

Nordheim City Council Meeting

Monday January 26, 2026

The regular meeting of the Nordheim City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor P. Garcia. Council Members present R. Garcia, L. Baucum, F. Warwas, and R. Hale. City Secretary K. Caves and City Clerk M. Knight present.

Visitors: None

Minutes from September were mailed for pre approval. F. Warwas motioned to approve the minutes, second by R. Garcia. All approved

New Business

Utility Truck: K.Caves has contacted Carvana about purchasing a truck but Carvana came back with a response that we can not purchase a truck through our business. We would have to buy the truck through a personal account and then transfer the title to the city. Obviously, this was not an option for us. K. Caves has reached out to dealerships around our area, the only dealership that has contacted K. Caves back with any luck of a truck was Alexander Auto Center in Kenedy. Alexander has been very gracious to hold the truck until the council could meet and discuss this truck option. It's a 2021, Ram 1500 long bed with a regular cab, miles on the truck are 52,000, the color is white. They are asking for \$24,361.32 including registration fees and no state tax. Questions were asked by council members: is there an accident report on it? Is this a service truck or personal truck? Is it a fleet truck? Is this a good price for this truck? K. Caves has talked to other dealerships but they have not found anything yet for us. We can still wait and keep looking if that is what the council would like. Have you asked about trade-in? K.Caves has expressed she has not talked to them about a trade-in yet. Is the truck gas or diesel? The truck is a gas truck. If we can not get more than \$500 for our current truck we would just hold-on to the truck. We would like someone to go check the truck out, test drive it, see how it sounds and runs. No one from the council was available this week to check the truck out, K. Caves has offered to check the truck out. F. Warwas commented that they have this type of truck at his work and this truck is too light for them but, for the city of Nordheim he feels this would be a good fit, there is room to have a tool box in the back. R. Hale motioned that if the test drive is satisfactory to go ahead and purchase the Ram 1500 for \$24,361.32, F. Warwas second motion, all approved.

Street Lights: At the school & 4th and Broadway. Mr. Williams asked to have a street light. P. Garcia talked to the superintendent and they discussed that he would be talking to Zack about the lights on a certain building they have. There is a street light there that doesn't work. It's right next to the sidewalk, going into the stock show barn. P. Garcia was not sure what numbers you need to get off of the poles in order to give AEP. Council members said they are silver numbers. P. Garcia said this pole did not have any

silver number; it had a silver plate with the numbers and letters of X 5083 / 680, and Y 5500 / 073. We also had three spots where our Christmas lights did not work, but the numbers were not collected for those poles. The pole at 6th and Broadway, by the telephone building AT&T, and Sparky's. The pole with the light that did not work is the one by the school. We do get charged for the street lights and if we add more we will get a charge but it's for the usage of the lights. The prices vary so we do not have a set price for the lights we pay for at this time. M. Knight will get the price for the lights.

Trash Contract Update: K. Caves has contacted the lawyer in San Antonio. The lawyer informed K. Caves that they would be sending an engagement letter for the council to look over and approve. K. Caves did send him the trash contract to look over so he has an idea of what kind of situation we are in but, the lawyer can not say or do anything until this letter is approved first. The lawyer also informed K. Caves that they would investigate and make sure there are no conflicts with us and other members of their staff and firm. The lawyer that K.Caves spoke to said he does represent Karnes City so he would be in our area. K. Caves wanted to make it clear that the letter is directed to her but this is for the council to decide on. Our trash contract renewal is in August 2027. M. Knight said she would check with the current trash company about the brush pick-up for our town. M. Knight made a comment that the trash company is doing better at picking-up the trash we have had less complaints. K. Caves made a comment that she doesn't know the full extent of what the lawyer will do to help us with but he might be able to get us out of our contract completely, but K. Caves would like to talk to him more and see what he says. K. Caves did explain to the lawyer that we have documentation of all the complaints to the company and how they barely fix these complaints in time. The company has been doing this on a consistent basis for us and they have not fixed these issues. We might be able to break this contract but K. Caves still does not know for sure until we discuss more in depth with the lawyer. The council members brought up if we can just have White trash just pick-up our brush. Unfortunately, we can not do this when we are under contract with another trash company. Right now the council is concerned about the brush pick-up. The council has come to agreement of tabling this to a later time.

Fire Hydrant Flow & Pressure testing update: The company came January 23 to flow test 5 hydrants. The hydrants that were flow tested were Teiwes and 1st Street, Line and 3rd Street, Mesquite and 1st Street, Mulberry and 5th Street, Broadway and 6th Street. Council members asked if the reports were good. K.Caves explained she has not had the chance to look them over, but a quick look over the report looks good at this time. P. Garcia asked if they plan to do all of them? Yes, over the year they will complete the flow testing. We are not in a hurry since it will not change our score at this time. The company would have let us know if there was an issue but there was nothing.

Mower: The mower was picked up and dropped off at Shoppa's in Victoria. When the mower was returned the maintenance guys noticed something was still wrong with the mower. The office called Shoppa's and they arranged for the mower to be picked up and

fixed. There was a hole in one of the lines. Shoppa's fixed the hose and returned the mower. We haven't had any issues since.

Water and Sewer Rates: The office was contacted by the Nixon city secretary. They were calling around all the surrounding cities to see what each city's water and sewer rates are. The office gave Nixon our rates but we requested that when they got all this information if they could share with us. Nixon did not hesitate to agree and has sent us their research. We wanted the council to see and have it in mind to possibly raise our fees for next year's budgets. Right now we have the lowest water rates in the whole area.

Mayor's Report:

- The fence by the fire hydrant off of 6th Street and Teiwes has been fixed.
- During the Christmas holidays Mario and Joe painted the cross walks at the school.
- The mayor hasn't had a chance to talk to Runge about their "Welcome Sign".
- The mayor hasn't had a chance to talk with the mayors of Runge and Yorktown yet.
- We have a watch report from B. Jordan. The information in this email was handed out to council members but, the most important information that B. Jordan is wanting to get out and have the council be aware of and help get information out is the STEAR program and the Everbridge Notification System. Send the flyer for STEAR with the water bill.

Emergency Liaison Report: There really is not a whole lot to report on. It got cold and it will get cold next week. T. Gunderson brought it to the attention of the council that she was not sure what the council would like her to report on. She is there if and when an emergency comes about. Right now all the information is going to the office to our city secretary. The county does not contact her. K. Caves wanted to add to T. Gunderson report, B. Jordan did contact Caves about having a warming center here at the Recreation Center just for the citizens of Nordheim. Caves did let the Mayor know of what is happening and what has been asked. Caves did make it clear to Jordan that we can not do an overnight stay at the Recreation Center due to not having the proper facility for this type of stay. We can only accommodate for a day stay until a more permitted location can be found for them.

Water & Sewer: R. Garcia went to a meeting this past week, and he was told the same story that Texas is running out of water. The bigger cities want to import water from smaller towns, like they would buy land and drill for water to bring to the city. The gentleman that was at this meeting said they need to recycle the water. They treated us very well in Kenedy. They didn't even charge this time it was paid by the host city. The sewer is good.

Parks: Just had the water turned off and it will be turned back on after all these freezes, but no one is using the lounge.

Fire: January 6th car accident off of 72 and Wied Road. Last Monday there were three alarms that went off. They were just tests.

Streets: Elm and 1st by the stop sign potholes, on 4th between Chaparral and Elm the trench across the road is sunk again, on 6th between Elm and Broadway by the showbarn potholes, Broadway and 9th by the stop sign potholes at the 4-way, The other side of town is looking descent, on 6th street not sure if it was gophers or ants but it does not drive smooth there are dips in the road. 4th street up to Oak potholes, on Oak street by the church St. Ann's there are potholes.

Museum: Nothing of importance, water has been shut off.

Bills: B. Watson came in last Friday to inform us he is trying to finish up our Audit and we will be starting the Audit for 2025. B. Watson will be helping M. Knight with removing the outstanding bills and checks that are in our system. L. Baucum motioned to approve the Bills, second by F. Warwas all approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Stock show this weekend
- The church is raffling quilts
- The fireman fundraiser is coming up March 8. We will have bingo and do things like last year.
- Fire station cookoff in April.

Adjourn 6:59 P.M. (18:59)