



**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Azle City Council**

505 W. Main Street  
Azle, Texas 76020

**January 6, 2026**

**6:00 PM**

**Council Chambers**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Goode called the meeting to order at 6:04 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

**Members Absent:**

None

**Staff Present:**

|                 |                                      |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| Tom Muir        | City Manager                         |
| Amber Beard     | Assistant City Manager               |
| Susie Hiles     | Assistant to the City Manager        |
| Will Scott      | Fire Chief                           |
| Lee Godbold     | Assistant Fire Chief                 |
| Ben Hall        | Police Chief                         |
| Dora Grissom    | Police Lieutenant                    |
| David Hawkins   | Director of Planning and Development |
| Kristen Pegues  | Community & Marketing Specialist     |
| Cat Schlueter   | Human Resources Director             |
| Victor Gonzalez | Assistant Library Director           |

**INVOCATION**

Rev. Alton Davis, Senior Pastor, Community Bible Fellowship and President of the Board of Directors, Azle Area Ministerial Alliance, gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Goode led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**ACTION ITEMS**

1. Consider any action on the December 16, 2025 City Council meeting minutes.

Councilmember Rothenberger moved to approve the December 16, 2025 City Council meeting minutes, as presented. Councilmember Estes 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. 2026-01 calling for a general election to be held on May 2, 2026 for the purpose of electing council members to Places 1, 2 and 5 for a two-year term; and calling a special election to submit a proposition for reauthorization of the local sales and use tax under the provisions of the Texas Tax Code at the rate of one-quarter of one percent (¼%) to continue providing revenue for maintenance and repair of municipal streets; establishing procedures for the conduct of the election; and providing an effective date.**

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

3. **Consider any action on the Facade and Signage Improvement Program application for 1145 - 1181 SE Parkway**

Councilmember Rothenberger moved to approve the Facade and Signage Improvement Program application in the amount of \$10,000 for 1145 - 1181 SE Parkway, as presented. Councilmember Berry seconded the motion.

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

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

4. **Sign ordinance.**

Mayor Goode requested this item regarding the city's current regulations for temporary "bandit" signs. She provided information on other cities' regulations. Council members reviewed the information and all agreed to amend the sign ordinance to prohibit "bandit" signs. Council also discussed other areas of the sign ordinance that need to be evaluated for possible amendments, such as window signs, length of time for temporary signs, limiting them for special occasions or events only, amending the fee schedules for sign permits. City Council directed Staff to come back with proposed amendments to the sign ordinance at a later date.

5. **Homelessness Issues**

Asst City Manager Amber Beard presented concerns regarding issues related to the homeless population.

Chief Ben Hall and Lt Dora Grissom gave an overview of the issues the police department encounters when interacting with the homeless population. They suggested certain ordinances they would like to see tightened or created that will help the police department in addressing issues related to the homeless. Staff will work on drafting updates to related ordinances.

## **ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON FUTURE MEETING AGENDAS**

Councilmember Estes requested a discussion regarding the city's efforts to compel the community to deal with the leaves on their respective properties.

### **MAYOR/COUNCIL COMMENTS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST**

January 2 - February 13 - Azle Memorial Library Winter Reading Contest  
January 14 - TML Region 8 meeting in Bridgeport, Texas  
January 16 & 17 - Annual Azle Memorial Library Book Sale  
January 16 - Coffee w/First Responders at Annunziato Jiu Jitsu  
January 19 - City facilities closed for Martin Luther King Jr Day  
Runoff Election for State Senator, District 9; early voting runs January 21 - 27, election day January 31.  
February 19 - Annual Azle Area Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Mayor Goode convened to Executive Session at 7:14 PM.**

**Mayor Goode reconvened to open meeting at 8:43 PM.**

#### **551.074 PERSONNEL MATTERS**

**Deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the City Manager.**

#### **6. Take any action on any items pursuant to executive session.**

No action was taken.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Goode adjourned at 8:43 PM.

**Presented and approved on 01-20-2026.**



Randa Goode, Mayor

Attest:



Yael Hoffman, TRMC, MMC  
City Secretary