CITY OF DORCHESTER
Dorchester First Baptist Church
11831 FM 902
Dorchester, Tx 75459

AGENDA AND NOTICE OF MEETING
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

September 14th, 2026
6:30 pm

Members of the public may appear before the City Council to address items listed on this meeting agenda and topics not already scheduled for public hearing or on the agenda in accordance with procedural rules as determined by the meeting Chair and by submitting a "Public Comment Form" to the City Secretary no later than the conclusion of Agenda Item 1 (Call Meeting to order)

I.CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

II. INVOCATION

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS: *The City Council invites members of the public to speak the Council on items listed on tis meeting agenda and topics not already scheduled for public hearing or on the agenda. Citizens may address the Council for a maximum of two minutes, unless the member of the public is a non-English speaker and must address the Council through a translator, in which case the person may address the Council for a maximum of four minutes. The Council is unable to respond to or discuss any issues that are brought up during this item that are not on the agenda, other than to make statements of specific factual information in response to a citizen's inquiry or to recite existing policy in response to the inquiry.*

IV. CONSENT ITEMS: These items consist of non- controversial items that are considered routine in nature. The Consent Agenda can be acted upon in one motion. A majority of the Council is required to remove any item for discussion and separate action.

1. Approve Minutes of **Regular City Council Meeting, August 3rd, 2026.**
2. Approve the bills being paid for the month.

V. ACTION ITEMS:

A. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. **Introduction and Public Hearing of Ordinance No.**
   An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Dorchester, Texas, approving and adopting a budget for the City of Dorchester for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2026, and ending September 30, 2027.
2. **Introduction and Public Hearing of Ordinance No.**
   An Ordinance of the City Council of City of Dorchester, Texas, making appropriations of $1,067,400 for the support, maintenance, building and improvement of the City of Dorchester, Texas for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2026, and ending September 30, 2027 both dates inclusive; adopting the budget figures and accounts as part of said appropriation
3. **Introduction and Public Hearing of Ordinance No.**
   Consider comments regarding an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Dorchester, Texas, approving the 2026 Operation and Maintenance Service and Assessment Plan for the Cottonwood O&M Public Improvement District and levying O&M Assessments against Assessed Property within the District to pay for Supplemental Services.

B. Close Public Hearing and Consider Adoption of Ordinances

Adoption of Ordinance:

1. Consider and Act on approval of **Ordinance** _____ to adopt fiscal year 2026-2027 budget in the amount of $1,067,400.
2. Consider and Act on **Ordinance** _____ to authorize expenditures of the City of Dorchester in the amount of $1,067,400.00.
3. Consider and Act on **Ordinance** _____of the City of Dorchester, Texas approving the 2026 Operation and Maintenance Service and Assessment Plan for the Cottonwood O&M Public Improvement District, levying assessments against assessed property within the Cottonwood O&M Public Improvement District to pay for Supplemental Services within the Cottonwood O&M Public Improvement District, providing for the collection of the O&M assessments, and providing an effective date.

C. New Business

1. Police Report.
2. Consider, Discuss, and Act on ordering new street signs & hardware that are missing or aged.
3. Consider, Discuss, and Act on approval of 2026 Annual SAP Update for Cottonwood PID
4. Consider, discuss, and action on **Ordinance** _____ to complete waste disposal agreement and contract.
5. Consider, Discuss, and Act on consideration of future agreement on Fire Protection and Safety, and associated presentation(s) for consideration.
6. Consider, Discuss, and Act on consideration of research into a hotel type tax for needed funds for the city.
7. Consider, Discuss, and Act on needed boards for the city.
    a. Board of Appeals for Planning & Zoning Board actions.
    b. Board for Type B sales tax for Economic Development.
8. Note that Construction Bonds for Cottonwood Phase 1 are in the Safety Deposit Box at the Bank.
9. Consider, Discuss, and Act pursuit to gain Dorchester Zip Code for adequate deliveries to residents and proper Sales Tax designation.

D. Old Business

1. Discuss leak detection/water loss
2. Update and discuss proposed BM Dorchester (Kiln & Concrete plant)
3. Update on start of new well being built
4. Discuss City Property Taxes
5. Update on Bradshaw Rd closing as addressed in Development Agreement, survey and petition needed from Cottonwood
6. Discuss on letter of Substantial Completion for Cottonwood Phase 1 for Lenart Development.
7. Update on Building Permits.
8. Update on Bradshaw Rd.
9. Update on problem meters.
10. Update on Grant for Water Improvements.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

1. *In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, the City Council will hold an Executive Session on the items identified below.*
    a. 551.087- Deliberating commercial or financial information that the City has received from a business prospect or deliberating the offer of financial or other incentives toa business prospect. – Cottonwood Development.

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Mayor Comments…
    a. Appreciation to our City Council, Employees, Engineer, Attorney, and Development team for a cohesive ability to run the city.
    b. Reminder of upcoming Fall Social.
2. Police Comments.
3. Discuss any problems with the water utility or city.
4. Applications for new meter request.

VIII. REPORT:

1. Water loss report & leak report.
2. Delinquent water bill report

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

Respectfully submitted,

David Smith, Mayor
City of Dorchester

If, during the course of the meeting covered by this notice, the City Council should determine that a closed or executive session of the City Council should be held or is required, then such closed or executive session as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.will be held by the City Council at the date, hour and place given in this notice as the City Council may conveniently meet in such closed or executive session concerning any and all subjects and for any and all purposes permitted by the Act, including, but not limited to, the following sanctions and purposes:

Texas Government Code Section:

551.071 – Private consultation with the attorney for the city.
551.072- Deliberating the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property.
551.073- Deliberating a negotiated contract for a prospective gift or donation to the City.
551.074- Deliberating personnel or to hear complaints against personnel.
551.076- Deliberating deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devises or security audit
551.087- Deliberating commercial or financial information that the City has received from a business prospect or deliberating the offer of financial or other incentives toa business prospect.
552.089- Deliberating security assessments or deployments relating to security or critical infrastructure.

Certification

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the above Agenda and Notice of Meeting of the City Council of the City of Dorchester, is a true and correct copy of said Notice. I posted a true and correct copy of said notice at Dorchester City Hall located at 373 Main St. Dorchester, Tx. a place convenient and readily accessible to the public at all times, and on the city website; - and said Notice was posted on 8th day of September, 2026 at 4:00pm and remained so posted for a least 120 hours preceding the scheduled time and said meeting.

Dated this 8th, day of September, 2026

City Secretary, Christa Laughlin _____

NOTICE OF ASSISTANCE AT PUBLIC MEETING

The location of this meeting is wheelchair accessible. Access to the building and special parking are available at the primary entrance of the meeting location. Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aids or services such as interpreters for persons who are deaf or hearing impaired, readers or large print, are requested to contact the City Secretary's office at least 48-hours prior to the meeting. Braille is not available.