

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF MULESHOE, TEXAS
Monday, September 8, 2025, 5:30 p.m. City Hall**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Ellis; Mayor Pro-Tem Parker; Council members Atchley, Myers, and Alarcon

MEMBERS ABSENT: none

OTHERS PRESENT: Gil Rennels, Channel 6; Citizen Kirk Lewis; Police Chief Benny Parker; Public Works Director Juan Flores; City Manager Ramon Sanchez and City Secretary Tamara Cain

Mayor Ellis opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Public comment was received from Citizen Kirk Lewis.

AGENDA

1. a. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Parker and second by Council member Atchley to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2025, council meeting. Motion carried.
b. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Parker and second by Council member Atchley to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2025, Public Hearing (2026 Tax Rate/2025-2026 Budget). Motion carried.
2. Motion was made by Mayor Ellis and second by Council member Myers to approve Ordinance O-551-0825 removing real property from the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction, which was petitioned for release by Wayne and Dianna Wildman. This will reduce the ETJ along East Highway 84 from ½ mile to 500 ft. (second reading) Motion carried.
3. Motion was made by Mayor Ellis and second by Mayor Pro-Tem Parker to approve Resolution R-824-0925 ratifying the increased property tax revenues. Motion carried.
4. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Parker and second by Council member Alarcon to approve Ordinance O-553-0925 adopting the 2025-2026 budget. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Motion was made by Mayor Ellis and second by Mayor Pro-Tem Parker to approve Ordinance O-552-0925 setting the Maintenance & Operations tax rate at \$0.563692 and the Interest and Sinking at \$0.109401 for a total tax rate of \$0.673093. Mayor Ellis, Mayor Pro-Tem Parker, Council members Atchley, Myers, and Alarcon were present for the vote. Vote carried unanimously.
6. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Parker and second by Council member Myers to approve Ordinance O-554-0925 amending the Fee Schedule. Amendments as follows:

This ordinance amends the fee schedules for fees and rates charged by the city. The changes to this fee schedule are.

Adding Section A.1003 Vector Control

Vector Control - Section A.1003

- (a) There is hereby established a \$1.50 charge to the monthly utility bill on all accounts handled by the city utility billing department.
- (b) The funds hereby collected will be used to defray the cost of mosquito spraying.

Art A7.000 Garbage Collection Fees

Sec.A7.001 Residential and commercial pickup fees

Fees will increase \$2.00 per month to reflect the following.

- (a) Residential accounts. Residential service charges shall be computed according to the applicable residential category as set out below:

Description	Monthly Charge
Single-family residence	\$32.00
Multifamily residences or trailer houses	\$32.00 per unit

- (b) Commercial accounts.

(1) In the event a single commercial customer has assigned to it a container, the monthly charge for service shall be \$57.50 per month for two (2) pickups per week and \$70.00 for three (3) pickups per week. Each additional pickup in excess of three (3) per week will be charged at the rate of \$29.50 per pickup.

(2) In the event two (2) or more customers have assigned to them a container, then the monthly charge per customer shall be \$51.00 per month for two (2) pickups per week and \$62.00 for three (3) pickups per week. Each additional pickup in excess of three (3) per week will be charged to the customer who requests the pickup at the rate of \$29.50 per pickup.

(3) All stated rates are subject to an additional charge for applicable sales or other taxes. Each container will be serviced at least twice a week.

Art A8.000 Water and Sewer Fees

Sec. A8.004 Sewer Utility Fees

Fees will increase \$2.00/month for residential and \$5.00/month for commercial, to reflect the following.

- (a) Monthly rates. The following schedule of monthly rates or charges for service furnished by the city's sanitary sewer system shall be and such is hereby adopted and established as follows, to wit:

- (1) Residential: \$20.00.
- (2) Commercial: \$23.00.

(b) Consumption charge. \$1.30 per 1,000 gallons of the average water usage during the months of November, December, January and February.

(c) Lift station disposal charge. \$35.00 per 1,000 gallons of waste.

Motion carried.

7. Motion was made by Mayor Ellis and second by Council member Atchley to approve up to \$1000.00 from Hotel/Motel Tax funds for the advertising and promotion of the Holiday Treasures event to be held on November 1, 2025. Motion carried.
8. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Parker and second by Council member Atchley to receive the financial statement for August 31, 2025. Motion carried.
9. Administrative reports included:
 - a. The SPAG Annual General Assembly Meeting will be on Wednesday September 17th, at the Science Spectrum Museum in Lubbock.
 - b. The TML Annual Conference will be in Ft. Worth October 28 – 31.
 - c. The Muleshoe Water Park is closed for the season.
 - d. Seal Coat program is scheduled for September 23rd.

10. Mayor and Council remarks.

11. Mayor Ellis adjourned the meeting at 6:02pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 13th DAY OF OCTOBER 2025.

Colt Ellis, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tamara Cain, City Secretary