



**MINUTES
OF THE
MEETING OF THE
BENBROOK CITY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2026**

The regular meeting of the Benbrook City Council was held on February 19, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers with the following Council members present:

Jason Ward, Mayor
Renee Franklin
Ryan Reagan
Dustin Phillips
Sean Moore
Laura Mackey
Keith Tiner

Also Present:

Jim Hinderaker, City Manager
Ethan Cox, Assistant City Manager
Beth Fischer, City Secretary/Chief Governance Officer
Jason Tate, Fire Chief
Bennett Howell, Director of Public Services
Doug Howard, City Planner

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Ward.

II. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALEGIANCE

Invocation was given by Pastor Todd Pylant – First Baptist Church of Benbrook

The Pledge of Allegiance recited.

III. CITIZEN COMMENTS ON ANY AGENDA ITEM

No one spoke.

IV. MINUTES

1. Approve minutes of the regular meeting held February 5, 2026

Motion by Mr. Tiner, seconded by Mr. Phillips, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held February 5, 2026.

Vote on the Motion:

Ayes: Ms. Franklin, Mr. Reagan, Mr. Phillips, Mayor Ward, Mr. Moore, Ms. Mackey, Mr. Tiner

Noes: None

Motion carried unanimously.

V. REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER

A. GENERAL

G-2736 Resolution declaring firefighting equipment as surplus and authorizing sale to Tarrant County Emergency Services District #1

Jason Tate gave the following report: On December 13, 2025, Tarrant County Emergency Services District #1 opened a fire station in Whiskey Flats. Concurrently, the Benbrook Fire Department returned possession of Tanker 53, a Tarrant County ESD #1 asset, which the City had operated via mutual agreement for the past 10 years.

As part of the agreement, the Benbrook Fire Department provided most firefighting equipment for the truck's operation. This equipment included hoses, nozzles, axes, rescue tools, and other equipment associated with firefighting. Since releasing the truck to Tarrant County ESD #1 they have expressed interest in purchasing the loose equipment for \$30,000.00.

Pursuant to Section 3.16.020 of the Benbrook Municipal Code, the loose equipment has been declared surplus equipment. Staff finds the bid proposal from Tarrant County ESD #1 to be competitive and aligned with market expectations.

Motion by Ms. Mackey, seconded by Mr. Reagan, to adopt the resolution declaring the loose equipment as surplus property and authorize its sale to Tarrant County ESD #1 for \$30,000.00. Resolution 2026-02

Vote on the Motion:

Ayes: Ms. Franklin, Mr. Reagan, Mr. Phillips, Mayor Ward, Mr. Moore, Ms. Mackey, Mr. Tiner

Noes: None

Motion carried unanimously.

B. CONTRACT

C-387 Street Maintenance Contracts to Texas Bit

Bennett Howell gave the following report: For many years, the City of Benbrook has partnered with Tarrant County to complete the City’s annual Street Rehabilitation Program, with the County historically performing the majority of the work. In more recent years, Tarrant County has completed a much smaller portion of the program. For the current year, Tarrant County has indicated a willingness to participate, however, the County has not yet formally committed to do so. To maintain schedule certainty and ensure timely delivery of the program, staff is moving forward with Texas Bit through existing interlocal agreements.

The proposed asphalt overlay work will be completed under the City’s existing interlocal agreement with Dallas County. Reclaim, milling, and striping services will be completed under the City’s existing interlocal agreement with Ellis County. The total contract amount with Texas Bit is \$2,152,165.46

This year’s Street Rehabilitation Program is part of the City’s five-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) approved by City Council. For Fiscal Year 2025-2026, the City allocated \$2.5 million for street overlays and \$500,000 for concrete infrastructure repairs. Subject to approval of the Texas Bit contract, the remaining overlay budget will be reserved for the purchase of asphalt materials in the event an agreement is finalized with Tarrant County. The portion of the program addressed by this action will repair approximately 24,320 linear feet of roadway, as detailed in Table 1.

Texas Bit has consistently delivered high-quality work for the City in prior years, most recently completing the 2025 Street Maintenance Program.

Table 1 – Proposed Streets				
Milling and Overlay Streets				
Street	From Street	Cross To Cross Street	Length (ft)	Width (ft)
Mildred Ln	Cozby South St	Sproles Dr	2,200	28
Paul St	Cozby South St	Mildred Ln	260	28
Cozby St W	Cozby South St	Dead End	480	28
Bryant St	Cozby South St	Usher St	1,000	28
Cozby South St	Sproles Dr	Bryant St	1,200	38
Cozby South St	Bryant St	Usher St	430	28
Cozby South St	Usher St	Wade Hampton St	430	24
Warden St	Cozby South St	Dead End	460	28
Park Center St	Cozby South St	Dead End	475	28
Cozby South St	Wade Hampton St	Duane St	1,500	28
Duane St	Dead End	Cozby South St	700	28
John Reagan St	Dead End	Vernon Castle Ave	1,650	28
Park Center St	Cozby South St	Vernon Castle Ave	1,120	28

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Street	From Street	Cross To Cross Street	Length (ft)	Width (ft)
Bryant St	Cozby South St	Vernon Ave Castle	1,290	28
Estes St	Cozby South St	Mildred Ln	1,980	28
Cozby West St	Cozby South St	Vernon Ave Castle	1,250	28
Benbrook Terrace	Cozby South St	Mildred Ln	1,700	28
Eric Ln	Cozby South St	Benbrook Terrace	475	28
Vernon Caste	Cozby South St	Sproles Dr	1,070	28
Sproles	Winscott Rd	Vernon Ave Castle	1,860	41
Reclaim Street				
Williams Rd	Chapin Rd	Llano Ave	2,790	42
Striping Location				
Williams Rd	Chapin Rd	Llano Ave		

The following street maintenance contracts will be funded by the Public Works operating budget.

- Milling Cost Estimate \$ 297,439.80
- Overlay Cost Estimate \$1,095,313.76
- Reclaim Cost Estimate \$ 743,181.60
- Striping Cost Estimate \$ 16,230.30
- Total Cost Estimate \$2,152,165.46

Motion by Mr. Tiner, seconded by Ms. Franklin, to approve the street maintenance contracts with Texas Bit for \$2,152,165.46.

Vote on the Motion:

Ayes: Ms. Franklin, Mr. Reagan, Mr. Phillips, Mayor Ward, Mr. Moore, Ms. Mackey, Mr. Tiner

Noes: None

Motion carried unanimously.

C-388 Design Contract to Freese and Nichols for the Dutch Branch Park Improvements Project

Bennett Howell gave the following report: City Council expressed interest in making improvements to Dutch Branch Park, including replacing all asphalt parking lots with

concrete, improving park drainage, adding parking lot lights, and completing other ancillary projects.

During its December 18, 2025 meeting, the City Council approved an updated five-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) that includes the design of the Dutch Branch Park improvements identified in Table 1.

Table 1 - Dutch Branch Park Improvement Project Priority List
Phase 1
Engineering Design (paving, lighting, drainage)
Front Parking Lot Paving
Lighting - Front Parking Lot
Irrigation Replacement
Signage & Wayfinding
Drainage Improvements
Restroom Improvements
Beacons for the Low Water Crossing
Phase 2
Rear Parking Lot Paving
Lighting - Rear Parking Lot
Interior Road and Access Gates
Rear Access Road
Phase 3
Andy Wayman Drive Paving
Tennis/Pickleball Parking Lot Paving
Tennis/Pickleball New Parking Lot Paving

The design contract agreement with Freese and Nichols covers the design of all three (3) phases, but does not include any construction services. The approved CIP for the current fiscal year identifies funding for construction of Phases 1 and 2; however, actual construction contracts will require separate approval by Council and are not part of this agreement. Phase 3 construction will be planned for a future fiscal year as funding becomes available.

Restroom improvements and installation of the low water crossing beacons will be performed by City staff.

The general project schedule is as follows:

- Design completed – 7 months after Notice to Proceed
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) review – 2 months after final design submittal
- Incorporate USACE comments, bid, and award construction contract – 3 months
- Construction start – 1 month after contract award

- Construction completion – 12 months after award contract award

The Stormwater Utility Fund will be used to fund the drainage-related components of the project, and General Fund Reserves will be used to fund the remainder of the project.

Motion by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Tiner, to approve the design contract with Freese and Nichols, Inc. for the Dutch Branch Park Improvements Project for \$888,000.

Vote on the Motion:

Ayes: Ms. Franklin, Mr. Reagan, Mr. Phillips, Mayor Ward, Mr. Moore, Ms. Mackey, Mr. Tiner

Noes: None

Motion carried unanimously.

VI. INFORMAL CITIZEN COMMENTS

No one spoke.

VII. COUNCIL MEMBER AND STAFF COMMENTS

Ms. Franklin reminded everyone about the upcoming artisan markets in March, noting there will be two due to the Easter holiday in April. She also expressed gratitude to the citizens of Benbrook for their support of local businesses and fundraising efforts.

Mr. Tiner expressed appreciation for first responders and linemen who worked during the recent freeze and for the residents of the city who did their part to ensure safety.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

APPROVED:

Laura Mackey, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:

Elizabeth Fischer
City Secretary/Chief Governance Officer