



**CITY OF LA MARQUE  
CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MINUTES  
of  
November 10, 2025**

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Mayor Bell called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:**

Keith Bell

Mayor

Joe Compian

Mayor Pro Tem/ District B

Kimberley Yancy

District A

Joseph Lowry

District C

Tonia Griffin

District D

**3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

All present stated the Lords Prayer in unison for the invocation and Information Technology Director Conrad Ferraris led the pledge.

**4. PRESENTATIONS**

**4.I. Presentation: Jason Davis, CLEAT Officer of the Year**

*\*\*This item was taken after Citizen's Participation.*

Mayor Bell and Interim Police Chief Gilberto Rodriguez presented Officer Jason Davis with the Combined Law Enforcement Association of Texas (CLEAT) Officer of the Year Award.

Officer Davis thanked everyone, especially his family, for the help and support as he would not have been able to achieve this without the people around him.

**5. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION**

- Robert Harvey *\*\*declined to give address\*\** stated that after the last council meeting he reported the crimes against him. He requested to speak with the Chief directly and was directed to another officer who "basically blew (him) off." He wanted the citizens to know he reported the crimes and the police department has done nothing.
- Devonya Greenwood *\*\*declined to give address\*\** stated that she has sent various emails regarding a sitting Councilmember that she believes is doing so illegally. She believed that something needs to be done, as the city is at risk.

- Natalie Ruiz *\*\*declined to give address\*\** introduced herself, stating that this is the first of many appearances. She believes that the systems in place do not cater to the needs of the citizens. She works with activists who work with people to learn to live outside the system and welcomes anyone who was interested to collaborating with her. She is not looking to be a leader, as she believes that leaders are the cause of corruption. She encouraged individuals to vote for solutions, not people, and gave her contact information.
- Brandon Kantowski (Oaklawn) shared that there is a darkness and people like to hide in the darkness. He stated that he requested body camera footage, and it is currently being requested to be withheld due to the lack of ability for video redactions, which he believes is wrong. He stated that he had made reports to the police department and was not taken seriously.
- Mike Bock (Longridge Dr) requested that the contract with the BTR group be tabled, sharing his concerns regarding the full name of the Mac McGaffey Highland Bayou Park not being utilized, an error he found, permitting concerns, and concerns of safety violations.
- Mark McGaffey (Downey Dr) shared concerns regarding the full name of the Mac McGaffey Highland Bayou Park not being utilized, permitting and safety concerns.
- James Ross (Ave D) wished all the Marines in the room a Happy Marine Corps Birthday, and also an early Happy Veterans Day to all the veterans. He provided his 5-year proposal for Water and Sewer Rates.
- James Osteen (Jeridona) requested clarification regarding the dates in the BTR contract proposed for approval tonight. He questioned the timeliness of some of the items in the agreement. He questioned the Workers Compensation responsibility, and who is responsible for the overtime payments for staff.

## 6. MINUTES

Councilmember Yancy made a motion to approve all minutes as submitted. Mayor Pro Tem Compian seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6.I. Regular City Council Minutes 08.11.2025

6.II. Regular City Council Minutes 07.28.2025

6.III. Special City Council Minutes 07.21.2025

## 7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

*\*\*This item was taken after Item 9.V. Mayor Bell recessed the Regular Meeting and entered into Public Hearings at 6:40 p.m.*

7.I. Ordinance No. O-2025-0027  
There was no public comment.

7.II. Amended Ordinance No. O-2025-0028  
There was no public comment.

7.III. Ordinance No. O-2025-0029

Hayley Winkelmann *\*\*declined to give an address\** shared that she did not support "doubling people's water bills overnight." She did support a 5-year increase even with a \$20 temporary additional charge until "we get there" as the proposed increase would be difficult for a lot of people.

James Ross (Ave D) shared that this increase is very large. He summarized the 5-year proposal that he presented to the council for a 5-year tiered residential water rate plan that works in accordance with the fiscal year instead of the calendar year. He did not include multifamily or commercial billing in this proposal. He reiterated that this rate increase is steep and could really have a detrimental effect on some families.

Brief clarification discussions regarding Mr. Ross' proposal ensued.

Robert Michetich (N Curlew) shared that the operations of the water department should be cost neutral. He said that the increase in water purchase rates did not happen because he would have seen it in his MUD district. His current bill is only \$40, and what the City is proposing is outrageous. He believes the city is way overpriced, and he is glad he's where he is at.

ReChard Loftis *\*\*declined to give address\*\** stated that he is not happy about the water rates because people are hurting and one day he could be hurting. He doesn't like the idea of increased rates when some of the city services are subpar.

8. OLD BUSINESS

*\*\*Mayor Bell closed the Public Hearings and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 6:59 p.m.*

8.I. Ordinance No. O-2025-0027

Councilmember Yancy made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. O-2025-0027.

Councilmember Griffin seconded.

Mayor Pro Tem Compian shared that the city is a founding member of the Gulf Coast Water Authority, which means that the city also holds some obligations of the Gulf Coast Water Authority.

*\*\*Councilmember Griffin exited the meeting at 7:05 p.m. and returned at 7:07 p.m.*

Mayor Pro Tem Compian shared his concerns about amending rates due to the current financial situation.

Lengthy discussion regarding current finances and amendments made in the latest legislative session ensued.

**THIS ITEM WAS TABLED.**

8.II. Amended Ordinance No. O-2025-0028

Mayor Pro Tem Compian made a motion to adopt the Amended Ordinance No. O-2025-0028. Councilmember Griffin seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

8.III. Ordinance No. O-2025-0029  
Councilmember Yancy made a motion to table this item until December. Mayor Pro Tem Compian seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

8.IV. Boards and Commissions Appointments  
*\*\*Mayor Pro Tem Compian exited the meeting at 7:52 p.m. and returned at 7:54 p.m.*  
Councilmember Lowry nominated Pamala Mahan to the Building Standards Commission.  
Mayor Bell nominated Kathy Kidd to the Building Standards Commission and Michael Augustus to the Cemetery Board.  
Councilmember Griffin seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

9.I. Ordinance No. O-2025-0030  
Councilmember Yancy made a motion to approve Ordinance No. O-2025-0030. Councilmember Griffin seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

9.II. Resolution No. R-2025-0045  
*\*\*Councilmember Lowry exited the meeting at 7:58 p.m.*  
Councilmember Yancy made a motion to split votes evenly between Matt Doyle and James Ross. Mayor Pro Tem Compian seconded. **MOTION CARRIED 4 AYES 1 ABSENT (LOWRY)**

9.III. American Rescue Act Plan (ARPA)  
Mayor Pro Tem Compian made a motion to affirm the policies and procedures related to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for the City of La Marque. Councilmember Yancy seconded.  
**MOTION CARRIED WITH 4 AYES 1 ABSENT (LOWRY).**

9.IV. City of La Marque & Bon Temp Rouler (BTR) Bayou Fest Contract  
Mayor Bell requested that the change be made from Highland Bayou Park to Mac McGaffey Highland Bayou Park. He asked clarifying questions regarding the permitting concerns proposed earlier in the night. City Attorney Knebel shared that the mass gathering permit is not required in the contract as the contract serves as the mass gathering permit. He also shared that there are meetings between BTR and the Chief of Police to determine security requirements in the contract as well.  
Discussions regarding permitting and insurance ensued.  
*\*\*Councilmember Lowry returned to the dias at 8:05 p.m.*  
Mayor Pro Tem Compian requested that the contract be limited in terms of a timeline, provisions to allow for city boards, commissions, and departments to be allowed to participate at no cost.  
Daniel Guidry, owner of BTR, shared that the date was not a firm date, it was just aligned with the city's fiscal year. He clarified that all public safety will be paid directly by Bon Temps Rouler (BTR) in addition to a triage center by UTMB.  
Lengthy discussions regarding processes, planning, and insurance ensued.

Mayor Pro Tem Compian made a motion to approve with all amendments presented during discussion, including the name change, requirement for a mass gathering permit, and use of city equipment. Councilmember Yancy seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

9.V. Request for Re-Plat

*\*\*This item was taken after Item 6. Minutes.*

Interim City Manager Holly shared that this item is administrative as state law requires approval if it conforms to the city's zoning.

Mayor Pro Tem Compian questioned if the new plats include the land transfer to the Economic Development Corporation. It was confirmed that this item does address that land.

Mayor Pro Tem Compian made a motion to approve the request for re-plat. Councilmember Griffin seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

9.VI. Municipal Judge

Councilmember Yancy made a motion to accept Municipal Judge Pettijohn's resignation. Councilmember Lowry seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mayor Pro Tem Compian made a motion to appoint Judge Dick Gregg III as the Municipal Judge and appoint Judge Pettijohn as an Interim Associate Judge until such a time as a Request For Qualifications could be completed for an associate judge. Councilmember Yancy seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10. CITY MANAGER REPORT

10.I. Finance Report

*\*\*This item was postponed until the December City Council meeting.*

10.II. Mayor Pro Tem Report : Texas Municipal League Conference 2025

Mayor Pro Tem Compian gave a brief summary of his attendance at the Texas Municipal League Conference 2025, stating that he was glad the event was focused on smaller cities. He shared that the four main areas that were focused on were navigating grants, community engagement, water resources, and finances.

10.III. Items for the Good of the Order

Interim City Manager Holly announced Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving office closures. She clarified that the new OpenGov system is live and the online credit card issue has been resolved and residents can pay online again. She announced Fall Sweep was to be held on November 15th at 1500 Municipal Street and a community mobile Thanksgiving Dinner Drive-Through for La Marque residents on November 15th. She encouraged the community to participate in the food drive with donation boxes located at both City Hall and the Central Fire Station. She reiterated that there is no council meeting on November 24th, as well as the Christmas Village event on December 2nd. She closed by encouraging the residents to participate in the two events on

December 13th, Wreaths Across America, and a benefit that is being held for Sergeant Richard Garcia, a 20 year veteran of the La Marque Police Department, announcing that the police union is also accepting donations on his behalf. She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

12. ACTIONS TAKEN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

No actions were taken.

13. REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Griffin requested information regarding the Bike Audit grant, and the Coca-Cola grant. She also requested a discussion about microgrant applications at the next meeting, as well as a wildlife assessment to be added to the Parks Master Plan. She shared concerns regarding the Request Tracker process. She provided information on the Drive-Thru food drive being a hot food service, and it will only be for residents in person or those homebound that are registered for delivery.

Councilmember Lowry requested drainage work in District C, sharing a water leak on the northbound feeder road south of Franklin Street. He claimed that he has not received information regarding open records. He wants his agendas delivered to his home.

Councilmember Yancy stated that "What we do for one, we should do for all." She thanked Interim City Manager Holly for the tour of areas of District A. She shared her belief that Code Enforcement, Public Works, and Drainage District #2 should be working together to resolve issues with ditches. She asked for the city to provide an update on the Steveroy street situation. She asked that the city get back to promoting the City of La Marque and an end of the year report on La Marque High School. She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving! She also gave kudos to both the La Marque and Hitchcock Football teams for making the playoffs.

Mayor Pro Tem Compian requested that the council members be included on Request Tracker items again. He feels that his emails are not being responded to. He wished a Happy Veterans Day to all.

Mayor Bell again congratulated Officer Davis for his CLEAT Officer of the Year award. He welcomed Communications Coordinator Colleen Chilcoat back to the team as she was previously employed with the city and thanked previous Communications Coordinator Agueda Jiminez for her service. He requested an update on Heroes Village and Civic Academy. He believed that there is "considerable crime" happening in one of the city's hotels/motels. He requested a legal opinion regarding the toughest policy action that the council could take in order to prevent any nefarious activity. He requested a report on the habitability of the La Marque Police Department.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Yancy made a motion to adjourn . Councilmember Griffin seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

*\*\*Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M.*