

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
KERRVILLE, TEXAS**

SEPTEMBER 9, 2025 6:00 PM

On September 9, 2025 at 6:00 PM, Mayor Joe Herring, Jr. called the Kerrville City Council meeting to order in City Hall Council Chambers, 701 Main Street, provided the invocation, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Joe Herring, Jr
Councilmember Delayne Sigerman
Councilmember Jeff Harris
Councilmember Kent McKinney
Mayor Pro-Tem Brenda Hughes

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:

None

CITY EXECUTIVE STAFF:

Dalton Rice, City Manager
Mike Hayes, City Attorney
Michael Hornes, Asst City Manager
Kim Meisner, Asst City Manager
Shelley McElhannon, City Secretary
Julie Behrens, Director Finance
Jacob Bogusch, Finance Compliance

Jay Brimhall, Director Parks & Rec
Kyle Burow, Director Engineering
Stuart Cunyus, Public Information Officer
Eric Maloney, Fire Chief
Chris McCall, Police Chief
Drew Paxton, Director Development Svcs
Trina Rodriguez, Asst Director Finance

VISITORS PRESENT: A list of the citizen speakers present during the meeting is on file in the City Secretary's Office for the required retention period.

Ann Berger-Entrekin, Hilltop Securities
Leticia Saenz, Atmos Energy

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST:

Stuart Cunyus, Councilmember Delayne Sigerman and Main Street Advisory Board Chair Howard Taylor, Councilmember Jeff Harris, Councilmember Kent McKinney, and Councilmember Brenda Hughes provided information and announcements.

2. PRESENTATIONS:

2.A Proclamation recognizing September 17-23, 2025 as United States of America Constitution Week.

Mayor Herring declared September 17-23, 2025 as United States of America Constitution Week in the City of Kerrville. Representatives from the Daughters of the American Revolution, Major James Kerr Chapter, accepted the proclamation: Chapter Regent Dawn Collum, Stacy Cannon, Nancy Foster, Gina Ireland, and Lisa Williams.

2.B Proclamation recognizing September 2025 as National Recovery Month.

Mayor Herring declared the month of September 2025 as National Recovery Month in the City of Kerrville. Randi Benno, Chair of the Kerrville Recovery Community Coalition accepted the proclamation.

3. VISITORS/CITIZENS FORUM: The following person(s) spoke:

- John Sawyer and Martha Stenseng with the Christian Women's Job Corps
 - Meliss Machen
- Mayor Herring and Michael Hornes provided clarification.
- Mikaela Taylor

- Ian Daugherty

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Sigerman made a motion to approve the consent agenda items 4A, 4B, 4C, seconded by Councilmember Hughes. Motion to approve passed 5-0.

4.A Professional Services Agreement with Marmon-Mok, LP, for construction services relating to the Olympic Pool project in the amount of \$213,676.00. (BUDGETED, 2023 Sales Tax Bonds)

4.B City Council Workshop minutes August 26, 2025.

4.C City Council Meeting minutes August 26, 2025.

5. PUBLIC NOTICE - REQUIRED PUBLIC NOTICE, NO ACTION:

5.A House Bill 1522, passed by the Texas Legislature 2025 and effective September 1, 2025, amends section 551.043 of the Texas Government Code to require that the notice of meeting required to be posted under section 551.043(a) of the Texas Open Meetings Act, at which a governmental body will discuss or adopt a budget for the governmental body, must include a taxpayer impact statement. A copy of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Budget is clearly accessible on the home page of the City website: www.kerrvilletx.gov.

TAXPAYER IMPACT STATEMENT: The budget's proposed ad valorem tax rate is \$0.5711 per \$100 of assessed value, which is an increase of \$0.0116 from last year's tax rate. The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue rate of \$0.5335 and is equal to the disaster voter-approval rate of \$0.5711. The debt (I&S) portion of the tax rate remains unchanged from last year's rate of \$0.1406. The Maintenance & Operations (M&O) portion of the rate is proposed to increase from \$0.4189 to \$0.4305.

This budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$783,591 which is a 4.6% increase from last year's budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$417,181.

The FY2026 Proposed Budget is available for review at City Hall (City Secretary's Office) located at 701 Main Street between 8am and 5pm Monday through Friday, the Butt-Holdsworth Memorial Library at 505 Water Street during regular library hours and the City's website at www.kerrvilletx.gov.

Public Notice only, no action.

6. PUBLIC HEARING AND ORDINANCES, FIRST READING:

6.A Ordinance No. 2025-18. An Ordinance adopting the annual budget for the City of Kerrville, Texas, Fiscal Year 2026; providing appropriations for each City department and fund; containing a cumulative clause; and containing a savings and severability clause.

Shelley McElhannon read Ordinance No. 2025-18 caption into records.

Julie Behrens and Dalton Rice provided information and responded to questions.

Mayor Herring opened the public hearing at 6:55 p.m.

The following person(s) spoke:

- Susan Dieninger
- Jacob Wellnitz

Dalton Rice provided clarification.

- McKenna Hall
- Roger Hall

- William Rector
- Terri Hall
- Kim Clarkson
- Jackie Bouveau
- Sonny Moore
- Ian Daugherty
- Mary Contois

Dalton Rice provided clarification.

- John Harrison
- Christopher Tompkins
- Bob Meyer

Dalton Rice provided clarification.

- Jack Peterson
- Richard Bonner
- George Baroody

Mayor Herring closed the public hearing at 7:48 p.m.

Councilmember McKinney made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2025-18 to adopt the City's budget for Fiscal Year 2026 on first reading, seconded by Councilmember Sigerman.

The City Secretary recorded votes as follows:

Yes No

<u>X</u>	_____	Joe Herring, Jr., Mayor
<u>X</u>	_____	Delayne Sigerman, Place 1
<u>X</u>	_____	Jeff Harris, Place 2
<u>X</u>	_____	Kent McKinney, Place 3
<u>X</u>	_____	Brenda Hughes, Place 4

Motion to approve passed 5-0.

Councilmember McKinney made a motion ratifying the vote to adopt the budget that will require raising more revenue from property taxes than the previous fiscal year, seconded by Councilmember Sigerman. Motion to ratify approved 5-0.

6.B Ordinance No. 2025-19. An Ordinance levying an Ad Valorem (Property) Tax for the use and the support of the Municipal Government for the City of Kerrville, Texas, for Fiscal Year 2026; apportioning each levy for specific purposes; and providing when taxes shall become due and when same shall become delinquent if not paid.

Shelley McElhannon read Ordinance No. 2025-19 caption into records.

Mayor Herring opened the public hearing at 7:53 p.m.

The following person(s) spoke:

- Roger Hall (declined to speak when called)
- Judy Eychner
- Terri Hall
- George Baroody

Dalton Rice provided clarification.

- Tim Tompkins
- Christopher Tompkins
- John Harrison
- Mary Contois
- Kim Clarkson
- Bob Meyer

- Ian Daugherty
- Dalton Rice provided clarification.
Mayor Herring closed the public hearing at 8:21 p.m.

Councilmember McKinney made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2025-19 that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.5711, which is effectively a 7.98% percent increase in the tax rate, seconded by Councilmember Sigerman.

The City Secretary recorded votes as follows:

Yes	No	
<u>X</u>	___	Joe Herring, Jr., Mayor
<u>X</u>	___	Delayne Sigerman, Place 1
___	<u>X</u>	Jeff Harris, Place 2
<u>X</u>	___	Kent McKinney, Place 3
<u>X</u>	___	Brenda Hughes, Place 4

Motion to approve passed 4-1 with Councilmember Sigerman, Mayor Herring, Councilmember McKinney, and Councilmember Hughes voting in favor, and Councilmember Harris opposed.

6.C Ordinance No. 2025-20. An Ordinance amending Chapter 60 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Kerrville, Texas (Zoning Code) by changing the zoning of a property known as 307 S. Lewis Ave., making up part of Lot 3, Lot 4, Block 4, Westland Addition, and within the City of Kerrville, Kerr County, Texas; from a Single-Family Residential with Accessory Dwelling Unit Zoning District (R-1A) to General Commercial Zoning District (C-3); and providing other matters related to the subject.

Shelley McElhannon read Ordinance No. 2025-20 caption into records.
Drew Paxton provided information and responded to questions.
Mayor Herring opened the public hearing at 8:41 p.m.
The following person(s) spoke:

- Applicant representative Pablo Brinkman
 - George Baroody
 - Applicant Brian Bowers provided clarification
- Mayor Herring closed the public hearing at 8:47 p.m.

Councilmember Hughes made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2025-20 on first reading, seconded by Councilmember Harris. Motion to approve passed 5-0.

7. ORDINANCES, FIRST READING:

7.A Ordinance No. 2025-21. An Ordinance authorizing the issuance of \$700,000 in principal amount of City of Kerrville, Texas Tax Note, Series 2025; securing the payment thereof by authorizing the levy of an annual Ad Valorem Tax; and approving and authorizing the execution of a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement, a Purchase Letter, and all other instruments and procedures related thereto.

Shelley McElhannon read Ordinance No. 2025-21 caption into records.
Julie Behrens and Chief McCall provided information and responded to questions.

Councilmember Harris made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2025-21 on first reading, seconded by Councilmember McKinney. Motion to approve passed 5-0.

8. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

8.A Resolution No. 28-2025. A Resolution approving a negotiated settlement between the Atmos Cities Steering Committee ("ACSC") and Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex Division regarding the Company's 2025 Rate Review Mechanism filing; declaring existing rates to be unreasonable; adopting tariffs that reflect rate adjustments consistent with the negotiated settlement; finding the rates to be set by the attached settlement tariffs to be just and reasonable and in the public interest; approving an attachment establishing a benchmark for pensions and retiree medical benefits; requiring the Company to reimburse ACSC's reasonable ratemaking expenses; determining that this Resolution was passed in accordance with the requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act; adopting a savings clause; declaring an effective date; and requiring delivery of this Resolution to the Company and the ACSC's Legal Counsel.

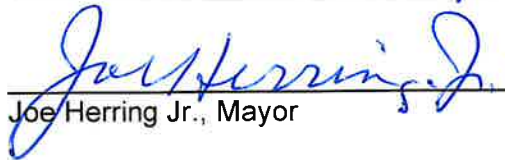
Mike Hayes provided information and responded to questions.

Councilmember Hughes made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 28-2025, seconded by Councilmember Sigerman. Motion to adopt passed 5-0.

9. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Executive Session was not called nor convened.
10. **ACTION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION, IF ANY.** N/A
11. **ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:** No future agenda items requested.

ADJOURN. Meeting adjourned 8:57 p.m.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL: 9/23/2025


Joe Herring Jr., Mayor


Shelley McElhannon, City Secretary