CITY OF FAIRVIEW

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS

Lisa Anderson — Mayor
Chris McDonald — Vice-Mayor
Wayne Hall — Commissioner
Carolyn Roberts — Commissioner
Don Bufalini — Commissioner

REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 22, 2026
7:00 PM

MINUTES

1. Call To Order
Call to order by Mayor Anderson at 7:01PM.

2. Roll Call
Staff present: Bob Rial, Rachel Jones, Patrick Carter, Keith Paisley, Richard Ross, Zack Humphreys, Ray Martin, Scott Hughes

Board present: Mayor Anderson, Vice Mayor McDonald, Commissioner Hall, Commissioner Roberts, Commissioner Bufalini

3. Prayer and Pledge
Prayer and Pledge lead by Mayor Anderson.

4. Mayor Comments
Mayor Anderson welcomed those in attendance and viewers watching remotely and reminded speakers to speak loudly and clearly into the microphones so they could be heard by everyone in the room and those watching online. She noted that the meeting was being broadcast on Fairview's Facebook Live and would be available for later viewing on YouTube. Board members were also reminded to speak clearly into their microphones.

5. Citizen Comments (limited to the first 5 citizens to sign in and a limit of 3 minutes each)
- Karen Cobb (7802 Willow Crest, Fairview) - Expressed enthusiasm for the opportunity to serve Fairview as a commissioner, emphasizing the importance of listening to residents, working collaboratively, and continuing to improve the community. She highlighted her experience owning a restaurant, serving on boards, inventory control, and participating in various training opportunities. She asked for residents' support and votes and encouraged the community to utilize and support local publications.

6. Approval of Agenda
Motion to approve by Vice Mayor McDonald. Seconded by Commissioner Roberts. Motion carried, 5-0 (unanimous).

7. Public Announcements, Awards and Recognitions

A. City Events

8. Staff Comments and Monthly Reports (limited to five (5) minutes each, with an additional five (5) minutes allocated for questions and answers)

A. Police Department Report

B. Fire Department Report

C. Economic Development Report

D. Finance Report

E. City Manager Report

City Manager Bob Rial praised city staff for their cooperation and willingness to evaluate departmental processes and improve operations in preparation for the next budget cycle. He presented a debt schedule illustrating the City's outstanding borrowing, repayment timelines, and annual debt service obligations. He noted that the 2029 payment increase was associated with storm damage cleanup and reported that FEMA reimbursement efforts were progressing, with the City continuing to work through the required process.

Mr. Rial also provided an update regarding reported concerns at two apartment properties. He thanked the staff response team, including Fire Marshal Sullivan, Chief Hughes, and other personnel, for conducting site inspections, addressing immediate concerns, and issuing violation notices where necessary. Staff were coordinating with appropriate state agencies and rental advocacy resources to assist residents with issues outside the City's direct authority. Additional follow-up inspections and outreach were planned.

Mr. Rial explained that staff were continuing to work through FEMA reimbursement matters.

Mr. Rial expressed dissatisfaction on the City Hall renovations with the lack of progress from the current vendor and stated that the City might need to seek another contractor to complete the work. He confirmed that funding remained available and emphasized the need to move the project forward.

9. Consent Agenda (any item may be removed for individual consideration)

Motion to approve consent agenda by Commissioner Roberts. Seconded by Commissioner Bufalini. Motion carried, 5-0 (unanimous).

A. Minutes from October 1, 2026, BOC Regular Meeting

10. Old Business

A. Discussion

Welcome Signs (Commissioner Bufalini)

The Board discussed the City's welcome sign project, including a $4,500 proposal to redo the lettering due to concerns about visibility and discrepancies between the approved design and the installed signage. Commissioners discussed color options and lighting, noting that additional direction was needed before the project could be completed. Mr. Rial was asked to follow up with the architect and review the project's documentation to determine where the design discrepancies occurred and whether the architect could address the issue.

11. New Business

A. Discussion

Graveyards in Bowie Nature Park (Commissioner Hall)

The Board discussed a proposal from the Friends of Bowie Nature Park to preserve and protect the Mangrum and Hall family cemeteries within the park through fencing and potential archaeological research. Dr. Mark Schenkel, President of the Friends of Bowie Nature Park, outlined options for identifying possible burial locations near an existing trail, including historical research, cadaver dogs, and ground-penetrating radar. He also discussed a potential Daughters of the American Revolution grant, with an application deadline of October 31, and requested the City's support for the project.

Board members expressed support for preserving the cemeteries and discussed fencing materials, project costs, potential trail adjustments, and funding through grants, fundraising, and discretionary funds. The Board indicated that additional information was needed regarding the project scope, costs, cemetery boundaries, and recommendations from the Parks and Landscape Board before moving forward. The City's support letter and coordination with the Land Trust were also discussed in relation to the grant application.

12. Roundtable: Mayor and Commissioners

Commissioner Hall: Commissioner Hall thanked City staff for their continued hard work and dedication. He also recognized new police officers and firefighters within the city. He emphasized the importance of collaboration in preserving Bowie Nature Park and other areas of Fairview. He also discussed land conservation opportunities through the Land Trust, noting that property owners may choose to place land under conservation protections to help preserve it for future generations while retaining ownership.

Commissioner Roberts: Commissioner Roberts requested that the Parks and Landscape Board work with park staff to identify and prioritize signage needs at Bowie Nature Park, including trail markers, directional signs, traffic signage, and informational signs. She also requested an estimate for replacing the park's entrance sign, which was damaged during the storm. She raised concerns regarding plumbing repairs at the park and asked staff to clarify the necessary repairs and available funding. She also requested follow-up on treating the vegetation or growth in the lake at Veterans Park, which had affected the annual fishing rodeo. Commissioner Roberts thanked City staff and the Police Department for their service and recognized the community's role in maintaining Fairview. She also highlighted a recent Heritage Foundation of Williamson County meeting and encouraged residents to review the meeting recording. Finally, she announced the opening of Radium Girls at Fairview High School, noting additional performances scheduled for Friday and Saturday.

Commissioner Bufalini: Commissioner Bufalini welcomed three new police officers, one new firefighter, and congratulated personnel on their promotion to engineer. He encouraged residents to view the Fairview Police Department's Facebook posts by opening the images to access additional information. He also congratulated the Fairview High School football team on its 8--0 record and promoted the inaugural Bobby Green 2026 fundraiser scheduled for November 14 at Fairview High School. The event will feature basketball scrimmages and skills contests for young athletes, with proceeds benefiting the Bobby Green Foundation. Commissioner Bufalini thanked the Board for discussing the City's welcome signs and expressed support for moving forward with improvements. He emphasized that the signs should reflect Fairview's welcoming spirit and community pride, noting that Fairview is home to residents of all backgrounds and lengths of residency.

Vice Mayor McDonald: Vice Mayor McDonald thanked all the department heads for their staff reports.

Mayor Anderson: Mayor Anderson encouraged residents to attend the upcoming town hall on October 29 and announced the groundbreaking ceremony for Ascension Saint Thomas on Wednesday, October 28. She expressed excitement about the hospital project and its future benefit to the community, particularly by expanding access to emergency medical services. Mayor Anderson thanked City Manager Rial and staff for their prompt response to concerns at local apartment properties, recognizing employees who assisted, including those who came in on their time off. She emphasized the importance of following the established chain of command and ensuring that concerns are addressed through the appropriate staff and procedures. Mayor Anderson also praised the Fairview High School football team for its undefeated season, commending the players' teamwork, determination, and heart. With two regular-season games remaining before the playoffs, she encouraged the community to attend and support the team. She concluded by thanking the Board and City staff.

13. Meeting Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Roberts at 8:38PM.

City Recorder, Rachel Jones

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Mayor, Lisa Anderson

The above minutes are intended to serve as a summary of the motions passed and matters discussed during the meeting. This document is not intended to be a verbatim transcript of all statements made.