

Niederwald City Council
September 23, 2025, Council Meeting Minutes

The following represents the actions taken by the Niederwald City Council in the order they occurred during the City Council meeting.

Mayor Connie Wood called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll was called. The council members in attendance were:

Caleb Jones
Ernesto Madrigal
Emily Iverson

Also present: City Administrator Reynell Smith, City Secretary Zach Cronshey, and City Attorney Carey Bovey.

A moment of silence was observed.

Pledges were made to the American and Texas flags.

Presentations: None

Public Comment: None

Agenda Item 1. Discussion and possible action on the minutes from the September 2 , 2025 regular City Council meeting.

Synopsis: Council reviewed the minutes. No corrections were made.

Motion: Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Council Member Iverson.

Vote:

Ernesto Madrigal – Yes
Emily Iverson – Yes
Caleb Jones – Yes

Motion passed.

Agenda Item 2. Discussion and possible action on an Ordinance adopting the budget for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025 and Ending September 30, 2026.

Synopsis: Council discussed and approved the proposed budget.

Motion: Council Member Jones made a motion to adopt the budget ordinance, seconded by Council Member Iverson.

Vote:

Caleb Jones – Yes

Ernesto Madrigal – Yes

Emily Iverson – Yes

Motion passed.

Agenda Item 3. Discussion and possible action to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the budget.

Synopsis: Council discussed and approved the required ratification of the property tax increase as reflected in the adopted budget.

Motion: Council Member Jones made a motion to ratify the property tax increase, seconded by Council Member Madrigal.

Vote:

Ernesto Madrigal – Yes

Emily Iverson – Yes

Caleb Jones – Yes

Motion passed.

Agenda Item 4. Discussion and possible action on an Ordinance adopting the tax rate for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2026.

Synopsis: Council adopted the tax rate of \$0.0790 per \$100 valuation for FY 2025–2026.

Motion: Council Member Madrigal made a motion to adopt the tax rate of \$0.0790/\$100, seconded by Council Member Iverson.

Vote:

Ernesto Madrigal – Yes

Emily Iverson – Yes

Caleb Jones – Yes

Motion passed.

Agenda Item 5. Discussion and possible action regarding renewal of the City of Niederwald's employee health insurance coverage with the Texas Health Benefits Pool for Plan Year 2026.

Synopsis: Council discussed the cost increases, employee coverage expectations, and long-term impact of the plan.

Motion: Council Member Jones made a motion to renew the insurance coverage, seconded by Council Member Madrigal.

Vote:

Ernesto Madrigal – Yes

Emily Iverson – Yes

Caleb Jones – Yes

Motion passed.

Agenda Item 6. Discussion and possible action on renting a climate-controlled storage unit for hard copies of digitized documents and anything else the City may need to store in climate-controlled conditions and obtaining insurance if required.(

Synopsis: Council discussed quotes and agreed on a 10x10 unit rental with insurance coverage if not already covered under TML.

Motion: Council Member Madrigal made a motion to authorize the City Administrator to proceed with the rental, seconded by Council Member Iverson.

Vote:

Ernesto Madrigal – Yes

Emily Iverson – Yes

Caleb Jones – Yes

Motion passed.

Agenda Item 7. Discussion and possible action on renewing the subscription contract for Adobe Acrobat Pro.

Synopsis: Council discussed the need for document preparation, OCR compliance, and continued use of Acrobat Pro.

Motion: Council Member Madrigal made a motion to renew the contract, seconded by Council Member Iverson.

Vote:

Ernesto Madrigal – Yes

Emily Iverson – Yes

Caleb Jones – Yes

Motion passed.

Agenda Item 8. Discussion and possible action regarding Hays County's quote under the Interlocal Agreement for road repairs on Windridge, Shubert, and Gini Lane.

Synopsis: Council approved the base-process repair quote for Windridge in the amount of \$104,076 and agreed to defer action on Schubert and Jennie until later.

Motion: Council Member Iverson made a motion to approve the Windridge repair under the INTERLOCAL agreement, seconded by Council Member Madrigal.

Vote:

Ernesto Madrigal – Yes

Emily Iverson – Yes

Caleb Jones – Yes

Motion passed.

Agenda Item 9. Discussion and possible action on approving and authorizing the execution of the Public Funds Depository Agreement, Security Agreement, and Bank of New York Mellon Third-Party Custodian Agreement with Frost Bank.

Synopsis: Council approved the execution of all required agreements to secure public funds on deposit.

Motion: Council Member Madrigal made a motion to approve the agreements, seconded by Council Member Jones.

Vote:

Ernesto Madrigal – Yes

Emily Iverson – Yes

Caleb Jones – Yes

Motion passed.

Agenda Item 10. Discussion and possible action on the salary increase for the City Administrator.

Synopsis: The Council entered into Executive Session at 7:57 p.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code § 551.074 to discuss the City Administrator's salary. The Council reconvened into regular session at 8:35 p.m.

Motion: Council Member Iverson made a motion to take no action at this time and revisit in April 2026, seconded by Council Member Jones.

Vote:

Ernesto Madrigal – Yes

Emily Iverson – Yes

Caleb Jones – Yes

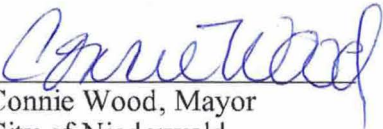
Motion passed.

Announcements:

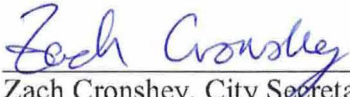
Next meeting: Tuesday, October 7, 2025

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Attest:


Connie Wood, Mayor
City of Niederwald




Zach Cronshey, City Secretary
City of Niederwald