



**NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING
THE CITY COUNCIL
Thursday, January 8, 2026
7:00 PM**

Ernie Burns
Mayor

Mark Heatwole
Mayor Pro-Tem

Samantha Smith
Council Member

Bill Dwyer
Council Member

Laura Duncan
Council Member

Mark Thompson
Council Member

Jeff Hudgens
City Manager

AGENDA

Notice is hereby given as required by Title 5, Chapter 551.041 of the Government Code that the Van City Council will meet in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, January 8, 2026, at 7:00 PM at Van City Hall, 310 Chestnut St., Van, TX 75790. The items listed below are placed on the agenda for discussion and/or action.

The City Council reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at anytime during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed below, as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), and 551.087 (Economic Development).

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- A. Roll Call and Establish a Quorum

II. INVOCATION

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- A. US Flag

- B. Texas Flag

"Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible."

IV. OPEN FORUM

The opportunity for citizens to address the City Council on any agenda item (**limit 3 minutes per person**); however, the Texas Open Meetings Act prohibits the City Council from discussing issues that the public has not been given three business days notice. Issues raised may be referred to City Staff for research and potential future action.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

(All consent agenda items are considered routine by City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member request an item be removed and considered separately.)

- A. Meeting Minutes

1. Minutes from the regular meeting December 11, 2025.

- B. Financial Report

VI. **INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION**

- A. Information and Discussion on the use of Van Zandt County Special Road Tax.

VII. **REPORTS**

- A. City Manager Monthly Report
- B. Fire Department Monthly Report
- C. Library Monthly Report
- D. Municipal Court Monthly Report
- E. Police Monthly Report
- F. Public Works & Parks Monthly Report

VIII. **ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action on a request to extend city water services to an address on Van Zandt County Road 1412.

IX. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, Sec. 551.072, 551.073, 551.074, 551.076, 551.087, and Section 418.183(f) of the Texas Government Code (Texas Disaster Act). Refer to posted list attached hereto and incorporated here in.

X. **RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION AND CONSIDER ACTION IF ANY**

RECEIVE REQUESTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS/STAFF FOR ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON NEXT MEETING AGENDA

Discussion under this item must be limited to whether the Council wishes to include a potential agenda item on a future agenda.


XI. **ADJOURN**

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above notice was posted on the bulletin board at Van City Hall, 310 Chestnut St., Van, Texas 75790 by 5:00 pm on January 2, 2026.

Sereca Huff-Huggins, City Secretary

NOTE: If, during the meeting, any discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the Council will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E

 *Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this public meeting and who may need auxiliary aid or services are requested to contact the Van City Hall 48 hours in advance, at (903)963-7216, and reasonable accommodations will be made for assistance.*