



**TOWN OF LAKESIDE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
9830 CONFEDERATE PARK ROAD
LAKESIDE, TX 76108**



Mayor Patrick Jacob - 2027
Place 1 Chris Ayers - 2026
Place 2 Jonah Powers - 2027

Place 3 Carmen Neuwirth -2026
Place 4 Amy Robinson - 2027
Place 5 Rona Gouyton Mayor Pro Tem - 2026

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551.127 Texas Government Code, NOTICE is hereby given of a Regular City Council Meeting, Town of Lakeside, to be held on Thursday, April 9, 2026, at 6:30 pm at 9830 Confederate Park Rd, Council Chambers.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCE A QUORUM PRESENT

Mayor Patrick Jacob called the Council Meeting to order at 6:30 pm. The following City Council Members and staff were present:

<i>Pat Jacob</i>	<i>Mayor</i>
<i>Chris Ayers</i>	<i>Council Member Place 1</i>
<i>Jonah Powers</i>	<i>Council Member Place 2</i>
<i>Carmen Neuwirth</i>	<i>Council Member Place 3</i>
<i>Amy Robinson</i>	<i>Council Member Place 4</i>
<i>Rona Stratton Gouyton</i>	<i>Council Member Place 5</i>
<i>Norman Craven</i>	<i>Town Administrator/City Secretary</i>
<i>Ken East</i>	<i>Town Attorney</i>
<i>Steve Carpenter</i>	<i>Police Chief</i>
<i>James McDonald</i>	<i>Public Works Director</i>

II. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION AND COMMENTS

An opportunity for citizens to address the City Council on matters which are not scheduled for consideration. To address the Council, please fill out a speaker form and turn into the Town Secretary. The Texas Open Meetings Act prohibits deliberation by the Council of any subject which is not on the posted agenda, therefore the Council will not be able to discuss or act on items brought up during the citizen's participation. No speakers on non-agenda items.

III. PROCLAMATION, RESOLUTION AND PRESENTATION

None

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

None

V. ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

1. Wednesday April 15 Bulk Pickup begins.
2. Saturday April 18 Bulk Pickup ends.

VI. STAFF REPORTS

- (a) Chief Carpenter provided the monthly Police report.

- (b) Mr. Craven provided the monthly finance report.
- (c) Mr. McDonald provided the monthly public works report.
- (d) Council Member Rona Gouyton provided committee update.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

Approve minutes from March 12, 2026, Regular Council Meeting. The council may take any action deemed necessary. Council Member Chris Ayers made a motion to approve consent agenda. Council Member Jonah Powers seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 for and 0 against.

VIII. REGULAR AGENDA

DISCUSSION/ACTION Council to discuss Lakeridge Rd closure. The council may take any action deemed necessary. 9 speakers spoke supporting an extended closure of Lakeridge Dr. (Kristin Porter, Tyler Porter, Chad Froust, Kelle White, Gayla Dunn, Allen Parks, John Raymond, Darlene Harq, Keri Bell. 5 speakers spoke opposed to extended closure of Lakeridge Dr. (Tim Mathews, Susan Mathews, Robert Reed, Norita Drake, Julie Luthrell. Additionally, a petition to reopen Lakeridge Rd. was signed by 95 individuals and submitted to Mayor Jacob. Extended public comment and strong community split over the temporary closure of Lakeridge Road and whether to reopen or make closure permanent. Public safety vs. convenience dominated discussion; many residents reported improved neighborhood safety and quality of life while others reported longer commutes, earlier/later school bus times and potential emergency access concerns. Pro-closure speakers reported improved safety and community since barriers on Feb 1, cited ~1,800–1,900 cars/day through traffic, and reported no emergency response delays per fire department; Google Maps rerouting produced 50+ cars in 45 minutes on Apr 6. Opponents cited increased emergency-response risk, school-bus schedule changes, delivery problems, and longer commutes (examples: ambulance delay risk, bus pickup moved to 6:15 AM, commuters adding ~15 min/day or ~5 hours/month). Proposed compromises included gated/permit resident access, permanent physical barriers allowing pedestrian access but blocking vehicles, and traffic-calming measures; reopening of Rankin reduced some east-side impacts. Stakeholders raised long-term planning concerns about town character, property values, growth, and whether Lakeside should limit cut-through traffic to preserve neighborhood livability. After about 40 minutes of citizen participation, Mayor Jacob announced at 7:23 PM Council would suspend the regular council meeting to enter executive session under Texas Government Code §551.071 to obtain legal advice before taking action on Lakeridge Road. 7:40 PM Mayor Jacob resumed the regular council meeting.

Council Member Carmen Neuwirth made a motion to open Lakeridge Rd and conduct a traffic survey. Council Member Jonah Powers seconded the motion. The motion failed 2 for and 3 against. Mayor Jacob voted due to the tie.

Council Member Chris Ayers made a motion to extend Lakeridge Rd closure for an additional 60 days. Council Member Rona Stratton Gouyton seconded the motion. The motion only received 2 votes for and no votes against the motion failed.

Council Member Jonah Powers made a motion to amend Chris Ayers motion extending the closure of Lakeridge Rd and post signage along Silver Creek Rd and Watercress indicating Rankin Road is now an alternative route. Council Member Chris Ayers seconded the motion. The motion passed to amend Chris Ayers motion 4 for and 0 against. The motion to amend passed.

Council Member Jonah Powers made a motion to accept the amend motion to extend Lakeridge Rd closure for an additional 60 days beginning at the end of the current closure with a request to post signage along Silver Creek Rd and Watercress indicating Rankin Road is now an alternative route contingent on approval from the City of Fort Worth. Council Member Rona Stratton Gouyton seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 votes for and 0 votes against.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council of the Town of Lakeside Texas, 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 Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071 (consultation with attorney), 551.072 (deliberations about real property), 551.073 (deliberations about gifts and donations), 551.074 (personnel matters), 551.076 (deliberations about security devices), 551.087 (economic development), 418.183 (homeland security).

X. CONSIDER AND TAKE ANY ACTION RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Code Enforcement Overview

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Jacob adjourned the meeting at 8:21 pm.

ATTES



Patrick Jacob
Mayor



Norman Craven
Town Administrator / City Secretary