

Regular Council Meeting

August 4, 2026

Meeting began at 6:00pm.

Invocation by Councilman Robert D. Bird, Jr.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Edward Armijo.

Present were Mayor J. Micheal Evans, Councilman Robert D. Bird, Jr., Councilwoman Velicia Y. Lowe, Councilman Edward Armijo, City Attorney Rebecca Tydings, and City Administrator Krista Bedingfield; absent Councilman Justin Wright.

Welcome extended by Mayor J. Micheal Evans to all those in attendance at the meeting and on social media. Special thanks was given to Councilman Bird and Councilman Armijo for their unwavering willingness to assist with the prayer and pledge at the beginning of the meetings.

Mayor's Moments

No Mayor's Moments made.

Public Comments

No public comments made.

Adoption of Minutes

July 21, 2026, Council Work Session

Motion to approve minutes as written given by Councilman Robert D. Bird, Jr. Second by Councilwoman Velicia Y. Lowe. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Old Business

No old business.

New Business

Houston County/Centerville IGA Elberta Rd widening project Phase 3 utilities relocation: Utilities Superintendent Chris Coleman brought before the governing authority an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Houston County for the Elberta Road Widening Project Phase 3, covering utilities relocation along the section of Elberta Road from Collins Road to Carl Vinson Parkway. Superintendent Coleman explained that the county will oversee the project, while the city handles the utility relocation; this is already a budgeted item.

Councilwoman Lowe inquired as to when this will begin; Mr. Coleman mentioned the project is to start within the next few weeks.

Councilman Bird inquires if we will be under budget; Mr. Coleman expects the cost to come in under budget; Mayor J. Micheal Evans noted that they budgeted about 30% more than expected to protect against cost increases.

Mr. Coleman mentions this section involves a larger water main and will be more expensive than the earlier Wilson project.

City Attorney, Rebecca Tydings notes that the County Commissioners had approved the IGA that morning, and a DocuSign version for execution will be sent later this week, tonight's signing is only a ceremonial hard-copy signing.

Motion to approve the Houston County/Centerville IGA, Elberta Rd. Widening Project, Phase 3, utilities relocation, given by Councilwoman Velicia Y. Lowe. Second by Councilman Robert D. Bird, Jr. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Easement Agreement Flint Energies; Elberta Rd widening project: Utilities Superintendent Chris Coleman presented to the governing authority an easement agreement from Flint Energies. Mr. Coleman explained the easement is for Flint to shift poles back approximately five to seven feet to maintain access and support during the widening work. Mayor J. Micheal Evans inquires as to which side of the road this will effect; Mr. Coleman notes that the poles are on the north side of the road, and the proposed placement were already indicated by white markers.

Motion to approve the Easement Agreement Flint Energies: Elberta Rd Widening Project given by Councilman Edward Armijo. Second by Councilman Robert D. Bird, Jr. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Comments from Council

Post4: Councilman Edward Armijo reminded residents that school is back in session and urged drivers to be especially cautious around school buses, children, and school traffic zones in Centerville and throughout Houston County. Emphasis on drivers staying focused and safe during bus stops, and watching for speed zone changes around schools. Lastly, he encouraged families to support Boy Scout Troop 400 in Centerville, mentioning that the troop is recruiting new scouts, especially elementary-aged children. The troop meets on Mondays at 7:00 PM in the house behind the new Centerville Fire station.

Post3: Councilwoman Velicia Lowe wishes administrators, teachers, students and their families a successful and safe school year.

Post2: Councilman Justin Wright absent.

Post 1: Councilman Robert D. Bird, Jr. echoes similar comments as the other council members, wishing everyone to be safe on the roadways, especially in and around the school zones. Councilman Bird mentions the final Food Truck event will be this Friday, August 7th.

Mayor: J. Micheal Evans mentioned he recently attended the Houston County School District opening session and was encouraged by the district's momentum, including the new STEM Academy, awards earned by different clubs and organizations (i.e. FCCLA and FBLA), and upcoming opportunities for students, teachers, and administrators. Mayor J. Micheal Evans recognized Dr. Rodgers for his efforts in making Houston County a place where young graduates will want to return too and work in.

Mayor J. Micheal Evans also reported that the Wilson Drive project is progressing well, with asphalt already poured and curbs and gutters installed. He highlighted the benefits of wider roads and sidewalks for better traffic flow and pedestrian safety.

Finally, Mayor J. Micheal Evans thanked the Fire Chief, Police Chief, and Utility Superintendent and offered his appreciation to their teams for keeping the city safe, clean, and well maintained.

Mayor J. Micheal Evans adjourned the meeting at 6:14pm.

Mayor J. Micheal Evans

Attest by City Clerk Lee Siefert

Date