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City of Seguin

210 E. Gonzales Street
Seguin TX, 78155

Meeting Minutes

City Council

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

Public & Virtual

1. Call to Order

Mayor Dodgen called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

2. Invocation - Pastor James Parker, One Hope Church

3. Pledge of Allegiance/Salute to the Texas Flag

4. Roll Call

Present: 8 - Councilmember Joe Rea, Councilmember David Eveld, Councilmember Jim Lievens, Councilmember John Carlsson, Councilmember Paul Gaytan, Councilmember Monica Napier, Councilmember Bill Keller, and Councilmember Jason Biesenbach

Presiding: 1 - Mayor Donna Dodgen

5. Hearing of Residents:

Director of Engineering and Capital Projects Melissa Reynolds reminded everyone that May 15th is Bike to Work Day. She thanked GRMC and other vendors for helping with the energizer station and t-shirts.

Mayor Donna Dodgen announced that Team Seguin swept the Meter Challenge and the Hydro Hysteria events at the Texas Water Conference. Tommy McCormick took home first place in the Meter Challenge and Seguin Stunners Josh Moreno and John Montoya placed first in Hydro Hysteria. They will all compete in Washington, D.C. for Nationals. Additionally, Mayor Dodgen congratulated Public Works and Planning and Codes for winning the Earth Day booth competitions. Next, she announced that the Blood Drive will be on May 7th and there still are 15 spots that need to be filled. Mayor Dodgen also declared that the Starcke Park Golf Course is reopening on June 1st. There is a pre-opening tournament held on May 30th and 31st. The May 31st tournament has eight lottery spots. The lottery closes May 11th at 5PM and has over 1,000 entries already. She additionally announced that the lineman crew that are participating in the Light Up Navajo project are there now, helping to provide electricity to the Navajo nation. Lastly, she announced that Fire Chief Dale Skinner lost his son-in-law and asked for everyone to keep him and his family in thoughts and prayers.

6. Presentation

a. [26-135](#) Recognition of Daniel Seguin as Honorary Mayor of the Day. - Donna Dodgen, Mayor

Mayor Dodgen recognized Daniel Seguin, a proud descendant of the Juan Seguin family, as Honorary Mayor of the Day as a tribute to the lasting impact of his family's contribution to Seguin. She thanked him for being a living link to the courage and leadership that is woven into fabric of the community's history.

Daniel Seguin declared that the Seguin family has a proud legacy of public service and that he current serves in Taylor, Texas. He thanked City Council and staff for all that they do and said he appreciated being named Honorary Mayor on Cinco De Mayo as Juan Seguin's cousin was the hero of that day. He said being Mayor of Seguin is a dream that he has had since he was a little kid and he is grateful for the honorary designation.

b. [26-190](#) Presentation by the Data Center Coalition to give an overview of the data center industry and to answer questions. - Dan Diorio, Vice President of State Policy for the DCC

City Manager Steve Parker said that more and more data centers will be developed as technology continues to advance. While there are no data centers proposed in Seguin City Limits currently, he wanted to take the opportunity to present to City Council. He said there is a lot of information and misinformation out there and it is a good time to be educated on them. He said that Director of Economic Development Alora Wachholz is doing a lot of research and verifying information about noise pollution and true water usage numbers. He said that he would like City Council to tour a data center in the future and that he wants our community and council to be as educated as possible.

Mayor Dodgen said it is important to have a good conversation and learn about the facts. She reiterated that a data center developer has not approached the City yet and agrees that getting educated on the issue is beneficial.

City Manager Parker explained that there is not a zoning category currently that would allow or deny a data center. He said that the Planning and Codes Department has been looking at using a Conditional Use Permit, which would require City Council and Planning and Zoning Commission approval.

Mayor Dodgen commented that having a process is how we are able to manage the growth.

Dan Diorio, Vice President of City Policy for Data Center Coalition (DCC), explained that DCC is an advocacy organization and their main role is an information resource. He informed that there are over 40 members of the Coalition, consisting of owners and operators. He said there are two types of data centers, multi-tenant centers and self performing centers. He said that data centers are needed and gave an example of one center in Virginia that processes 31,000 credit card transactions per second. He explained that the demand for data centers will triple four years from now as the use of technology expands. Mr. Diorio spoke about how data centers need power and redundant power systems, back-up power generation and the importance of security as protection of the data they store is paramount. He explained that economies of scales has made the larger data centers more attractive as they are able to aggregate needs and achieve significant energy efficiencies.

Mr. Diorio reported that the United States accounts for 40% of the global market of data centers and that 1/3 of the global population is not online yet. He shared that

average household has 21 devices connected to the internet and that Texas is poised to become the largest data center market by 2030 and that there is \$41B in construction already on the ground, causing data centers to be the leading source of activity for building trades.

Mr. Diorio reported that data centers are efficient water users, using as much or less than a large commercial office building. And, that they facilitate continued investment into the power grid, spreading fix costs out and putting downward pressure on rates. Additionally, they are committed to advancing clean energy procurement.

Councilmember Carlsson asked what some of the negatives are of data centers. He said he has heard concerns about sound issues, health risks, power consumption, and increasing tax rates. Mr. Diorio replied that an increase in power bills are not happening and gave examples around the country of how data centers are helping to lower rates. He said the claims that data centers are negatively impacting health lack contextual evidence. As for the noise complaints, he commented that back-up generators are highly regulated by TCEQ and that sound concerns really only affect a minority of data centers. They have found that data centers are not noisier than any other industry, but that the industry is actively doing noise and sound studies. Carlsson also asked the lifespan of a data center and Mr. Diorio answered that it is about 30 years, but the demand is not stopping.

Councilmember Lievens thanked Mayor Dodgen and City Manager Parker for starting this dialogue. He said that as a Navarro ISD tax payer, he is thankful for the data center that was approved in north Guadalupe County for the relief that it will bring to the tax payers. He declared that he would only approve a data center in Seguin if he could adequately answer questions about sound, water and electricity usage. He said that he believes the concern is the constant 85 decibel hum and vibration related health issues. He also noted that he wants to tour of other data centers. He suggested that any potential data center should be certain they are not in proximity of neighborhood or schools and have an adequate buffer zone. He opined that he doesn't have an issue with water usage because a data center would only use 5-10% the amount of water that a residential subdivision would use and added that he was skeptical of electric usage. He said that it is an option that adds to the tax base, that can fund the improvement and addition of services, without adding to tax burden. Mr. Diorio responded that it is reasonable to ask questions and he is explaining how the industry has worked to address these issues. Mr. Diorio also explained that the data center is an end user of electricity so no other rate payer bears the cost of their service.

Councilmember Biesenbach informed that he has followed data center development for many years and ask how many currently compute for artificial intelligence and Mr. Diorio answered less than a quarter. Biesenbach also asked if Mr. Diorio followed the Cloudburst project, to which Mr. Diorio responded he hadn't. Councilmember Biesenbach explained that Cloudburst failed to touch on water usage and asked how the state regulates and analyzes data centers. Mr. Diorio explained that water purveyors have a duty to provide reliable service. He also asked Mr. Diorio how site selection is done and he responded that they evaluate the demand in the area and that is how they decide where they want to be. Texas is attractive because it has the philosophy that they can build it and get people online and running quickly. Biesenbach asked what happens to the outdated GPUs and Mr. Diorio answered that the members participate in robust recycling programs as they servers turn over every 3-5 years. Lastly, Councilmember Biesenbach asked what the Data Center Coalition is doing to work out Artificial Intelligence ethics and Mr. Diorio answered that was a bit above his pay grade and he focuses on infrastructure development, not AI application.

Councilmember Eveld asked if there are any state or federal agencies regulating this type of development, and Mr. Diorio answered that the state legislature is only allowing the most viable and serious projects to move forward. Also, ERCOT, TCEQ, and the Energy Regulatory Commission are also involved. Lastly, Councilmember Eveld asked why Houston has less data centers but more people and Mr. Diorio answered growth will happen there, but probably not as quickly because the infrastructure isn't already in place and Houston has a tendency for natural disaster. Lastly, Eveld question why the centers need to be so big and Diorio responded that is how they optimize land and meet demand.

City Manager Parker commented that his understanding was that the property that was approved for Cloudburst in the northern part of Guadalupe County has a natural gas pipeline running through it, which will be the data center's energy source. Mr. Parker also reiterated that if the water and electricity is there and available, the purveyors of each must provide it. He said that the water consumption of the data center is equivalent to 96 homes. He also commented that Guadalupe County negotiated a 100' setback to help with noise pollution.

Mayor Dodgen thanked Mr. Diorio for his honesty and openness and said that the City needed to start looking at this to see what is right for the City and how the City can best manage it. She said the City will continue to learn and have discussions. Mr. Diorio said he is more than happy to do it, thanked for the opportunity, and asked to be considered as a resource for information.

- c. [26-196](#) Presentation on the Annual Report for Destination Seguin in celebration of National Travel & Tourism Week. - Blaire Friar, Director, Destination Seguin

Director of Main Street and Destination Seguin Blair Friar gave presented the Annual Report for Destination Seguin. She informed that over night visits went down but direct travel spending has increased. She said that it is likely because the i-10 exit to most of the hotels was closed and Seguin has become a BBQ destination. She said that the lakes are full now and the future outlook for tourism is great. She informed that her department had 616 calendar events, 2,200 visitors, 2,166 referrals, 2,692,700 impressions, and tracked over 50 stories that were picked up across the nation. She said that the Seguin Squirrel Trail is on track to have 55 squirrels.

City Manager Parker said that the Tourism Master Plan is finished and is being reviewed by staff, then will come to City Council. Mayor Dodgen commented that the events and things they have been doing has been incredible. She said she knows Mrs. Friar and her staff has been working hard. Mrs. Friar commented that the events are definitely drawing people in and Mayor Dodgen added she can not believe the amount of people that show up for the Christmas Parade and 4th of July Parade.

- d. [26-151](#) Presentation by Meadow Lake Water Control and Improvement District No. 1 to give an update on Meadow Lake Dam. - Steve Parker, City Manager

City Manager Steve Parker said that the Meadow Lake Water Improvement District met with the City in April 2024 about aiding with the repair of Meadow Lake Dam. The idea was to put some of the burden back on the residents that live there. The hope was to develop a project around \$20M, and the City would agree to contribute \$5M. He explained that there were some approvals that needed to happen the with Army Corp of

engineers. It took the next year and a half to develop plans that would be approved by the regulatory agencies. He said that he developed a great partnership with Guadalupe Blanco River Authority (GBRA). Mr. Parker stated that the City's current agreement requires construction to begin in May 2026, so he has asked Mr. Brett Hammond to come back and give an update on the status project. The request is to extend the construction date to December 2027 to allow time for those approvals. Mr. Parker said that the consideration of extending the construction start date is an item in the Consent Agenda. If someone would like to discuss or does not agree with the extension, they can choose to pull it from the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Brett Hammond explained that they have spent a lot of time learning and understanding about the dam. They submitted a hydraulic assessment to TCEQ back in early December, the review is complete and a letter will be issued. The engineers have plans that are 90% complete, once they receive the letter from TCEQ, it will take about 3-4 weeks for them to get the plans to 100% complete, then another 4-8 weeks for the plans to be reviewed by TCEQ and the US Corp of Engineers for the canal and updated gates. Additionally, Mr. Hammond announced that they have been working with GVEC to provide phase 3 power to operate the gates and Guadalupe Blanco River Authority has agreed to transfer the dam to Meadow Lake WCID. He said there are no indications that they will exceed the original budget that was presented in 2024, but he will not know the exact costs until the project has been bid.

Councilmember Gaytan said this project is in his district and thanked everyone for their hard work. He said it is understandable that they needed the delay and asked if December 2027 is feasible timeline. Councilmember Gaytan declared this project to be very important and voiced his support of it.

Mayor Dodgen said the City made a commitment to work together and so it will continue to work together.

7. Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Jason Biesenbach, seconded by Councilmember Paul Gaytan, that the following Consent Agenda items be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Presiding: 1 - Mayor Dodgen

Aye: 8 - Councilmember Rea, Councilmember Eveld, Councilmember Lievens, Councilmember Carlsson, Councilmember Gaytan, Councilmember Napier, Councilmember Keller, and Councilmember Biesenbach

- a. [26-206](#) Minutes of the April 21, 2026 City Council Meeting.

These Minutes were approved.

- b. [26-207](#) Check Report April 16, 2026 to April 29, 2026.

The Check Report was acknowledged.

- c. [26-178](#) Board and Commission Appointments. - Donna Dodgen, Mayor
- a. Guadalupe Regional Medical Center Board
 - b. Commission on the Arts

This Action Item was approved.

- d. [26-201](#) Approval of reports for the quarter ended March 31, 2026 for the following organizations that receive Occupancy Tax funding. - Susan Caddell, Director of Finance
- a. Seguin Conservation Society
 - b. Mid-Texas Symphony
 - c. Teatro de Artes de Juan Seguin
 - d. Seguin-Guadalupe County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
 - e. Seguin Heritage Museum
 - f. Guadalupe County Fair Association
 - g. Seguin LULAC Council #682
 - h. Seguin Art League
 - i. The Fields of Huber Ranch, LLC

This Action Item was approved.

- e. [26-172](#) Resolution authorizing city staff to dispose of surplus property that is obsolete, dysfunctional or too costly to repair; and declaring an effective date. - Ashley Bruns, Purchasing Manager

This Resolution was approved.

Enactment No: 2026R-077

- f. [26-181](#) Resolution authorizing submission of a grant application in response to the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority Catalytic Converter Grant Program seeking funding for additional license plate reader cameras and subscription service for existing cameras. - Kate McCloud, Grants Administrator

This Resolution was approved.

Enactment No: 2026R-078

- g. [26-182](#) Resolution authorizing submission of a grant application in response to the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority Task Force Grant Program seeking funding for an additional Auto Crimes Detective position and a vehicle for this new officer. - Kate McCloud, Grants Administrator

This Resolution was approved.

Enactment No: 2026R-079

- h. [26-184](#) Authorize the City Manger to approve the purchase of fleet management software from Faster in the amount of \$161,898.62 and declare an effective date. - Steven Purchase, Fleet Manager

This Action Item was approved

- i. [26-208](#) Authorize the City Manager to execute a First Amendment to Interlocal

Cooperative Agreement between the City of Seguin, Texas and Meadow Lake Water Control and Improvement District No. 1, providing for an extension of the term of the Agreement to December 31, 2027. - Steve Parker, City Manager

This Action Item was approved.

- j. [26-188](#) Resolution accepting the Petition for Release from the City's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction filed by I-10 Enterprises LLC for one property in Guadalupe County (Property ID No. 34058) and granting the request for release effective the date of the passing of this Resolution. - Shelly Jackson, Assistant Director of Planning & Codes

This Resolution was approved.

Enactment No: 2026R-080

- k. [26-189](#) Resolution authorizing City Manager to approve a Third Amendment to the Term Sheet between the City of Seguin and GFNT, LLC regarding "The Nolte Project". - Alora Wachholz, Director of Economic Development

This Resolution was approved.

Enactment No: 2026R-081

- l. [26-167](#) Ordinance on second reading amending the Seguin Code of Ordinances, Chapter 90, Streets, Sidewalks, and Other Public Places, adding Article II 90-33 regarding Closure, Abandonment, Sale, and/or Exchange of Public Right of Way and Amending Appendix C, Fee Schedule, Chapter 90; providing for a severability clause; providing for publication; declaring an effective date; and authorizing city staff to submit this ordinance as a supplement to the Seguin Code of Ordinances. - Mark Kennedy, City Attorney

This Ordinance was adopted.

Enactment No: 2026-022

8. **Action Items - Discussion and Possible Motion to Approve**

- a. [26-179](#) Resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2025 Schertz Seguin Local Government Corporation Budget Amendment. - Andrew McBride, Water Corporation General Manager

SSLGC General Manager Andrew McBride stated that this budget amendment is a mid-year budget amendment. This budget amendment replaces funds in operating accounts that were reallocated due to unforeseen increases in water lease rates, allows for AEDs upgrades, reappropriates funds for a new Superintendent vehicle that was postponed during the FY26 budget approval process and provides additional funding for the TxDOT FM1103 project.

A motion was made by Councilmember Napier, seconded by Councilmember Carlsson, that this Resolution be . The motion carried by the following vote:

Presiding: 1 - Mayor Dodgen

Aye: 8 - Councilmember Rea, Councilmember Eveld, Councilmember Lievens, Councilmember Carlsson, Councilmember Gaytan, Councilmember Napier, Councilmember Keller, and Councilmember Biesenbach

Enactment No: 2026R-082

b. [26-180](#)

Resolution supporting the application for designation of the Walnut Springs Cultural Arts District as an official Texas Cultural District; and declaring an effective date. - Blaire Friar, Director of Main Street & Destination Seguin

Director of Main Street and Capital Projects Blaire Friar explained that the Texas Commission on the Arts requires "a resolution or letter of endorsement from City government" as part of the application materials.

The proposed Walnut Springs Cultural Arts District reflects many of Seguin's existing strengths, including its historic downtown, Walnut Springs corridor, arts and cultural organizations, heritage resources, public spaces, educational institutions, performances, festivals, and creative businesses. Mrs. Friar explained that the State designation would provide formal recognition of these assets as part of a unified cultural district and would support broader efforts to connect arts, heritage, tourism, and economic development in Seguin and it would strengthen Seguin's visibility as a destination for arts, heritage, and cultural tourism; reinforce the identity of downtown and the Walnut Springs area as a connected cultural place; and support long-term quality of life, downtown vitality, and community pride. This resolution would help demonstrate that Seguin has the civic support and organizational commitment necessary for long-term district success. Mrs. Friar also invited everyone to attend a public meeting about the district on May 26, 2026 at Teatro de Artes.

Councilmember Gaytan thanked Mrs. Friar for her work and said that it was a great idea.

Mayor Dodgen asked how this designation plays into the Master Tourism Plan and Mrs. Friar responded that it allows the City to apply for grants in the Cultural District subset of grants offered by the Texas Commission on the Arts.

Yvonne De La Rosa, Executive Director of Teatro de Artes, 215 W. College, spoke in favor of the cultural designation, declaring that it is not just about a designation, but about the recognition and affirming the citizens of Seguin have stories and their stories matter. Culture is not only entertainment, it is identity and one of Seguin's greatest assets.

A motion was made by Councilmember Gaytan, seconded by Councilmember Napier, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Presiding: 1 - Mayor Dodgen

Aye: 8 - Councilmember Rea, Councilmember Eveld, Councilmember Lievens, Councilmember Carlsson, Councilmember Gaytan, Councilmember Napier, Councilmember Keller, and Councilmember Biesenbach

Enactment No: 2026R-085

- c. [26-202](#) Resolution of City Council authorizing the City Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement between the City of Seguin and Dr. Scott Bugai, related to veterinary services at Seguin Animal Services. - Shelley Lutz, Shelter Manager.

Shelley Lutz, Animal Services Manager informed that this resolution would authorize a Professional Services Agreement with Dr. Scott Bugai to provide comprehensive veterinary services for Seguin Animal Services. This agreement ensures that shelter animals receive timely surgical sterilization, preventative care, and medical treatment on-site, which is critical for population management and adoption readiness. Dr. Bugai will provide essential medical oversight and clinical services within the Seguin Animal Services medical suite, including: Surgical Sterilization, Preventative & Routine Care, Medical Diagnosis, Program Support, Records Management, and related services.

A motion was made that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Presiding: 1 - Mayor Dodgen

Aye: 8 - Councilmember Rea, Councilmember Eveld, Councilmember Lievens, Councilmember Carlsson, Councilmember Gaytan, Councilmember Napier, Councilmember Keller, and Councilmember Biesenbach

Enactment No: 2026R-083

- d. [GLUP](#)
[01-26 CC](#) Public Hearing and Resolution to consider a General Land Use Plan (GLUP) for property located south of Beechcraft Lane & Rudeloff Road., Property ID: 52966, (GLUP 01-26). - Pamela Centeno, Director of Planning and Codes.

Director of Planning and Codes Pamela Centeno explained that the General Land Use Plan, located on a 26-acre tract south of Beechcraft Ln and Rudeloff Rd, proposes an airpark development consisting of private airplane hangars. The proposed air park would be used in conjunction with the existing Huber Airpark directly to the east of this tract. The lot does not have any frontage along any public streets. The Planning and Zoning Commission approved unanimously.

Mayor Dodgen opened the Public Hearing at 7:38 P.M.

Amber Lunsford, 1312 Baylor Ave, San Marcos, started speaking on how data centers effect all residents so Mayor Dodgen explained that she was only allowed to discuss the current topic.

There being no other public comments, Mayor Dodgen closed the Public Hearing at 7:39 P.M.

Councilmember Biesenbach asked what type of buffering is needed and Mrs. Centeno confirmed that perimeter landscaping and buffer on the north, west, and south sides of the property.

Councilmember Lievens asked if there was a height requirement for the fence and Mrs. Centeno informed that it will be 8'.

Councilmember Biesenbach said the proposed use is an air park and asked what the

standard operating hours are and Councilmember Carlsson said sun up to sun down.

A motion was made by Councilmember Eveld, seconded by Councilmember Carlsson, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Presiding: 1 - Mayor Dodgen

Aye: 8 - Councilmember Rea, Councilmember Eveld, Councilmember Lievens, Councilmember Carlsson, Councilmember Gaytan, Councilmember Napier, Councilmember Keller, and Councilmember Biesenbach

Enactment No: 2026R-086

e. [ZC 04-26 CC](#)

Public Hearing and Ordinance on first reading to consider a Zoning Change from Agricultural Ranch (A-R) to Planned Unit Development (PUD) for the property located south of Beechcraft Lane and Rudeloff Rd., Property ID: 52966, (ZC 04-26). - Pamela Centeno, Director of Planning and Codes.

Director of Planning and Codes Pamela Centeno said that this is the change in zoning designation to Planned Unit Development and would allow them to enforce the General Land Use for the property.

Mayor Dodgen opened the Public Hearing at 7:42 P.M.

There being no public comments, Mayor Dodgen closed the Public Hearing at 7:42 P.M.

A motion was made by Councilmember Carlsson, seconded by Councilmember Keller, that this Zoning Ordinance be approved on first reading to the City Council, due back on 5/19/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Presiding: 1 - Mayor Dodgen

Aye: 8 - Councilmember Rea, Councilmember Eveld, Councilmember Lievens, Councilmember Carlsson, Councilmember Gaytan, Councilmember Napier, Councilmember Keller, and Councilmember Biesenbach

f. [ZC 05-26 CC](#)

Public Hearing and Ordinance on first reading to consider a Zoning Change from Commercial (C) to Single-Family Residential (R-1) for the property located in the 200 block of E Weinert St., being the eastern portion of Property ID 23125, (ZC 05-26). - Pamela Centeno, Director of Planning and Codes.

Director of Planning and Codes Pamela Centeno informed that her department received a zoning change request for the eastern portion of a property located in the 200 block of E. Weinert Street. The site proposed to be rezoned from Commercial to Single Family Residential is vacant and undeveloped. The applicant is proposing to create two residential lots. Mrs. Centeno stated that the zoning change request was considered by the Planning and Zoning Commission on April 14, 2026 and they voted unanimously to recommend approval of the zoning change request to Single-Family Residential.

Mayor Dodgen opened the Public Hearing at 7:44 P.M.

There being no public comments, Mayor Dodgen closed the Public Hearing at 7:44 P.M.

A motion was made by Councilmember Biesenbach, seconded by Councilmember Rea, that this Zoning Ordinance be approved on first reading to the City Council, due back on 5/19/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Presiding: 1 - Mayor Dodgen

Aye: 8 - Councilmember Rea, Councilmember Eveld, Councilmember Lievens, Councilmember Carlsson, Councilmember Gaytan, Councilmember Napier, Councilmember Keller, and Councilmember Biesenbach

g. [26-183](#)

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to the contract between the City of Seguin and Emergicon related to billing for responses to motor vehicle collisions and hazardous materials incidents; and declaring an Effective Date. - Dale Skinner, Fire Chief

Assistant Fire Chief Garrick Herbert explained that this resolution would help his department to align their billing practices. Currently, the department utilizes Fire Recovery USA to provide billing services for the response to motor vehicle collisions and hazardous materials responses. Their fee for this service is 20% of the collected fees. In 2023, the department entered into a contract with Emergicon for EMS billing services, under the business name Emergifire, they also handle billing for responses to motor vehicle collisions and hazardous materials incidents. As a current Emergicon client, the fee for these additional services is 15% of the revenues collected. It would be cost effective to end the contract with Fire Recovery USA effective June 30, 2026 and authorize the city manager to amend the contract with Emergicon for the purpose of billing for responses to motor vehicle collisions and hazardous materials incidents beginning July 1, 2026.

A motion was made by Councilmember Napier, seconded by Councilmember Biesenbach, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Presiding: 1 - Mayor Dodgen

Aye: 8 - Councilmember Rea, Councilmember Eveld, Councilmember Lievens, Councilmember Carlsson, Councilmember Gaytan, Councilmember Napier, Councilmember Keller, and Councilmember Biesenbach

Enactment No: 2026R-084

h. [26-185](#)

Ordinance on first reading amending the Seguin code of ordinances Chapter 42, Emergency Services, Mitigation Rate for Deployment of Emergency and Non- Emergency Services Appendix C, Fees, Chapter 42, Emergency Services Article III, Mitigation Rates. - Dale Skinner, Fire Chief

Assistant Fire Chief Garrick Herbert said that the emergency and non-emergency services response activity to incidents continues to increase each year, creating additional demands on all operational aspects of the fire department services. Associated with the change in providers that was just approved, a revision of the billing allowable billing rates is needed.

Councilmember Carlsson asked where the increase is coming from and Chief Herbert replied that a lot of the increase can be contributed to collisions on the highway. He also added that they billed \$291,000 in 2025 but only recovered \$80,000.

A motion was made by Councilmember Carlsson, seconded by Councilmember Biesenbach, that this Ordinance be approved on first reading to the City Council, due back on 5/19/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Presiding: 1 - Mayor Dodgen

Aye: 8 - Councilmember Rea, Councilmember Eveld, Councilmember Lievens, Councilmember Carlsson, Councilmember Gaytan, Councilmember Napier, Councilmember Keller, and Councilmember Biesenbach

- i. [26-203](#) Ordinance on first reading amending the Seguin Code of Ordinances Chapter 14, Animals, adding a new Article VII, Organized Equine Trail Rides; providing for an effective date; providing a severability clause; providing for publication; and authorizing City Staff to prepare this ordinance for submission as a supplement to the Code of Ordinances. - Jaime "Rusty" Suarez, Assistant Chief of Police

Assistant Chief of Police Jaime "Rusty" Suarez said that this ordinance outlines the permit process for accessing fees for organized trail rides in hopes to help offset the impact on city resources used to facilitate their travel and stay in Seguin. It is not the City's intention to prohibit horses or casual trail riding within city limits. Rather, this effort focuses on large, organized trail rides, particularly those hosted by outside organizations, which require significant public safety and city facility resources.

A motion was made by Councilmember Eveld, seconded by Councilmember Biesenbach, that this Ordinance be approved on first reading to the City Council, due back on 5/19/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Presiding: 1 - Mayor Dodgen

Aye: 8 - Councilmember Rea, Councilmember Eveld, Councilmember Lievens, Councilmember Carlsson, Councilmember Gaytan, Councilmember Napier, Councilmember Keller, and Councilmember Biesenbach

9. Closed Session

Mayor Dodgen convened into Closed Session at 7:50 P.M.

- a. [26-204](#) Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Legal Counsel) and 551.072 (Deliberation regarding the Disposition and Value/Purchase of Real Property) regarding the value of property located on South Erskine Street and East Washington Street on the E. Washington Property Disposition Project in Guadalupe County, Texas.

10. Reconvene into Open Session and Take Action on Closed Session Items if necessary

Mayor Dodgen reconvened into Open Session at 8:01 P.M.

11. Adjournment

Mayor Dodgen adjourned the meeting at 8:01 P.M.

Donna Dodgen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kristin Mueller
City Secretary

Kristin Mueller, City Secretary