

**CITY OF DENTON PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD MINUTES**  
**February 23, 2026**

After determining that a quorum was present of the Public Utilities Board of the City of Denton, convened in a Regular Meeting on Monday, February 23, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Work Session Room at City Hall, 215 E. McKinney Street, Denton, Texas.

PRESENT: Chair Devin Taylor, Lee Riback, Aaron Newquist, Robert Rayner, Susan Parker, Thomas Plock

Also present: General Manager Antonio Puente, Jr. and First Assistant City Attorney Marcella Lunn

Absent: Billy Cheek

**REGULAR MEETING**

**1. PRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

There were no presentations from the public.

**2. CONSENT AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda consisted of Items 2 A.

**Board Member Newquist moved to recommend adoption of agenda items 2 A. Motion seconded by Board Member Plock; motion carried.**

**YES (6): Chair Devin Taylor, Lee Riback, Aaron Newquist, Robert Rayner, Susan Parker, Thomas Plock**

**NO (0):**

**A. PUB26-246** Consider recommending adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton repealing ordinance No. 24-2027; approving the 2026 Denton Municipal Electric- Energy Risk Management Policy (the “2026 ERMP”); delegating authority as provided in the 2026 ERMP; authorizing and approving the subsequent execution of such other ancillary and related documents, including, without limitation, contracts, nominations, certificates, assignments, licenses, directions, instruments, confirmations, orders, and statements as are authorized by the 2026 ERMP, which are incident to or related thereto; confirming that the City of Denton, its mayor, its city council members, its city manager, its city attorney, and its city secretary are authorized to perform such acts and obligations as are reasonably required to consummate those future transactions which are provided for and authorized by the 2026 ERMP; finding that the purchase of electricity, natural gas, and related commodities and instruments are exempt from the requirements of competitive bidding; finding that the purchase of electricity, natural gas, and related commodities and instruments made by the city under the terms of the 2026 ERMP are in the public welfare of the citizens and electric ratepayers of the city; authorizing the expenditure of funds therefor; and, providing an effective date.

### **3. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

**A. PUB26-018** Consider approval of the February 9, 2026 minutes.

**Board Member Riback moved to recommend adoption of agenda items 2 A. Motion seconded by Board Member Rayner; motion carried.**

**YES (6): Chair Devin Taylor, Lee Riback, Aaron Newquist, Robert Rayner, Susan Parker, Thomas Plock**

**NO (0):**

**B. PUB26-009** Consider recommending adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, a Texas home-rule municipal corporation, authorizing the City Manager to execute a Construction Manager at Risk contract with Sundt Construction, Inc., for construction phase services for the Pecan Creek Water Reclamation Plant Expansion Project for the Water Utilities Department; providing for the expenditure of funds therefor; and providing an effective date (RFP 8289 - awarded to Sundt Construction, Inc., including the first Guaranteed Maximum Price in the partial not-to-exceed amount of \$92,321,565.00).

David Brown gave a presentation and answered questions from Board members. Kyle Pedigo and Lori Hewell also answered questions from Board members.

**Board Member Riback moved to recommend adoption of agenda items 2 A. Motion seconded by Board Member Parker; motion carried.**

**YES (6): Chair Devin Taylor, Lee Riback, Aaron Newquist, Robert Rayner, Susan Parker, Thomas Plock**

**NO (0):**

**C. PUB26-020** Management Reports

1. Board Member Appointment Notification
2. Hickory Creek Road Phase 3 Memo
3. Future Agenda Items
4. New Business Action Items

Seth Garcia answered questions regarding the Hickory Creek Road Phase 3 Memo from Board member Devin Taylor.

### **WORK SESSION**

**A. PUB26-021** Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the City's utility billing process for electric service.

Tony Puente gave a presentation and answered questions from Board members. Board member Taylor would like to see a comparison of commercial rates from other utilities here in the City of Denton.

**CLOSED SESSION**

- A. PUB26-247** Deliberations Regarding Certain Public Power Utilities: Competitive Matters - Under Texas Government Code Section 551.086; Consultation with Attorneys - Under Texas Government Code Section 551.071.

Receive information from staff regarding an update to the Denton Municipal Electric Energy Risk Management Policy that includes public power utility competitive data; discuss, deliberate, and provide direction to staff regarding same. Consultation with City's attorney regarding legal issues associated with the above matter where a public discussion of these legal matters would conflict with the duty of the City's attorneys to the City of Denton and the Denton City Council under Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas, or would jeopardize the City's legal position in any administrative proceeding or potential litigation. This agenda item is related to Consent Agenda item PUB26-246 and will be a placeholder if Public Utilities Board members have questions requiring confidential discussion as allowed by law.

**4. CONCLUDING ITEMS**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:31 AM.

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**DEVIN TAYLOR**  
**CHAIR**  
**CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS**

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**CASSIE BLACKBURN**  
**ADMINISTRATION MANAGER**  
**CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS**

Minutes approved on: 3/9/26