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**AGENDA AND NOTICE OF MEETING
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**August 3, 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 to the Council on items listed on this 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 July 6, 2026.**
2. Approve the bills being paid for the month

V. ACTION ITEMS:

- A. PUBLIC HEARING: 1. Introduction and Public Hearing of Ordinance _____ An Ordinance of the City Council of City of Dorchester, Texas, amending Ordinance NOS. 99-5, 07-09, 21-01 and 22-11 to increase gallonage charges in consideration of increased electrical, raw water, and repair charges and an effective date.**
- B. Close Public Hearing and Consider Adoption of Ordinance _____.**
Consider/Discuss/Act upon an Ordinance of the City of Dorchester, Texas approving amending Ordinance Nos., 99-5, 07-09, 21-01, and 22-11 to increase gallonage charges in consideration of increased electrical, raw water, and repair charges and an effective date.
- C. New Business:**
 1. Police Report -Chief Laughlin.
 2. Consider/Discuss 2026-2027 Budget.

3. Consider, discuss, and action on ordinance _____ to complete waste disposal agreement and contract.
4. 2026 Annual SAP Update for Cottonwood PID
5. Consider, discuss, and action on letter of Substantial Completion for Cottonwood Phase I for Lenart Development.
6. Consider, discuss, and action to approve Hankins Eastup firm to conduct the city Audit for year ending September 30th, 2026.
7. Consider, discuss, and action on Resolution No. _____, a resolution of the City of Dorchester, Texas, noticing a public hearing for September 14th, 2026 to consider an ordinance levying assessments on property located within the Cottonwood O&M Public Improvement District; approving the Preliminary 2026 Operation and Maintenance Service and Assessment Plan; directing City staff to publish and mail notice of the public hearing; directing that the proposed Assessment Roll be made available for public inspection; and providing an effective date.

D. OLD BUSINESS

1. Discuss leak detection/water loss.
2. Update and discuss proposed BM Dorchester.
3. Update on Building Permits.
4. Update on start of new well.
5. Discuss City Property Taxes
6. Update on Bradshaw Rd.
7. Update on problem meters.

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*

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Mayor Comments.
2. Police Comments.
3. Discuss any problems with the water utility or city.
4. Applications for new meter request.

VIII. REPORTS:

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 devices 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 to a business prospect.
- 551.089 - 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 Street Dorchester, Texas, a place convenient and readily accessible to the public at all times, and on the City website; - and said Notice was posted on 30th day of June, 2026 at 4:00 P.M. and remained so posted for at least three (3) Business days preceding the scheduled time and said meeting.

Dated this 30th day of June, 2026

City Secretary Christa Laughlin



NOTICE OF ASSISTANCE AT PUBLIC MEETINGS

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.