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## **CITY OF STRAWN)**

On this, the 9<sup>th</sup> day of June 2025 the City Council of the City of Strawn met in regular session to hold a meeting and public hearing. Those in attendance were:

Carl Frazier-Mayor Aron Johnson-Mayor Pro-Tem Dewaine Lee-Alderman

Delane Abbott-Alderman Brenda Orsini-Alderman Tommy Lackey-Alderman

Also in attendance was Danny Miller, Tracie Witt, Luis Limon, Michael Orsini, Susan Hurley, Terri Carver, Sheryl Roitsch, Mark Roberson and Cameron Gulley.

Carl Frazier called the meeting to order at 5:59 p.m. Roll was called and a quorum was established. Carl Frazier led the opening prayer. Carl Frazier led the pledge to the flag. Brenda Orsini made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Tommy Lackey seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

During public comments, Mark Roberson – discussed how the Bankhead Hotel is falling down. NW corner is starting to fall. The brick above the north windows is falling in and the west wall leaning out. The front wall on the west end is starting to lean out. If the building leans 5% to 7% it's dangerous and can collapse. Mark Roberson would like the city to do what they can to preserve this old building and if not, it needs to be condemned. Susan Hurley – discussed playground equipment, that she found the playground equipment for \$5,000.00 that a church or school was selling, which is a good deal. Sheryl Roitsch – discussed Tornado Siren Alert System, she reached out to her brother, and he referred her to Emergency Response Coordinator, Sheryl did call and leave a message. Her concern is for the elderly and when the bad weather comes in, they need to be warned. Jeff Hinkson – discussed Luis Limon giving out the red tags, warnings for grass to tall and that he has received three of them, told Luis kudos to you, keep on giving the red tags because Jeff has noticed a difference around town.

FY 2024 Audit presented by Cameron Gulley, Delane Abbott made a motion to approve. Tommy Lackey seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Budget for FY 2025 presented by Development Corporation of Strawn, Tommy made a motion to approve. Aaron Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

No action taken on an ordinance/policy regarding outdoor burning in the City Limits. Danny Miller has found an outdoor burning ordinance for a small community that's suitable for the City of Strawn and will give it to Meaghan for her to review and get her input.

With the contract between the City of Strawn and Palo Pinto County for tax assessment and collection, Brenda Orsini made a motion to approve. Aaron Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

No action taken for a potential visitor's center and possible city participation in the project.

May 2025 bills paid, Aron Johnson made a motion to approve. Delane Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Department reports: Public Works – Owen Alison, is still out for his EMT training and classes. In Danny Millers' Administrator report will cover Owen as well. The city public work crew have been out removing brush from Strawn and helping Gordon as well for the past month. Animal Control – Luis Limon, nothing new to report. Just focusing on giving out warning / red tags for tall grass and sending out certified letters for all the abandoned homes around town. City Secretary – Tracie Witt, there will be a fund raiser for the Gordon community that has been affected by

the tornados. This will be on June 28, 2025, at the park in Mingus behind the Quick Stop. They will be serving brisket plates for \$20, live auction and a band. City Administrator – Danny Miller, discussed the city's health insurance and how the cost had increased again, 22% he would like to consider switching to a stipend and the city employees can get on HealthCare.gov to purchase individual plans. The Bankhead Hotel is collapsing, and if the city gets involved our option is to begin the condemnation process. We will need a builder inspector to give us a letter stating the building is unsafe. Then get a lawyer to contact the owner. If this process doesn't work, then we would have to begin the legal process to condemn the building. Danny Miller and Owen Alison met with the TWDB contractor and because of this meeting Danny spent all last week gathering data for the 2024 Water Loss Audit Validation. They had to break out annual water usage down to monthly water usage. Danny also discussed that the City Staff and Carl Frazier met and talked about various disaster scenarios because of the tornado that hit Gordon. Danny believes it would be beneficial to meet quarterly to discuss various scenarios. Danny had checked on an outdoor warning system some time ago and was well over \$50,000.00. The Mayor of Mingus has recently checked the price, and it is now \$75,000.00. The city has received a reimbursement check for the damaged baseball field fence, \$1985.00. Three of the City employees will be attending water school in San Angelo this week.

Mayor's Report – Carl Frazier, nothing to report.	
There being no further business to discuss, Carl Frazie	er – Mayor adjourned the meeting 8:30 p.m
	, Mayor
, City Secretary	