



MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Azle City Council

505 W. Main Street
Azle, Texas 76020

January 20, 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 Josh Berry
Councilmember Rouel Rothenberger

Members Absent:

Councilmember Brian Conner

Staff Present:

Tom Muir	City Manager
Amber Beard	Assistant City Manager
Bessie Bronstein	City Attorney
Yael Hoffman	City Secretary
Susie Hiles	Assistant to the City Manager
Will Scott	Fire Chief
Lee Godbold	Assistant Fire Chief
Ben Hall	Police Chief
Mike Winterrowd	Administrative Corporal
David Hawkins	Director of Planning and Development
Matt Sommerfield	Golf Course General Manager
Rick White	Director of Public Services
Stephen Barnes	Finance Director
Curren McLane	Library Director
Victor Gonzalez	Assistant Library Director
Cat Schlueter	Human Resources Director

INVOCATION

Steve Sandfort, senior pastor of The Edge Church of Azle, gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Goode led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Cross Timbers Golf Course

Mayor Goode recognized Matt Sommerfeld, Cross Timbers Golf Course Manager, who provided an overview of golf course activities over the past year and discussed upcoming projects.

ACTION ITEMS

2. Consider any action on the January 6, 2026, council meeting minutes.

Councilmember Rothenberger moved to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2026, council meeting, as presented. Councilmember Berry seconded the motion.

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

3. Consider any action authorizing the purchase of a Toro Greensmaster TriFlex 3300 and Cutting Units

Mayor Goode recognized Matt Sommerfeld, Cross Timbers Golf Course Manager, who explained the need for the purchase of the Greensmaster TriFlex 3300 mower and cutting units. Mr. Sommerfeld noted funds for a lease/purchase was included in the FY26 budget; however, Staff determined it would be more fiscally responsible to purchase these items outright. A budget amendment of \$60,000 will be required to allow for this purchase as well as other scheduled equipment purchases.

Councilmember Rothenberger moved to authorize the purchase of a Toro Greensmaster TriFlex 3300 and Cutting Units, as presented. Councilmember Berry seconded the motion.

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

4. Consider any action on Resolution No. 2026-02 allowing the Police Department to apply for a Texas State Assistance Justice Grant Program to acquire a Use of Force and De-Escalation Training Simulator (Grant #5699701)

Administrative Corporal Mike Winterrowd provided an overview of the grant, noting the grant request is for \$75,000 and is fully reimbursable.

Councilmember Rothenberger moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-02, allowing the Police Department to apply for a Texas State Assistance Justice Grant Program to acquire a Use of Force and De-Escalation Training Simulator (Grant #5699701), as presented. Councilmember Berry seconded the motion.

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

5. Consider any action on Resolution No. 2026-03 setting rates for solid waste and recycling services

Mayor Goode recognized Assistant to the City Manager Susie Hiles, who provided an overview of the proposed solid waste rates for 2026 noting residential rates will increase by \$1.34 to \$25.43. These rates are effective February 1, 2026. Council expressed concerns regarding CWD's recent service failures. JB Sweeney, CWD Assistant General Manager, addressed those concerns and stated CWD is committed to providing excellent service to the City of Azle.

Councilmember Rothenberger moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-03 setting rates for solid waste and recycling services, as presented. Councilmember Nelson seconded the motion.

Yes: (5) Randa Goode, Derrick Nelson, Amy Estes, Rouel Rothenberger, Josh Berry

No: (1) Stacy Peek

6. Consider any action on Resolution No. 2026-01 accepting the Tarrant County Hazardous

Mitigation Action Plan as a multi-jurisdictional plan

Mayor Goode recognized Fire Chief Will Scott who provided an overview of the Tarrant County Hazard Mitigation Action Plan, which includes coordination between 29 Tarrant County jurisdictions. This will allow the City to better coordinate with Tarrant County and surrounding jurisdictions in addressing hazards across jurisdictional boundaries.

Councilmember Nelson moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-01 accepting the Tarrant County Hazardous Mitigation Action Plan as a multi-jurisdictional plan. Mayor Pro-tem Peek seconded the motion.

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

7. Consider any action on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Texas Division of Emergency Management and the Texas Emergency Management Assistance Teams Participating Jurisdiction

Mayor Goode recognized Fire Chief Will Scott who provided an overview of the MOU, stating the City has historically maintained multiple, separate agreements with various state agencies for disaster response. The new Texas Emergency Management Assistance Teams (TEMAT) MOU consolidates these agencies under a single, unified agreement, thus streamlining our administrative overhead and establishing a consistent five-year timeline for all emergency response programs.

Councilmember Estes moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Texas Division of Emergency Management and the Texas Emergency Management Assistance Teams Participating Jurisdiction, as presented. Mayor Pro-tem Peek seconded the motion.

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

8. Consider any action on Ordinance 2026-02 approving a FY 2026 Budget Amendment

Mayor Goode recognized Finance Director Stephen Barnes, who provided an overview of the quarterly budget amendments for the City of Azle, noting that most of the amendments are rollovers from the prior fiscal year to the current fiscal year to complete on-going projects.. This ordinance is requesting a total budget appropriation increase in the amount of \$9,222,476.

Councilmember Berry moved to approve Ordinance 2026-02 approving a FY 2026 Budget Amendment, as presented. Councilmember Rothenberger seconded the motion.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

9. Sex Offender Residency Ordinance

Police Chief Ben Hall presented information on implementing a sex offender residency ordinance. Following a brief discussion, Council directed staff to move forward with the ordinance for consideration at the next meeting.

10. Stormwater Leaf Abatement Program

Planning and Development Director David Hawkins provided information on the City's code enforcement leaf abatement efforts, noting that accumulation of leaves in the stormwater system can cause future drainage and stormwater issues. Mr Hawkins stated the number of letters issued for violations has reduced the past three years. Mayor Goode asked that Staff look at softening the language in the initial notice to make it sound more friendly, and include information to better educate residents on the importance of this issue and explain the potential stormwater impact.

ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON FUTURE MEETING AGENDAS

- Information on Texas Senate Bill 7
- Provide an update on outstanding grants awarded the City.

MAYOR/COUNCIL COMMENTS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

- Upcoming weather conditions
- January 31 - Azle Education Foundation "Red Solo Cup" event
- February 23-24 - Council/Staff Strategic Plan workshop

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Goode convened to Executive Session at 8:06 PM.

551.071 CONSULTATION WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY U.S Realty 87 Azle Associates, LP vs. City of Azle.

551.074 PERSONNEL MATTERS

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

551.087 – DELIBERATION REGARDING ECONOMIC NEGOTIATIONS

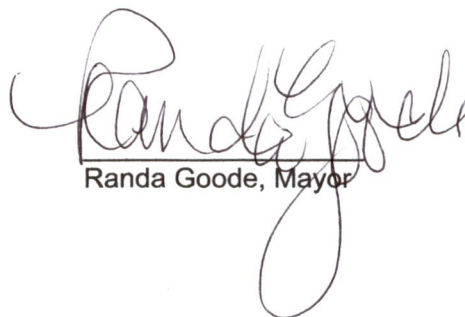
Discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic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

Mayor Goode reconvened to open meeting at 9:13 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Goode adjourned at 9:13 PM.

Presented and approved on 02-03-2026.



Randa Goode, Mayor

Attest:



Yael Hoffman, TRMC, MMC
City Secretary