



**NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING  
THE CITY COUNCIL  
Thursday, September 10, 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, September 10, 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. PRESENTATION**

- A. National Night Out Proclamation

- B. Recognition of Van, Texas being a Film Friendly Texas Certified Community by Betty Russo.

**V. 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.

**VI. 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 August 13, 2026, regular meeting.
- B. Financial Report

VII. **REPORTS**

- A. City Manager Monthly Report

VIII. **INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION**

- A. Information and Discussion on the City of Van's submitted action items as part of the Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- B. Council participation in the Oil Festival Parade and Halloween event.
- C. City hall remodel.

IX. **ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action on selecting a new Emergency Medical Services provider for the City of Van.
- B. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action on citizen request to remove stop signs at the intersection of West Kansas Street and Cherry Street.
- C. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action on an amendment to the FY2025-2026 annual budget.
- D. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action on approval of the EDC budget for FY 2026-2027.
- E. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action on approving Certification of Unopposed Candidates.
- F. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action on the Order of Cancellation of the November 3, 2026, General Election for the City of Van.
- G. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action on the destruction of outdated records in accordance with the State Statutes concerning record retention standards.

X. **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.

XI. **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.*

XII. **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 Thursday, September 3, 2026.

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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.*