

Minutes of
Cresson City Council Meeting
May 12, 2026

The City Council reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session during the course of the meeting to seek legal advice from its attorney regarding any item on the posted agenda as authorized by Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code.

Mayor Becker called the Cresson Pre-Council Meeting Work Session to order at 7:00 P.M. on May 12, 2026, in the City Council Chambers. Attendance as follows:

Mayor Ron Becker	Lisa Clement	Jeff Keeney (absent)	
Kevin Olivarez	Ken Malcomson	Corey Barker	City Attorney Jennifer Drysdale

Work Session

Discuss and receive public comments on Cresson Code Enforcement

Code enforcement is a dilemma the city faces as the city grows and changes. The basis of the ordinances came between 2001 and 2003 after the city was formed. The city has struggled with how to enforce the codes. There have been volunteers who cleaned up properties only to have them go right back to the way they were. The city tried having a municipal court. It was expensive and most people did not appear or pay the fines. The city formed a Building and Standards Committee made up of citizens. This resulted in taking one property owner to court to force cleanup. The committee did not last. The mayor introduces Dennis McKenzie, Cresson's Building Inspector. He recently took the tests to become a Code Enforcement Officer. Dennis has reviewed the ordinances and believes we have a good foundation. He said some of the ordinances we have are required by the state. He suggests we review those ordinances to make sure our ordinances match what the state requires. He would like the council to review and decide how to move forward with enforcement. Dennis would like the city, once we decide how to proceed, to send out 60-day notice to citizens that we are going to start enforcing our code. We should start with the complaints we already have on file. There are questions about what, if anything, will be "grandfathered." There must be fairness across the city. The council is getting more pressure from their constituents to "get into compliance." City Attorney Drysdale notes that we will need to have documentation for the complaints. It is important to note that Animal Control is a separate issue from Code Compliance. Dennis notes that the city may need to look for an assistant code enforcement officer that can train under him and then take the tests. There are no comments from the floor.

Adjourn

The workshop is adjourned at 7:37P.M.

Regular Session

Mayor Becker called the City Council Meeting of Cresson, Texas to order at 7:38 P.M. on May 12, 2026, in the City Council Chambers. Attendance as follows:

Mayor Ron Becker	Lisa Clement	Jeff Keeney (absent)	
Kevin Olivarez	Ken Malcomson	Corey Barker	City Attorney Jennifer Drysdale

Mayor Becker gave the invocation and Mayor Pro Tem Clement led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

The meeting is open to the public.

Swear in Council Members and Appoint Mayor Pro Tem

City Secretary Katy Froyd swears in the Mayor and City Council Members, Seats 2, 4 and 6.

The mayor asks for nominations for Mayor Pro Tem. Councilperson Barker nominates Councilperson Clement to be Mayor Pro Tem. Councilperson seconds the nomination. 4 ayes and 0 nays. Councilperson Lisa Clement will remain in her position as Mayor Pro Tem for the next year.

Citizen's Comments

None.

Mayor's Comments

- A. The SS4A grant is moving along. DKS has been contracted to work on the project. A Task Force that is made up of some commissioners from each county, DPS, and others will have their first virtual meeting later this month. On Saturday, June 6, 2026, from 5-7 P.M. there will be an Open House at the Diana Jones Memorial Training Center, for citizens to learn about the SS4A grant and offer any suggestions they have to make Cresson streets safer. It will be posted as a possible quorum so all the council can attend.
- B. The Cresson Volunteer Fire Department held its second EKG for Kids event. 180 people attended, mostly kids, but also some adults, for their free EKG. Mayor Becker asks City Secretary Froyd to play a video from a gentleman who had an accident in Cresson about a week ago. He had a single car accident. He got out of the car and seemed to be just banged up and was speaking with the CVFD when he went down. The first responders were able to get him back and he was transported to the hospital where he was given a pacemaker. Mayor/Fire Chief Becker went to visit the gentleman in the hospital, and he made a video thanking the first responders for all their hard work.
- C. The contract for the land purchase in Cresson proper has been signed. The mayor was not able to negotiate a lower price.
- D. The cement company that is unloading by the railroad tracks across from Braddock and Pittsburg has been kicking up dust and creating a lot of noise in the middle of the night. The neighbors have been complaining. TCEQ conducted an investigation about the dust, and we are waiting for the report. Mayor Becker hosted a meeting with the residents and Hood County Commissioner Dave Eagle to discuss the situation.
- E. The National Weather Service confirmed an EF0 tornado that went through Cresson on the evening of Tuesday, April 28, 2026. The hail and winds caused a lot of damage throughout the city. Arrangements were made to have 2 curbside brush pick up dates.
- F. The check has been sent to TxDot for payment for the Bob Cornett Parkway highway signs. Once we know when they will be installed, the city will plan a reception that will be at City Hall.

Items for Future Agendas

None.

Deliberation Agenda

- A. Consider and act on the approval of the minutes of the city council meeting held on April 14, 2026. Councilperson Olivarez makes a motion to approve the minutes as written. Mayor Pro Tem Clement seconds the motion. 4 ayes and 0 nays. The motion is passed unanimously.

Executive Session

Council adjourns into Executive Session at 7:54 P.M.

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, the City Council may adjourn into Executive Session, in accordance with the authority contained in:

- A. Section 552.071, Texas Government Code, Consultation with Attorney, to consult with the City Attorney and receive legal advice on the following matter(s):
 1. Discuss possible enforcement options concerning a breach of contract.

I. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION

Council reconvenes into regular session at 8:30 P.M.

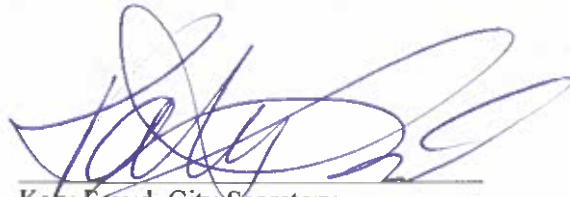
- A. No action taken

Adjourn

Councilperson Barker makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilperson Malcomson seconds the motion. 4 ayes and 0 nays. The motion is passed unanimously. The meeting is adjourned at 8:31 P.M.



Ron Becker, Mayor



Katy Froyd, City Secretary