

CITY OF EAST TAWAKONI JANUARY 20, 2026 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

1. Mayor called the Council meeting to order at: 7:00pm

ROLL CALL Terri Rose John Disch Chuck Moore Ed Fortuna
 Ken Reed
Quorum: Yes No
Staff: Heather McClaskey Rick South Kyle Washburn Jeff Swaggerty John Hall
 Lane Martin Adella Atherton
Other: Clinton Cross
Visitors: #10

3. PLEDGES LED BY Mayor

4. INVOCATION GIVEN BY Mayor

5. The Consent items are considered to be self-explanatory and will be enacted with one motion:
 Approve minutes of Regular CC Meeting of DECEMBER 2025
 Approve Bills for DECEMBER 2025

Motion: Approve December Bills and December Minutes

made by: Terri John Chuck Ed Ken
Second by: Terri John Chuck Ed Ken
In favor: All Terri John Chuck Ed Ken
Opposed: All Terri John Chuck Ed Ken
Motion: Carries Fails

6. Citizens Comments

Citizens, who wish to address the Council, may discuss matters not on the agenda and who have not previously expressed to the Council or City Hall a desire to discuss such matters. Anyone wishing to speak should sign-up on the provided sheet, prior to the start of the meeting. Presentation shall be limited to three (3) minutes each. The only response from the Council can be a to request these items to be placed on a future agenda for discussion or action

John Lisby – Thank you to all the city employees and staff for all they do, they don’t get enough credit. We need a Police department building not a trailer for the department. The City deserves nice buildings.

Amanda Cross – Wants to become more engaged with the city and so does her teenage daughter. It is concerning that the city doesn’t have a code of conduct agreement for all volunteers. Most concerning is a lack of vetting of volunteers, especially those who work with children. Feels the City, the Mayor and the Council need to come together and set up a vetting process for those who want to volunteer with the city with implementing standardized volunteer agreements, code of conduct agreements and a background especially those who are working directly with children.

7. Discuss and Approve if Necessary:

- a. Police Department:
- b. Permits/License and Court:
- c. Code Enforcement/Animal Control –
- d. Fire Department –
- e. Economic Development Corp –
- f. Planning & Zoning -
- g. Spirit of East Tawakoni- Regina Chandler voted in as new President, 2/17/26 – Gumbo to go. April Get me Egged/4-10 & 4-11 Plant Sale/4-17 Guys & Gals BINGO
- h. Library –
- i. Water Department –

8. To discuss and possibly take action or no action to Review Asset Forfeiture Report

Motion: No Action Needed

made by: Terri John Chuck Ed Ken
 Second by: Terri John Chuck Ed Ken
 In favor: All Terri John Chuck Ed Ken
 Opposed: All Terri John Chuck Ed Ken
 Motion: Carries Fails

9. To discuss and possibly take action or no action to Review Racial Profiling Report

Motion: No Action Needed

made by: Terri John Chuck Ed Ken
 Second by: Terri John Chuck Ed Ken
 In favor: All Terri John Chuck Ed Ken
 Opposed: All Terri John Chuck Ed Ken
 Motion: Carries Fails

10. To discuss and possibly take action or no action to approve or deny Donating the 2016 PD Black Ford car to the Rains County Constable

Motion: Approve donating the PD Black Ford to the Rains County Constable

made by: Terri John Chuck Ed Ken
 Second by: Terri John Chuck Ed Ken
 In favor: All Terri John Chuck Ed Ken
 Opposed: All Terri John Chuck Ed Ken
 Motion: Carries Fails

11. To discuss and possibly take action or no action to approve or deny request of separation from one (1) lot into two (2) separate lots; property ID #9770

Motion: Approve the separation of lots from 1 to 2

made by: Terri John Chuck Ed Ken
 Second by: Terri John Chuck Ed Ken
 In favor: All Terri John Chuck Ed Ken
 Opposed: All Terri John Chuck Ed Ken
 Motion: Carries Fails

12. To discuss and possibly take action or no action to approve or deny planning and zoning approval recommendation to rezone said property from residential to commercial – 2175 State Highway 276

Motion: Approve the rezone request from residential to commercial

made by: Terri John Chuck Ed Ken
 Second by: Terri John Chuck Ed Ken
 In favor: All Terri John Chuck Ed Ken
 Opposed: All Terri John Chuck Ed Ken
 Motion: Carries Fails

13. To discuss and possibly take action or no action to approve or deny Agreement for Temporary Closure of State HWY 276 for Race Across the Bridge May 9, 2026

Motion: Approve resolution to temporarily close State HWY 276

made by: Terri John Chuck Ed Ken
 Second by: Terri John Chuck Ed Ken
 In favor: All Terri John Chuck Ed Ken
 Opposed: All Terri John Chuck Ed Ken
 Motion: Carries Fails

14. To discuss and possibly take action or no action to approve or deny Not to Tax Aircraft & Recreational and Personal Vehicles

Motion: Approve Not to Tax Aircraft, Recreational and Personal Vehicles

made by: Terri John Chuck Ed Ken
 Second by: Terri John Chuck Ed Ken
 In favor: All Terri John Chuck Ed Ken
 Opposed: All Terri John Chuck Ed Ken
 Motion: Carries Fails

15. To discuss and possibly take action or no action to approve or deny Close of 2 CD's left at the bank and place in Account for Bond Yearly Payments

Motion: Approve to close both CD's

made by: Terri John Chuck Ed Ken
 Second by: Terri John Chuck Ed Ken
 In favor: All Terri John Chuck Ed Ken
 Opposed: All Terri John Chuck Ed Ken
 Motion: Carries Fails

16. To discuss and possibly take action or no action to approve or deny Design Quote from Triple M Designs to draw up Police Building specs

Motion: Organize a committee for the overall project including City Hall and the Police department to have a plan brought to the next City Council meeting in February 2026

made by: Terri John Chuck Ed Ken
 Second by: Terri John Chuck Ed Ken
 In favor: All Terri John Chuck Ed Ken
 Opposed: All Terri John Chuck Ed Ken
 Motion: Carries Fails

17. Council Comments

18. Mayor Comments

1. Law suit by Frontier Communications:

- a. No further action has been taken by either party: Frontier legal representatives have notified the city of their request for "Disclosure" to the court. The request has ben forwarded to our City Attorney for review and response.

2. Opening for Water/Sewer Field Tech

- a. Both employment requisitions have ben filled and the department is currently fully staffed.

3. Interlocal Agreement with Rains County

- a. Action is pending for the Commissioners' Court to draft a new Interlocal agreement document and authorize the county commissioners to present it to each Municipality for ratification.

4. Rains County Appraisal District Board of Directors

- a. On Thursday January 15, 2026 I was sworn in as one of 5 members of the Rains County Appraisal District Board of Directors at their monthly meeting. A copy of the meeting agenda, a list of the other 4 members, a statement of basic roles

and duties of the Board members and a list of the eight (8) Rains County taxing entities has been provided to the Council.

5. Ethics Refresher Training

- a. In response to a recent violation of the code of conduct stated in section 700 of our Employee Handbook, I find it necessary to conduct a formal review of the City's Ethics policy with all department employees. The 14-page curriculum will cover the primary elements of Ethical Standards including: 1. Sexual Harassment, 2. Hostile Work Environment and Unlawful Discrimination. The training is mandatory for all employees.

6. Delinquent Water & Sewer Tap Installations

- a. Now that the Public Works department is back at full staff, I will be working with the department Director to review the backlog, schedule work completion and notify property owners of the process and progress to complete their service.

7. Emergency Services District (ESD) Meeting

- a. Monthly meeting was held on Monday January 19th at the Emory Fire Station. One agenda item included a discussion about a complaint stating that there were people living in the East Tawakoni Voluntary Fire Department fire station. A dialogue took place among ESD board members and members of the ETVFD. Ur Rains County Leader reporter, Chuck Fitts was present and recorded the session. I anticipate that an upcoming article in RC Leader will give pertinent details of the exchange.

8. Upcoming Primary Election

a. Rains County Offices on the Primary Election – 4 year term

- i. Rains County Clerk
- ii. Rains County District Clerk
- iii. Rains County Judge
- iv. Rains County Justice of the Peace
- v. Rains County Treasurer
- vi. Rains County Commissioner Precinct #2
- vii. Rains County Commissioner Precinct \$4
- viii. Rains County Tax Assessor/Tax Collector (A 2 year term)

b. Primary Election Calander dates

- i. Early Voting Begins: Tuesday, February 17, 2026 8:00 am to 5:00 pm at the Rains County Courthouse Annex Elections Office
- ii. Early Voting Ends: Friday, February 27, 2026 – 7:00 am to 7:00pm located at the Rains County Courthouse Annex Elections Office.

iii. Election Day: Tuesday, March 3, 2026 7:00 am to 7:00 pm Vote at your designated precinct Also 7:00 pm is the last day/time to receive Ballot by Mails in the Elections office

19. Executive Session

20. Re-convene from Executive Session

21. City Council to discuss and or take action from Executive Session

Motion:

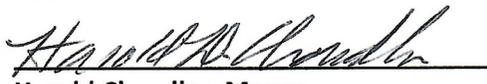
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22. Motion to Adjourn

made by:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Terri	<input type="checkbox"/> John	<input type="checkbox"/> Chuck	<input type="checkbox"/> Ed	<input type="checkbox"/> Ken	
Second by:	<input type="checkbox"/> Terri	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John	<input type="checkbox"/> Chuck	<input type="checkbox"/> Ed	<input type="checkbox"/> Ken	
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Meeting Adjourn @

Approve


 Harold Chandler, Mayor

Attest


 Heather McClaskey, City Secretary