

Minutes of the 05.12.2026 regular meeting of the East Hope City Council was called to order at 5:30 pm by Mayor Deborah Field. Council members, Joyce Butler, Michael Wilcox, Pam Brockus and Michelle Ward which constitutes a quorum.

#### Audience Comments:

Margaret Cormier asked if audience comments could be moved to the end of the meeting. Heidi Vanderzee agreed that it would be nice to have comments at the end of the meeting.

#### Approval of Minutes

Council member Wilcox moved to approve the meeting minutes of 4.14.2026, council member Brockus seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

#### Approval of Bills/Financial Report

Council member Butler moved to approve the April bills for \$33,437.00, council member Wilcox seconded, and the motion carried 4-0. The financial reports were reviewed.

#### Public Hearing:

##### Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Amendment

Staff reported that the city needs to amend the fiscal year 2026 budget to bring grant, donation and insurance dollars forward for the pickleball court, pavilion, sign replacement and truck replacement. In the general fund, \$20,000 from the Blue Cross Community Health Grant for the pickleball court at the Memorial Community Center. In street funds, \$36,800 of which \$1,800 is from LHTAC sign grant that remained and needed to be expended on signs, \$35,000 of which \$10,705.00 was from insurance, \$19,100.00 was from donation and the remaining \$5,195.00 would come from reserves if needed to replace the wrecked ford ranger truck. In the park fund, \$45,000 from the AARP Grant and Innovia Grant for the park pavilion. Mayor Field opened the public hearing to comments. Tim Jacoby asked about the park funds and wanted to confirm that those dollars were from a grant. The city clerk confirmed that those dollars were from two grants for a pavilion, one from Innovia Foundation and one from AARP. Heidi Vanderzee asked if the total \$45,000 in Park fund came from one grant and the city clerk responded that it came from two grants, Innovia Foundation and the AARP Foundation. Eric Schicho asked how much was remaining from the park grant dollars after the pavilion was built and the city clerk responded that the remaining dollars would cover the cost to stain the pavilion. Having no further public testimony, the hearing was closed. Council member Brockus moved to suspend reading the proposed ordinance #309 on three different days and have the title of proposed ordinance read once, council member Wilcox seconded and the motion carried on a roll call vote of Brockus, aye, Ward, aye, Wilcox, aye, and Butler, aye. Council member Brockus moved to adopt ordinance #309, amending appropriation ordinance for the fiscal year 2026, council member Butler seconded the motion. The city clerk read the title of Ordinance #309. The motion passed on a roll call vote of Brockus, aye, Ward, aye, Wilcox, aye, and Butler aye.

#### Old Business:

##### Truck Donations and Truck Replacement

Mayor Field discussed with the city council that she had been discussing a ford ranger at Corwin Ford in Spokane that had less than 50k miles on it. She said she was hoping to get the price down low enough to still purchase a brine sprayer with the remaining funds for insurance and donation amount. Currently the city has \$29,805.00 from insurance and donations. Michelle offered to stop and look at the truck tomorrow since she will be in Spokane.

##### Discuss Street Committee and Appoint Members

The city council discussed the street committee volunteers. Tim Jacoby, Bruce Naffziger and Lonna Bernard have all volunteered to be on the street committee. Resolution 182 appoints a special committee to review the City's street budget, evaluate the transportation plan and related priorities, consider present and future street project funding needs, and make recommendations for improvement that is fiscally responsible and may reduce municipal liability exposure. The special citizen committee shall serve for a period of one year. Council member Brockus moved to adopt resolution 182 appointing Tim Jacoby, Bruce Naffziger and Lonna Bernard, a special citizen committee to evaluate the

street budget and transportation plan, to review funding options for street projects, to make budgetary recommendations promoting fiscal responsibility and reducing liability. Council member Wilcox seconded and the motion carried on a 4-0 vote.

#### FY 2027 Budget Discussion

Staff provided a draft budget dated 5/12/2026 with corrections that were identified at the May 5<sup>th</sup> budget workshop. Phone service in the general fund was updated to reflect going with Kaniksu voice over internet service which would save about \$50 per month on the city hall phone. This draft did not reflect the 3% cost-of-living increase, but staff informed the city council if they would like to include the increase that they would need to identify where to cut \$1,896 in general, \$970 in streets, \$2222 in water and \$73 in park to accommodate it. Another workshop meeting was discussed and ultimately the city council chose to discuss it again at the June 9<sup>th</sup> regular meeting. A tentative budget needs to be approved at their July meeting to allow for publication before their August 12<sup>th</sup> public hearing date.

#### New Business:

Green Mountain Electrical Presentation regarding electrical service at the Park

Eric Schicho presented to the city council 4 options for upgrading the park's electrical and security systems. Estimate 1011 would provide power outlets in the flower beds for the Christmas decorations and a timer switch for lights in the pavilion. This estimate comes in at \$9,000. Estimate 1008 would provide 2 cellular transmission game/security cameras. This would achieve a slightly more official security system than the basic game cameras used presently. The cost for this is estimated at \$1,950.00. Estimate 1009 would provide WiFi cameras at the cost of \$6,337.00. Estimate 1010 would be higher grade WiFi cameras at the cost of \$7,459.00. The city council recognized the expansion of the electrical system and addition of cameras in the park would be nice and would require receiving a grant to fund this project. No decision was made.

#### Staff Report

##### Planning and Zoning:

Staff reported that no new building permit applications were submitted for April, which brings the total for the year to 2. Staff fielded calls and emails on a pending permit for a single-family dwelling. No new land use applications were submitted for April, which brings the land use applications to 1 for the year.

##### Streets/Water:

Staff have completed flushing hydrants and cleaning all three sand filters. They are currently working on weed whacking and brush clearing. They will be installing a new standpipe hydrant near the end of the main water line on Lakeview soon.

##### Clerk:

The clerk handed out some ideas for the 250<sup>th</sup> BBQ celebration that the mayor has put together. Council member Brockus and Memorial Center representative Ley Anne Merica will work on event details. Mayor field will be gone from May 19 to June 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### Announcements

The next regular city council meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m. on a motion by Council Member Wilcox and second by Council Member Brockus, 4-0.

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Deborah Field, Mayor

Attest:

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Christy Franck, City Clerk