
Councilmember Amy Estes
Councilmember Rouel Rothenberger
Councilmember Brian Conner
Councilmember Josh Berry

Members Absent:

Councilmember Derrick Nelson

Staff Present:

Tom Muir	City Manager
Amber Beard	Assistant City Manager
Yael Hoffman	City Secretary
Will Scott	Fire Chief
Lee Godbold	Assistant Fire Chief
Ben Hall	Police Chief
David Hawkins	Director of Planning and Development
Rick White	Director of Public Services
Stephen Barnes	Finance Director
Josh Henson	Water Plant Superintendent
Jessie Williams	Animal Control Supervisor
Kevin Rogers	Police Lieutenant
Curren McLane	Library Director

INVOCATION

Dr. Paul Brownback, senior pastor at The Abbey Church, gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Goode led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

PRESENTATIONS

1. FY 2025 2nd Quarter Financial Report

Mayor Goode recognized Finance Director Stephen Barnes, who gave a brief review of the Quarterly Finance Report ending March 31, 2025.

2. FY 2025 2nd Quarter Investment Report

Mayor Goode recognized Finance Director Stephen Barnes, who gave a brief review of the Quarterly Investment Report ending March 31, 2025, noting the book value of this quarter's investments at \$53,465,689 and the average quarterly yield is 4.25%.

Council took a break at 6:18 PM.

Council returned to open session at 6:24 PM.

ACTION ITEMS

3. Consider any action on the May 6 2025, Regular council meeting minutes and May 13, 2025 special council meeting minutes.

Councilmember Estes moved to approve the May 6 2025, regular council meeting minutes and May 13, 2025 special council meeting minutes, as presented. Councilmember Rothenberger seconded the motion.

Yes: (6) Randa Goode, Amy Estes, Stacy Peek, Rouel Rothenberger, Brian Conner, Josh Berry

4. Consider any action accepting the Verification of Cybersecurity Training Program Completion

Mayor Goode recognized Finance Director Stephen Barnes, who explained that cybersecurity training is required by Texas Local Government Code Chapter 2054. All required city employees have completed the training, which must be reported to the Department of Information Resources (DIR) by August 31, 2025.

Mayor Pro Tem Peek moved to accept the Verification of Cybersecurity Training Program Completion, as presented. Councilmember Rothenberger seconded the motion.

Yes: (6) Randa Goode, Amy Estes, Stacy Peek, Rouel Rothenberger, Brian Conner, Josh Berry

5. Consider any action on Ordinance No. 2025-08 revising the composition of the Beautification Board and reappointing Alan Brundrett to the Beautification Board (Place 6).

Mayor Goode recognized Tom Muir, who explained that Alan Brundrett has expressed interest in continuing to serve on the board. Therefore, the ordinance needs to be amended to allow for four citizen members instead of the three currently permitted, and to reappoint Alan Brundrett to Place 6.

Councilmember Berry moved to approve Ordinance No. 2025-08 revising the composition of the Beautification Board, as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Peek seconded the motion.

Yes: (6) Randa Goode, Amy Estes, Stacy Peek, Rouel Rothenberger, Brian Conner, Josh Berry

Councilmember Conner moved to appoint Alan Brundrett to the Beautification Board (Place 6). Councilmember Rothenberger seconded the motion.

Yes: (6) Randa Goode, Amy Estes, Stacy Peek, Rouel Rothenberger, Brian Conner, Josh Berry

6. Consider any action authorizing the City Manager to renew the interlocal agreement with the City of Pelican Bay for police dispatch and detention services

Mayor Goode recognized Chief Hall, who explained the contract is a renewal of the existing agreement with a request to extend the term from one year to three years.

Councilmember Rothenberger moved to authorize the City Manager to renew the interlocal agreement with the City of Pelican Bay for police dispatch and detention services, as presented. Councilmember Estes seconded the motion.

Yes: (6) Randa Goode, Amy Estes, Stacy Peek, Rouel Rothenberger, Brian Conner, Josh Berry

PUBLIC HEARING

7. Conduct a public hearing to allow questions and comments regarding the City of Azle's 2024 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report (CCR)

Mayor Goode recognized Josh Henson, Water Plant Superintendent, who gave a short review of the City of Azle's 2024 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report (CCR).

Mayor Goode opened the public hearing at 6:37 PM.

No one spoke.

Mayor Goode closed the public hearing at 6:38 PM.

8. Conduct a public hearing and consider any action on Ordinance No. 2025-06 regarding text amendments to Chapter 4 "Business Regulations", Chapter 14A "Zoning Ordinance," and Appendix A, "Fee Schedule," of the Code of Ordinances, City of Azle, Texas. The purpose of the text amendment is to consider adding new regulations pertaining to Short-Term Rentals (STRs) in Azle.

Mayor Goode recognized Planning and Development Director David Hawkins, who provided an overview of the proposed Short-Term Rentals (STR) Ordinance, noting this item was reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Commission, who recommended approval of the draft ordinance with the following changes:

- Allow an avenue for appeal to exceed the maximum occupancy.
- Allow for on-street parking.
- Allow short-term rentals (STRs) in all zoning districts.

Mayor Goode opened the public hearing at 6:43 PM.

Kenneth Bachelor, 432 Windjammer Ln, gave a presentation against short-term rentals (STRs) and the draft ordinance as it is presented.

Karen Burdack, 440 Windjammer Ln - Spoke against this ordinance.

Mayor Goode closed the public hearing at 7:04 PM.

This item will be discussed again after the Executive Session.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

9. "Vehicle Repair" land use designation.

Mayor Goode recognized Planning and Development Director David Hawkins, who explained this item was requested due to a lack of definition within the Zoning Ordinance for a land use called "Vehicle Repair". The Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed the item and recommended a new definition for "Vehicle Repair". After a brief discussion, the Council agreed to allow Staff to proceed with the code amendment to add this new definition to the City's Zoning Ordinance.

10. Cats

Councilmember Estes expressed her concern about the growing cat population around the city. City Manager Muir explained that, at this time, the animal shelter does not have the capacity or space to provide spay and neuter services to address the issue. However, it is something the City may be able to consider in the future once the animal shelter is expanded.

ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON FUTURE MEETING AGENDAS

None.

MAYOR/COUNCIL COMMENTS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

- 05-22-2025 - Azle High School graduation at the Tarrant County Convention Center.
- 05-26-2025 - Memorial Day - City facilities are closed.
- 06-17-2025 - Budget workshop for Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

551.087 – DELIBERATION REGARDING ECONOMIC NEGOTIATIONS

Discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations for 317 W. Main St.

Mayor Goode convened to Executive Session at 7:38 PM.

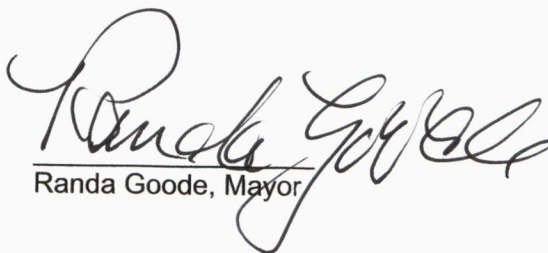
Mayor Goode reconvened to open session at 9:00 PM.

No action was taken. The City Attorney will review the specific use permit (SUP) process and bring the item back at a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Goode adjourned at 9:01 PM.

Presented and approved on 06-03-2025.


Randa Goode, Mayor

Attest:


Yael Hoffman, TRMC, MMC
City Secretary