

REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 18, 2026

The City Council of the City of Caldwell, Burleson County, Texas convened in a Regular Meeting at the City Council Chambers, 107 S. Hill St., Caldwell, TX 77836 at 5:30P.M., August 18, 2026 with the following members present:

Members Present:	
John Rychlik	-Mayor
Lee Glidewell	-Alderman
Gary M. Easter	-Alderman
John Larch	-Alderman
Thomas Trnka	-Alderman
Members Absent:	
Kavon Novak	-Alderman

Staff Members Present:	
Amanda Frank	-City Secretary
Michael Boese	-Interim City Administrator
Charles Barnes	-Police Chief
Timothy Robertson	-City Engineer
Bengee Trnka	-Code Enforcement
Brandon Telschow	-Public Works

Guests Present: See Registrar

The Regular Meeting was conducted in compliance with the Open Meeting Law of the State of Texas. The agenda was posted within full view of the public for a time greater than three (3) business days.

A quorum being present and the time being 5:30 P.M., the Regular Meeting was called to order by Mayor Rychlik.

Janice Easter delivered the Invocation. Mayor Rychlik delivered the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas Flags.

Citizens to be Heard: None

Consent Agenda:

- Approval of the minutes from the 07/21/2026 Regular Meeting and the 08/03/2026 Called Meeting

- Resolution No. 2026-013 Designating the Burleson County Tribune as the official paper for the City
- Authorize the City Administrator to enter into an agreement for employee group health insurance with Blue Cross & Blue Shield and NonStop for FY26-27

Motion to approve: Alderman Glidewell
Motion seconded: Alderman Trnka
All in favor – motion passes.

Regular Agenda:

ITEM #5A: Ordinance No. 2026-04 Establishing a chapter setting rules and regulations for city parks and facilities

Amanda Frank explained the purpose of the ordinance and provided context for the issues trying to be addressed. Mayor Rychlik asked about the food truck question; Amanda advised that the permitting process for food trucks is being handled by the state now so it was not addressed to avoid overlap and conflicting enforcement. Gary Easter asked if we covered everything and noted it was very detailed. Amanda confirmed that legal had reviewed and approved the ordinance.

Motion to approve: Alderman Easter
Motion seconded: Alderman Larch
All in favor – motion passes.

ITEM #5B: Ordinance No. 2026-05 Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of City of Caldwell, Texas Tax Note, Series 2026; Levying an Annual Ad Valorem Tax and Providing for the Security for and Payment of Said Note; and Enacting Other Provisions Relating to the Subject.

Jorge of Hilltop Securities presented the information on the proposed tax note. He presented the different elements of the financing plan and presented the total bids from financial institutions. The best option was with local bank Prosperity Bank with an interest rate of 3.95%. He reviewed the timeline and set the closing date for the next meeting of September 15th once approved by the attorney general. Mayor Rychlik asked about future funding of the I&S rate and Mike confirmed that it would allow us to maintain the rate in the future. He also asked about funding for the parks at John E. Hejl. Amanda confirmed that the trust for that park allows us to spend additional funds at that park, we just cannot spend the trust funds on other parks. Mayor Rychlik also asked about this building credit history, and Mike confirmed that this would be a good first step to building that competitive bid history to attain an S&P rating in the future.

Motion to approve: Alderman Easter
Motion seconded: Alderman Larch
All in favor – motion passes.

Workshop Items:

ITEM# 6A: FY26-27 Budget

Mike ran through the proposed budget including funding some new positions such as main street/EDC and additions to other departments, COLA increases for staff, increased health insurance costs, and additional funding for council training and education. He also mentioned that the position of fire administrator will not be funded moving forward. He stated that Brandon Telschow will continue to work with the volunteer department to handle city-related funding requests.

He also mentioned that he would like Council to independently review the full budget and bring any concerns or questions to staff. He mentioned that department heads really took ownership this year and contributed to their budgets, which Mike was very happy with the outcome. He then opened the floor to questions.

Thomas Trnka asked if the Main Street position would be full-time. Mike confirmed that it will be a coordinator role and will be full-time.

Mayor Rychlik asked if one more employee for PD and water is sufficient. It was agreed that more would be better but within the current budget constraints, this will work.

Lee Glidewell asked about fleet vehicles. Brandon stated that they are working to plan for this but that the new city administrator will be more focused on capital purchases. He also asked if there were any trends noticed about which departments were increasing in terms of expenses. Mike stated that public safety is always a top expense department, and there will be some new costs with the water/wastewater department for SCADA components.

Gary Easter confirmed that the budget overall with round numbers increased by about 1.5 million year over year, which Mike confirmed.

The official action for the budget and tax rate will be at the September 15th meeting where there will also be a public hearing.

Department/Administrative Reports

Amanda stated that the sales tax report was not available in time and that there was a citizen report attached to the code enforcement report for their information only.

Gary Easter stated that the railroad folks will finally be fixing the spur crossing in the near future, stating that Tim will be managing that process with them.

Gary Easter mentioned that the library is doing some really awesome stuff and shared some details from the July report.

Gary Easter mentioned that the summer concert series was successful with the first of the series having 1500+ attendees.

Thomas Trnka extended a thanks to Gary Easter for his personal efforts in making the concert series a success.

Amanda provided an update on the website project and Gary Easter shared that he brought an idea to her about tracking .

Mayor Rychlik stated that the Chamber is in full swing planning for Kolache Festival and how they are looking for volunteers.

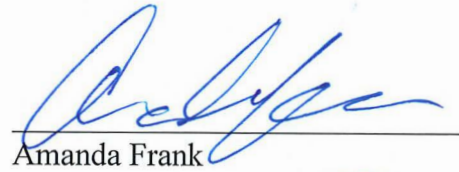
There being no further discussion, Alderman Glidewell moved to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Larch seconded the motion. Mayor Rychlik declared the meeting adjourned at 6:17 P.M.

09/15/2026

Date Approved



John Rychlik



Amanda Frank
City Secretary
(Seal)

