



MINUTES

Special Meeting

Azle City Council

505 W. Main Street
Azle, Texas 76020

August 25, 2025

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Goode called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

Members Present:

Mayor Randa Goode
Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Peek
Councilmember Derrick Nelson
Councilmember Amy Estes
Councilmember Rouel Rothenberger
Councilmember Brian Conner
Councilmember Josh Berry

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
Angelia Garrett	Assistant Finance Director
Matthew Sommerfield	Golf Course Manager
Curren McLane	Library Director
Kevin Rogers	Police Lieutenant
Kristen Pegues	Community & Marketing Specialist
Amanda Scott	Special Events Coordinator
Jessie Williams	Animal Control Supervisor
Beckie Wethington	Human Resources Generalist

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Goode led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public Comments:

- **Kathy Feters, 125 Westlake Court** – Addressed the Council regarding the need for a new animal shelter facility.
- **Larry Beck, 4 Kona Drive** – Requested the Council not increase the tax rate.

- **John Fowler, 1941 Spinnaker Ln** – Spoke in opposition to both the proposed tax rate increase and the debt issuance.
- **Ken Bachelor, 432 Windjammer Ln** – Addressed the need for a new maintenance facility and suggested the animal shelter could be constructed in phases.
- **Leslie Simmons, 345 Glenhaven Dr** – Thanked the Council for their service, recognized the dedication of the volunteers and staff at the shelter, and expressed support for improvements and replacement of the existing facility.
- **Rick Simmons, 345 Glenhaven Dr** – Opposed the proposed tax rate increase and any issuance of bonds or loans.
- **Frank Insell, 6724 Hill Court** – Commended the shelter staff for their hard work, noting the shelter manages more than just dogs and cats, including the removal of dead animals. He expressed the need to renovate or replace the shelter.
- **Alex Lora, 229 Macadamia Drive** – Questioned the need for a larger facility, expressing the opinion that the City should remain with the current shelter size and level of service.
- **Will Dubuis, 125 S. Broadway** – Agreed that a new shelter is needed, but opposed a facility as costly as \$11 million.
- **Juda Attkisson, 1801 Spinnaker Ln** – Asked Council to justify the proposed tax rate and suggested exploring grant opportunities.
- **Maggie Nieves, 744 High Crest Drive** – Spoke in opposition to the proposed tax increase.
- **Tracey Brashear, 400 Mary Dr** – Requested additional details regarding projected revenues from new construction.
- **Daniel Cap, 199 Reese Loop** – Requested the costs associated with the animal shelter project be revisited.
- **Keith Sultemeier, 7817 Jacksboro Highway** – Thanked the Council for their service and noted his volunteer work with AASHA. He stated the original shelter, built in the 1980s, has significant issues, including mold, roof damage, and foundation deterioration, making the facility unsafe for both people and animals. He urged that repairs or replacement be prioritized before conditions get worse.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Consider any action on Resolution 2025-16 approving and authorizing publication of notice of intention to issue Certificates of Obligation in the amount of either \$10 Million or \$20 Million.**

Mayor Goode moved to issue no debt and deny Resolution 2025-16 authorizing publication of notice of intention to issue Certificates of Obligation in the amount of either \$10 Million or \$20 Million. Councilmember Nelson seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Randa Goode, Derrick Nelson, Amy Estes, Stacy Peek, Rouel Rothenberger, Brian Conner, Josh Berry

2. **Consider any action on Ordinance No. 2025-12 setting forth the expenditures/expenses to conduct each fund for the municipal government of the City of Azle, Texas for the period beginning October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2026, appropriating money for the various funds, setting out the purposes of such various funds, and providing an effective date.**

Councilmember Conner moved to approve Ordinance No. 2025-12 setting forth the expenditures/expenses to conduct each fund for the municipal government of the City of Azle, Texas for the period beginning October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2026, appropriating money for the various funds, setting out the purposes of such various funds, and providing an effective date. Councilmember Rothenberger seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Randa Goode, Derrick Nelson, Amy Estes, Stacy Peek, Rouel Rothenberger, Brian Conner, Josh Berry

3. Consider any action on ratifying the property tax increase reflected in the FY 2026 Budget.

Councilmember Berry moved to approve ratifying the property tax increase reflected in the FY 2026 Budget, as presented. Councilmember Conner seconded the motion.

Yes: (5) Randa Goode, Stacy Peek, Rouel Rothenberger, Brian Conner, Josh Berry

No: (2) Derrick Nelson, Amy Estes

4. Consider any action on Ordinance No. 2025-13 levying taxes for the uses and support of the municipal government of the City of Azle, Texas, for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2026, and providing for interest and sinking funds for the tax year 2025, and approving each levy for the specific purpose, and providing an effective date.

Councilmember Conner moved to adopt Ordinance 2025-13, and that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.6246927, which is effectively a 3.49% (percent) increase in the tax rate. Councilmember Berry seconded the motion.

Yes: (5) Randa Goode, Stacy Peek, Rouel Rothenberger, Brian Conner, Josh Berry

No: (2) Derrick Nelson, Amy Estes

ADJOURNMENT

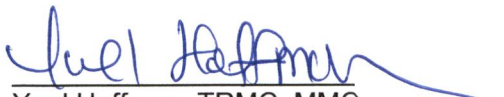
Mayor Goode adjourned at 7:04 PM.

Presented and approved on 09-02-2025.



Randa Goode, Mayor

Attest:



Yael Hoffman, TRMC, MMC
City Secretary