

MINUTES AUGUST 12, 2025 PUBLIC HEARING AND CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Howardwick City Council met for a *PUBLIC HEARING to discuss and* adopt the 2025-2026 budget and 2025 no new tax rate of \$0.343155/\$100 or voter approval tax rate of \$0.380147/\$100.00 followed by a *REGULAR MEETING* by the City Council of the City of Howardwick on Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at 6:00pm at City Hall with the Mayor, Council Members, City Secretary and 8 guests for the purpose of the following agenda items. All agenda items are subject to action.

Public Hearing: Mayor called public hearing to order at 6:00pm

1. Council to discuss and approve tax rate for upcoming year 2025. Take action: Council went over proposed tax rates. With no further discussion, Terry made a motion to approve the voter-approval tax rate of \$0.38147/\$100. Jada seconded the motion. Vote taken. All approved with none opposed. Motion carried.

2. Council to discuss and approve proposed budget for 2025-2026. Take action: Sandy went over changes made to budget after last months meetings suggestions. After discussion, Jada made a motion to approve the proposed 2025-2026 budget. Mary seconded the motion. Vote taken. All approved with none opposed. Motion carried.

After completion of Public Hearing, Council to proceed with regular meeting

- 1. Call to order: Johnny Floyd called regular council meeting to order at 6:08pm
- 2. Invocation: Johnny Floyd gave the invocation
- 3. Pledge of allegiance: Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 4. Approve minutes for July 8, 2025: Mary pointed out one spelling correction. Matt made a motion to approve the minutes with one correction. Johnny Hubbard seconded the motion. Vote taken. All approved with none opposed. Motion carried.
- 5. Approve bills due: After Sandy answered questions about some of the billing, Johnny Hubbard made a motion to pay the bills presented. Terry seconded the motion. Vote taken. All approved with none opposed. Motion carried.

- 6. Mayors comments: Mayor thanked everyone who came out to support the Hoedown as well as the firefighters and the volunteers. Mayor also announced the upcoming golf tournament at the end of the month.
- 7. Citizens comments and/or Public comments on Agenda items: With no comments turned in, moved to item #8.
- 8. Sandy to update council on solid waste disposal. Tabled at last meeting. Council to discuss and take action: Sandy updated council on changes to agreement proposed by JHH Enterprises for waste disposal, addressing their concerns at last months meeting. The Mayor having met with Mr. Hodge discussing what the city needed and the councils concerns. A new contract was presented from JHH Enterprises for their consideration. After discussion, Jada made a motion to approve changing our solid waste disposal over to JHH Enterprises. Johnny Hubbard seconded the motion. Vote taken. All approved with none opposed. Motion carried.
- 9. Council to discuss Chapter 10, ordinance pertaining to Motor Vehicle Safety originally written 10-5-1971, updating to include golf carts an ATV's in the City of Howardwick. Take action: Sandy informed council of constant calls and complaints about dangerous driving by kids on the streets of Howardwick driving, golf carts, atv's and motorcycles unaccompanied by an adult. It was discussed and agreed that golf carts are a primary mode of transportation for residents in Howardwick as well as some atv's but for the safety of the residents and the children an ordinance is needed that can be enforced to protect the community. Matt made a motion for Sandy to write an ordinance following state laws that already exist as well as rules discussed to be reviewed and voted on at the next meeting. Terry seconded the motion. Vote taken, all approved with none opposed. Motion carried. 9. Adjourn: With no further business, meeting was adjourned.

Approved and signed this 4/1 day of September, 2025

Sandra Childress, City Secretary

Johnny Floyd, Mayor