

CITY OF EAST TAWAKONI MARCH 17, 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: #16

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 February 2026

Approve minutes of Special Meeting on March 12, 2026

Approve Bills for February 2026

Motion: APPROVE

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6. Citizens Comments

CINDY JENNINGS – Wonderig why the library is only open 2 days a week. She has had several citizens ask about it to her saying they would like to check books out for themselves and/or their kids/grand kids. Would it be possible to open 5 days a week.

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 – Race across the bridge 5/9/26
- f. Planning & Zoning -
- g. Spirit of East Tawakoni- April Get me Egged/4-10 & 4-11 Plant Sale/4-17 Guys & Gals BINGO
- h. Library – Tuesday & Thursday after school program 430-730/Thursday 11-2 game day
- i. Water Department –

8. To discuss and possibly take action or no action to approve or deny the Bid from Double R Utilities to repair Manhole 1094-1096 SH 276

Motion: TABLE THIS UNTIL WE GET A HOLD OF TXDOT TO FILE A CLAIM FOR ACCOUNTABILITY

made by: Terri John Chuck Ed Ken
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 In favor: All Terri John Chuck Ed Ken
 Opposed: All Terri John Chuck Ed Ken
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9. To discuss and possibly take action or no action to approve or deny replacing Meter Reading handheld

Motion: PURCHASE UNIT, WALL ADAPTER AND SOFTWARE UPGRADE

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10. To discuss and possibly take action or no action to approve or deny Resolution for use of property with SRA from 10 years to 25 years

Motion: APPROVE

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11. To discuss and possibly take action or no action to approve or deny Interlocal Agreement for road repairs between Rains County and The City of East Tawakoni

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 Motion: Carries Fails

12. To discuss and possibly take action or no action to approve Mayor and City Secretary to sign Interlocal Agreement if item number 11 is approved

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unintended consequences of posting comments and opinions regarding routine city business activities including council meeting and matter pertaining to police activities that relate to past present and pending legal proceedings. Today, Social Media platforms are more prevalent and the need to understand the consequences that public officials face when they engage in dialogue about governmental affairs in a public forum is more critical than ever before. Therefore, I will be calling a special council meeting in the near to shed light on some of these issues.

5. Work on City Park Playground Equipment

- a. Work on paint preparations has been hampered by recent weather issues. The hand labor takes a lot of time to remove 3 layers of old paint without damaging the surface area of the structures on the large playground complex. Work will resume as weather permits.

6. Primary Elections

- a. On Tuesday March 3rd City Hall served as the location for local precinct voting. Voting was steady throughout most of the day.

7. City 2023 & 2024 Audit Results

- a. The CET held a special meeting of the city council to review and approve the city's financial audits for calendar years 2023 & 2024. Michael Ward, senior auditor for several municipalities presented the results to the council. The scope of the audits included all the typical elements relevant to the financial health of a municipal institution including: Revenues, Expenditures, Assets, Liabilities, Reconciliation of Bank Accounts, Cash Flow and Debt Service. There was no major finding related to any of these elements recorded for either year. The Auditor answered questions and addressed concerns by council members during the 45-minute presentation. At the conclusion, Council voted unanimously to approve both audits as factual financial representation of the fiscal health of the city. Additionally, the auditor committed to completion of the 2025 year-end audit in June of this year.

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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Motion: Carries Fails

22. Motion to Adjourn

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Meeting Adjourn @ 7:52 PM

Approve


Harold Chandler, Mayor

Attest


Heather McClaskey, City Secretary