

City of Roswell Meeting Minutes Mayor and Council Regular Meeting

Mayor Kurt Wilson
Councilmember Sarah Beeson
Councilmember Christine Hall
Councilmember G. Lee Hills
Councilmember David Johnson
Councilmember William Morthland
Councilmember Allen Sells

Monday, September 8, 2025

7:00 PM

City Hall - Council Chambers

Welcome

Mayor Kurt Wilson: Present, Councilmember Sarah Beeson: Present, Councilmember Christine Hall: Present, Councilmember G. Lee Hills: Present, Councilmember David Johnson: Present, Councilmember William Morthland: Present, Councilmember Allen Sells: Present.

<u>Invocation/Moment of Silence - Youth Director Dara Vidito, Congregation Beth</u> Hallel

<u>Pledge of Allegiance - United States Air Force Staff Sergeant Monica Graham</u>

Mayor's Report

 #10031 Reading of a Proclamation for the Esteemed Veteran of Roswell Award to United States Air Force Staff Sergeant Monica Graham.

Honoring United States Air Force Staff Sergeant Monica Graham's service to our nation, to fellow service members and to the Roswell community.

RESULT: PROCLAMATION READ

2. #9995 Proclamation for Esteemed Roswell Public Safety Employee award to Captain Jeff Mealor as Roswell Fire Company Officer of the Year for 2024.

Recognition of Captain Jeff Mealor as Roswell Fire Company Officer of the Year for 2024 for his outstanding service and commitment to our City.

RESULT: PROCLAMATION READ

3. #10062 A Proclamation proclaiming September as 2025 Childhood Cancer Awareness Month to increase awareness of childhood cancer and the need for funding and research and to support families in Roswell affected by childhood cancer.

Proclaims September as 2025 Childhood Cancer Awareness Month to increase awareness of childhood cancer and the need for more funding and research and to support families in Roswell affected by childhood cancer.

RESULT: PROCLAMATION READ

4. #10013 Approval of a Planning Commission (PC) appointment - Gurtej Narang.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: G. Lee Hills, Councilmember
SECONDER: Christine Hall, Councilmember

IN FAVOR: Beeson, Hall, Hills, Johnson, Morthland, Sells

5. #10036 Oath of Office - Gurtej Narang (Planning Commission).

RESULT: OATH OF OFFICE READ

6. #10030 Roswell Results Update.

Announcement of the official launch of **RoswellResults.com**, a dynamic new website showcasing the measurable progress the City of Roswell has made in service to our community. RoswellResults.com is structured around six strategic pillars that represent the heart of our mission, turning bold goals into real, tangible outcomes that enhance the quality of life for every Roswell resident. These pillars include:

- 1. Best in Class Safety Ensuring our fire, police, and emergency services are well-staffed, well-equipped, and nationally recognized.
- 2. Service Excellence Providing City services that are modern, dependable, and easy to access.
- 3. Economic Development Revitalizing key corridors, attracting new jobs, and shaping a sustainable, business-friendly future.
- 4. Infrastructure Investment Delivering high-impact projects that improve mobility, utility systems, and public spaces.
- 5. Stewarding with Integrity Managing taxpayer funds with transparency, discipline, and forward-thinking stewardship.
- 6. Top Place to Work Investing in city staff, culture, leadership, and systems to build a high-performing workforce.

These pillars have guided a series of remarkable accomplishments. Explore these successes firsthand on RoswellResults.com to learn about key projects and stay informed about how we are building a stronger, safer, and more connected Roswell.

Updates on key projects the City is currently delivering for our community:

- The City initiated careful deconstruction **of Doc's Café**, a historic landmark central to the Groveway community. The goal is to preserve architecturally and culturally significant elements from the building to honor Doc's Café as a physical emblem of Black community heritage in Roswell. Plans for a permanent site will be shared at a later stage. Specialists in architecture, cultural history, and historic documentation are using advanced tools such as 3D laser scanning and CAD drawings to record and prioritize notable materials for potential future use and safeguard structural components during deconstruction and create detailed documentation to guide future design and interpretive efforts.
- Last week, **PBS Aerospace** officially opened the doors of its new North American headquarters in Roswell! Last year, PBS Aerospace, a major manufacturer of world-class small turbojet engines based in the Czech Republic, selected Roswell as its U.S. base for manufacturing and research and development (R & D) operations. This move brings a \$20 million investment and 150 jobs to Roswell, and advances the City's position as a hub for innovation and aerospace development. Positioning Roswell at the forefront of emerging technology has been a cornerstone of our economic strategy. PBS is proof this vision is not just an aspiration-it's a reality!
- Major improvements were completed at East Roswell Park and East Roswell Dog Park that include new parking, improved trail connectivity, enhanced ADA accessibility, upgraded stormwater systems and many other enhancements to a park that has been a community treasure for more than 30 years.

Consent Agenda

RESULT: CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: David Johnson, Councilmember Allen Sells, Councilmember SECONDER:

IN FAVOR: Beeson, Hall, Hills, Johnson, Morthland, Sells

1. #10034 Approval of the minutes of the August 25, 2025 Special Called Mayor and Council meeting and August 25, 2025 Regular Mayor and Council meeting.

Regular Agenda

SECONDER:

1. #10043 Approval of an Ordinance to Adopt a Millage Rate of 4.949 for Tax Year 2025. (First Reading)

> The First Reading of the Ordinance to adopt a millage rate of 4.949 for Tax Year 2025 was approved. A state required Public Hearing on the millage rate will be held on September 15, 2025 at 6:00 PM. The Second Reading of the Ordinance to adopt the millage rate will be on September 22, 2025.

RESULT: APPROVED FIRST READING [UNANIMOUS]

Next: 9/22/2025 7:00 PM

Christine Hall, Councilmember MOVER: SECONDER: David Johnson, Councilmember

IN FAVOR: Beeson, Hall, Hills, Johnson, Morthland, Sells

2. #10026 Approval of a Resolution for issuance of Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Revenue Bonds and Intergovernmental Contract between the City of Roswell and the DDA to finance the Hill Street parking deck.

Resolution No. 2025-09-31

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] MOVER: Allen Sells, Councilmember

David Johnson, Councilmember IN FAVOR: Beeson, Hall, Hills, Johnson, Morthland, Sells

#10027 Resolution Authorizing the Mayor or City Administrator with the 3. City Attorney's Office to close on the Hill Street Land Exchange Agreement.

Resolution No. 2025-09-32

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] MOVER: Allen Sells, Councilmember SECONDER: David Johnson, Councilmember

IN FAVOR: Beeson, Hall, Hills, Johnson, Morthland, Sells

City Attorney's Report

4. #10033 Recommendation for Closure to Discuss Personnel, Litigation and Real Estate.

RESULT: NO CLOSURE

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 PM