



CITY OF HALLETTSVILLE

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2025 6:00 PM CST
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
101 NORTH MAIN STREET
HALLETTSVILLE, TEXAS 77964

AGENDA

- 1) Pledge of Allegiance
- 2) Call to Order and Announcement of Quorum
- 3) Public Comment Period (speaking time limit to 5 minutes per person)
- 4) Agenda Items for Council Consideration and/or Discussion
 - a) Public Hearing on the Proposed Tax Rate for the 2025 Tax Year.
 - b) Discuss and consider approving the Early Tax Payment Discounts.
 - c) Discuss and consider approving Ordinance NC002-25 the adoption of the FY2026 General, Water & Light, Hotel Occupancy Tax, Hallettsville 4A Manufacturing Development Corporation, Hallettsville 4B Business Development Corporation, Debt Project, and Debt Services Budgets, including Resolution 017-25 dedicating funds from the FY2026 Budget to Public Welfare.
 - d) Discuss and consider approving Ordinance NC003-25 adopting the 2025 ad valorem tax rate.
 - e) Consideration, discussion, and possible action concerning rejection of all bids received for the GLO CDBG-MIT-MOD Grant #24-065-072-E683 – City of Hallettsville Water Improvement Project.
 - f) Consideration, discussion, and possible action concerning authorization to re-advertise for bids for the GLO CDBG-MIT-MOD Grant #24-065-072-E683 – City of Hallettsville Water Improvement Project.
 - g) Consider Council recommendations of agenda items for future meetings.
- 5) Announcements
- 6) Adjournment

PUBLIC NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT IN ADDITION TO ANY EXECUTIVE SESSION LISTED ABOVE, THE CITY COUNCIL RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT ANY TIME AS AUTHORIZED BY THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 551.071 - 551.088 TO DISCUSS ANY OF THE MATTERS LISTED ABOVE.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES WHO PLAN TO ATTEND THIS MEETING AND WHO MAY NEED AUXILIARY AIDS OR SERVICE SUCH AS INTERPRETERS FOR PERSONS WHO ARE DEAF OR HEARING IMPAIRED, READERS, LARGE PRINT OR BRAILLE, ARE REQUESTED TO CONTACT GRACE WARD AT (361) 798-3681 TWENTY-FOUR (24) HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING SO THAT APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE.

Posted by:

Grace Ward, City Secretary / Administrator

Posted on:

August 26, 2025 at 5:00 P.M.

Date

COUNCIL INFORMATION
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2025 6:00 PM CST

4)a) - Public Hearing on the Proposed Tax Rate for the 2025 Tax Year.

Tax Worksheet and notice is included in your packet for reference.

4)b) - Discuss and consider approving the Early Tax Payment Discounts.

Historical Tax Payment discounts are 3% in October, 2% in November, and 1% in December.

4)c) - Discuss and consider approving Ordinance NC002-25 the adoption of the FY2026 General, Water & Light, Hotel Occupancy Tax, Hallettsville 4A Manufacturing Development Corporation, Hallettsville 4B Business Development Corporation, Debt Project, and Debt Services Budgets, including Resolution 017-25 dedicating funds from the FY2026 Budget to Public Welfare.

Ordinance & Resolution are included in your packet.

4)d) - Discuss and consider approving Ordinance NC003-25 adopting the 2025 ad valorem tax rate.

Ordinance is included in your packet.

4)e) - Consideration, discussion, and possible action concerning rejection of all bids received for the GLO CDBG-MIT-MOD Grant #24-065-072-E683 – City of Hallettsville Water Improvement Project.

The City had bid openings for the Ridge Well GLO Grant project on Aug 19th. We 15 companies download the bid packet, but only 1 turned it in prior to 2pm on the 19th. The GLO requires competitive bids, so we are required to go back out for bid.

4)f) - Consideration, discussion, and possible action concerning authorization to re-advertise for bids for the GLO CDBG-MIT-MOD Grant #24-065-072-E683 – City of Hallettsville Water Improvement Project.

4)g) - Consider Council recommendations of agenda items for future meetings.

5)Announcements

COMPARISON OF APPRAISAL ROLLS M&O TAX								
	2021 CERTIFIED	2022 CERTIFIED	2023 CERTIFIED	2024 CERTIFIED	2025 PRELIMINARY	2025 CERTIFIED	Change Amount	Change %
Land	\$33,596,670	\$33,709,583	\$42,170,103	\$46,438,410	\$46,570,786	\$46,570,786	\$132,376	0.3%
Improvements	\$209,969,504	\$228,187,254	\$245,780,587	\$256,332,718	\$259,997,725	\$259,810,888	\$3,665,007	1.5%
Personal Property	\$19,045,559	\$20,597,662	\$22,950,417	\$23,868,998	\$24,492,462	\$25,687,112	\$623,464	2.7%
Minerals, Utilities, & Ind.	\$3,315,020	\$7,955,440	\$3,559,070	\$3,189,798	\$4,929,168	\$4,184,590	\$1,739,370	48.9%
TOTAL MARKET VALUE	\$265,926,753	\$290,449,939	\$314,460,177	\$329,829,924	\$335,990,141	\$336,253,376	\$6,160,217	2.0%
Homestead cap	\$1,583,597	\$5,632,465	\$6,074,216	\$4,228,971	\$1,006,320	\$835,150	-\$3,222,651	-53.1%
23.231 Circuit Breaker Cap				\$258,005	\$1,538,011	\$2,494,186	\$1,280,006	
Exempt property	\$76,351,629	\$76,662,793	\$79,660,291	\$83,618,472	\$82,387,318	\$84,468,452	-\$1,231,154	-1.5%
Productivity Loss	\$2,775,000	\$2,810,105	\$3,044,959	\$3,356,595	\$3,286,986	\$3,286,986	-\$69,609	-2.3%
Disabled Veterans	\$1,203,640	\$1,089,761	\$1,261,711	\$1,101,365	\$1,175,616	\$1,180,616	\$74,251	5.9%
20% Homestead	\$14,520,676	\$16,932,751	\$18,512,009	\$20,390,666	\$20,906,846	\$20,962,379	\$516,180	2.8%
HB 366 (less than \$500)	\$67,363	\$174,379	\$162,361	\$159,811	\$71,968	\$193,758	-\$87,843	-54.1%
Tax Abatement	\$368,604	\$381,751	\$388,977	\$411,288				
TOTAL EXEMPTIONS	\$96,870,509	\$103,684,005	\$109,104,524	\$113,525,173	\$110,373,065	\$113,421,527	-\$3,152,108	-2.9%
Exemption as % of total	36%	36%	35%	34%	33%	34%	-2%	-4.5%
TAXABLE VALUE	\$169,056,244	\$186,765,934	\$205,355,653	\$216,304,751	\$225,617,076	\$222,831,849	\$9,312,325	4.5%
FROZEN TAXABLE [65+ & DISABLED]	\$26,160,608	\$28,699,368	\$31,351,058	\$36,529,929	\$38,713,242	\$39,887,676	\$2,183,313	7.0%
TAXABLE - NOT FROZEN	\$142,895,636	\$158,066,566	\$174,004,595	\$179,774,822	\$186,903,834	\$182,944,173	\$7,129,012	4.1%
Frozen Tax Ceiling	\$54,125	\$56,179	\$57,306	\$62,779	\$0		-\$62,779	-109.6%

	No New Revenue	Voter Approval	Budgeted
	2025	2025	2025
Tax rate	\$0.2604	\$0.2770	
Total Levy amount	\$476,387	\$506,755	
96.25% collection	\$459,713	\$489,019	
Credits/discouts allowed	\$6,896	\$7,335	
Estimated Current Taxes	\$452,817	\$481,684	\$ 466,416

I&S Tax Rate
Total Levy amount
97.25% collection
Total Tax Rate
Total Levy amount
97.25% collection

Bond Payment Due
\$ 430,850.00

	\$0.1859	\$0.1859	\$0.1859
	\$340,093	\$340,093	\$340,093
97.25%	\$330,741	\$330,741	\$330,741
	\$0.4463	\$0.4629	\$0.4542
	\$816,480	\$846,849	\$830,932
97.25%	\$794,027	\$823,560	\$808,082

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.4542 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of City of Hallettsville.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.4542 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.4463 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.4629 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2025 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for City of Hallettsville from the same properties in both the 2024 tax year and the 2025 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that City of Hallettsville may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that City of Hallettsville is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2025 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 18, 2025 AT 6:00 PM AT CITY HALL, 101 N MAIN ST, HALLETTSVILLE, TX 77964.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, City of Hallettsville is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the City Council of City of Hallettsville at their offices or by attending the public hearing mentioned above.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

$$\text{Property tax amount} = (\text{tax rate}) \times (\text{taxable value of your property}) / 100$$

FOR the proposal: AUDREY BARRERA
BILLY BARRERA
CHASTITY CARTER

DEAN MADDEN
TRENT SKELTON

AGAINST the proposal: NONE

PRESENT and not voting: ALICE JO SUMMERS

ABSENT: NONE

Visit [Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes](https://www.texas.gov/PropertyTaxes) to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by City of Hallettsville last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by City of Hallettsville this year.

	2024	2025	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.4581	\$0.4542	decrease of -0.0039 per \$100, or -0.85%
Average homestead taxable value	\$148,683	\$153,675	increase of 3.36%
Tax on average homestead	\$681.12	\$697.99	increase of 16.87, or 2.48%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$821,278	\$830,932	increase of 9,654, or 1.18%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for City of Hallettsville at 361-798-3601 or dsevcik@co.lavaca.tx.us, or visit www.co.lavaca.tx.us for more information.

ORDINANCE No: NC002-25

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND APPROVING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026, AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR EACH DEPARTMENT, PROJECT, AND ACCOUNT; PROVIDING FOR NECESSARY TRANSFERS OF FUNDS BETWEEN ACCOUNTS AND DEPARTMENTS, IF REQUIRED; AND PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE.

WHEREAS, a budget for the Fiscal Year beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2026, has been prepared by the City Administrator; and

WHEREAS, the City Administrator, on July 30, 2025, filed a proposed budget with the City Secretary for the Fiscal Year beginning January 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the City Secretary did post notice that said proposed 2026 budget had been filed and was available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2026 budget and voted to consider adopting said budget on September 2, 2025; and

WHEREAS, on September 2, 2025, the City Council adopted the 2026 Budget Ordinance for the upcoming Fiscal Year. It is determined the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2026 to be appropriate and correct in all respects and that all requirements of the law have been satisfied;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HALLETTSVILLE:

SECTION 1. Subject to the applicable provisions of the State Law, the budget for the Fiscal Year beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2026 as filed and submitted by the City Administrator, and adjusted by the City Council, containing estimates of resources and revenues for the year from all of the various sources provided by the city, and the projects, operations, activities and purchases proposed to be undertaken during the year, together with the estimated costs thereof, and estimated amounts of all other proposed expenditures, is hereby approved and adopted.

SECTION 2. (A) There is hereby appropriated from the funds indicated and for such purposes and other expenditures proposed in such budget, not to exceed for all such purposes for any department, the total amount of the estimated costs of the projects, operations, activities, purchases, and other expenditures proposed for such department; and

(B) The City Administrator is hereby authorized to approve the transfer of allocated amounts between classifications, departments, and unappropriated surpluses if such transfers do not significantly change the work program contemplated in the approved budget.

SECTION 3. THIS BUDGET WILL RAISE MORE TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES THAN LAST YEAR’S BUDGET BY \$9,654 OR 1.18% AND OF THAT AMOUNT, \$7,347 IS TAX REVENUE TO BE RAISED FROM NEW PROPERTY ADDED TO THE TAX ROLL THIS YEAR.

SECTION 4. Listed below is a record vote of the council:

Mayor	Alice Jo Summers	Yes: _____	No: _____	Absent: _____
Councilperson Place #1	Chastity Carter	Yes: _____	No: _____	Absent: _____
Councilperson Place #2	Audrey Barrera	Yes: _____	No: _____	Absent: _____
Councilperson Place #3	Trent Skelton	Yes: _____	No: _____	Absent: _____
Councilperson Place #4	Dean Madden	Yes: _____	No: _____	Absent: _____
Councilperson Place #5	William Barrera	Yes: _____	No: _____	Absent: _____

SECTION 5. That should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 6. All ordinances and resolutions, or parts of ordinances and resolutions, in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, and are no longer in force or effect.

SECTION 7. This ordinance shall become effective January 1, 2026.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 2nd DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025.

Alice Jo Summers, Mayor

Attest:

Grace Ward, City Secretary

RESOLUTION NO. 017-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HALLETTSVILLE, TEXAS THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF HALLETTSVILLE AND THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS, HALLETTSVILLE LITTLE LEAGUE, HALLETTSVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & AGRICULTURE, AND LAVACA SWIMMING POOL, INC.; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on September 2, 2025 the City Council approved the operating budget for Fiscal Year 2026; and

WHEREAS, within said approved budget funds are currently budgeted in Account 10-40-8310 Festival of Lights for \$5,000, Hallettsville Little League for \$5,000, and Hallettsville Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture \$2,000 and Account 20-40-8310 Lavaca Swimming Pool, Inc. for \$4,000; and

WHEREAS, annually the City Council is asked to approve various Special Contracts whereby the City provides funding to local entities to benefit the general welfare and well-being of the City of Hallettsville and achieve a legitimate public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Festival of Lights requests funding to provide security and restroom facilities to the community during the event to kick off the six (6) week holiday season in the City which achieves a legitimate public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Hallettsville Little League requests funding to provide an additional restroom near Field 1, which is one of four Little League fields providing recreational to the entire community which achieves a legitimate public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Hallettsville Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture requests funding to provide security to the community during the Kolache Fest Parade & 5K which achieves a legitimate public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Lavaca Swimming Pool, Inc. requests funding to provide utilities for the physical site of the Lavaca Swimming Pool which provides facilities for outdoor recreational events and activities for all citizens which achieves a legitimate public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that entering into an agreement with the Festival of Lights, Hallettsville Little League, Hallettsville Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture, and Lavaca Swimming Pool, Inc. is in the best interest of the City and its citizens and will further promote the public health, safety, and general welfare of the City.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HALLETTSVILLE, TEXAS:

Section 1. The recitals contained in the preamble hereof are hereby found to be true, and such recitals are hereby made a part of this Resolution for all purposes and are adopted as a part of the judgment and findings of the City Council.

Section 2. The City Council of the City of Hallettsville hereby authorizes the City Administrator to execute agreements with Festival of Lights (Exhibit "A"), Hallettsville Little League (Exhibit "B"), Hallettsville Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture (Exhibit "C"), and Lavaca Swimming Pool, Inc. (Exhibit "D") in the amounts specified herein the attached Exhibits.

Section 3. All resolutions or parts thereof, which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Resolution shall be and remain controlling as to the matters resolved herein.

Section 4. This Resolution shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America.

Section 5. If any provision of this Resolution or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held to be invalid, the remainder of this Resolution and the application of such provision to other persons and circumstances shall nevertheless be valid, and the City Council hereby declares that this Resolution would have been enacted without such invalid provision.

Section 6. It is officially found, determined, and declared that the meeting at which this Resolution is adopted was open to the public and public notice of the time, place, and subject matter of the public business to be considered at such meeting, including this Resolution, was given, all as required by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended.

Section 7. This Resolution shall be in force and effect from and after its final passage, and it is so resolved.

INTRODUCED, READ and PASSED, by the affirmative vote of the City Council of the City of Hallettsville this the 2nd day of September, 2025.

Alice Jo Summers, Mayor

ATTEST:

Grace Ward, City Secretary

Exhibit A

AGREEMENT

This Agreement is entered into on the ____ day of _____, 2025, between the City of Hallettsville (hereinafter referred to as the “City” or the “City of Hallettsville”) and the Hallettsville’s Festival of Lights (hereinafter referred to as “FOL”).

WHEREAS, the FOL provides and maintains the holiday destination for our community and many out-of-town families for unity and comradery; and

WHEREAS, the FOL provides supplies and funding for decoration of the Courthouse Square for 6 weeks each year; and

WHEREAS, the FOL provides funds and manpower to maintain the Courthouse Square for 6 weeks; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that there are no public restroom facilities available; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the need for public safety at this event; and

WHEREAS, the City finds that this program and service provided by the FOL are a benefit to the general welfare and well-being of the City of Hallettsville and achieve a legitimate public purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of these premises and the mutual covenants and agreements herein set forth, the parties agree as follows:

1. The City shall provide funding to the FOL in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the budget that runs from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026, to fund the security and restroom facilities expenses. The FOL shall provide the Festival of Lights event to the community for 6 weeks. City funds will be disbursed pending receipt of satisfactory documentation, receipt of financial reports and is also subject to available funding.
2. The FOL shall provide financial and event information regarding financial position, use of funds, services offered, project completion and number of people served at the end of the event. **Financial and Service reports shall accompany all invoices and proofs of payment. Proof of payment shall consist of the payment receipt or a copy of the check or electronic transaction.**
3. The FOL shall be responsible for the acts and omissions of its officers, directors, employees, agents, assigns and contractors and will indemnify, hold harmless and defend the City of Hallettsville regarding any claims, costs, or actions arising from the acts of the FOL.
4. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of Texas.
5. Should any term, covenant, or provision of this Agreement be deemed invalid, unlawful, or otherwise improper by any Court of competent jurisdiction, then such term, covenant, or

provision shall be reformed and modified to the minimum extent necessary to achieve conformity with applicable law. Said reformation shall be deemed effective as of the original date of this Agreement. Other provisions are not affected.

6. This Agreement shall be in effect for a period of one year, period beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026.

Executed this ____ day of _____, 2025.

CITY OF HALLETTSVILLE

By: _____
Grace Ward, City Administrator

HALLETTSVILLE'S
FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

By: _____
Name:
Title:

Exhibit B
AGREEMENT

This Agreement is entered into on the ____ day of _____, 2025, between the City of Hallettsville (hereinafter referred to as the “City” or the “City of Hallettsville”) and the Hallettsville Little League (hereinafter referred to as “Little League”).

WHEREAS, the Little League provides and maintains funds for various services to meet the needs of the youth in the City of Hallettsville by providing sports and recreation and maintaining the City facilities including, but not limited to the services below; and

WHEREAS, the Little League provides funds for youth baseball/softball league play for youth in the City of Hallettsville educating youth in teamwork and social skills and providing healthy recreational activities; and

WHEREAS, the Little League provides funds and manpower to maintain and improve the four (4) youth league field in the City Park; and

WHEREAS, the Little League provides funds to be used to pay electricity for the facility lights that provide safe play after daylight hours; and

WHEREAS, the City finds that these programs and services provided by the Little League are a benefit to the general welfare and well-being of the City of Hallettsville and achieve a legitimate public purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of these premises and the mutual covenants and agreements herein set forth, the parties agree as follows:

1. The City shall provide funding to the Little League in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the budget that runs from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026, to fund the construction of an addition restroom facility near Field 1. The Little League shall provide programs and services to meet the needs of the City of Hallettsville’s youth. City funds will be disbursed pending receipt of satisfactory financial information described below, a performance report of the most recent season, and is also subject to available funding.
2. The Little League shall provide financial and program information regarding financial position, use of funds, services offered, project completion. **Financial reports along with invoices and/or proof of payment shall accompany the financial statements. Proof of payment shall consist of the payment receipt or a copy of the check or electronic transaction along with the invoice.**
3. The Little League shall be responsible for the acts and omissions of its officers, directors, employees, agents, assigns and contractors and will indemnify, hold harmless and defend the City of Hallettsville regarding any claims, costs, or actions arising from the acts of the Little League.
4. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of Texas.

- 5. Should any term, covenant, or provision of this Agreement be deemed invalid, unlawful, or otherwise improper by any Court of competent jurisdiction, then such term, covenant, or provision shall be reformed and modified to the minimum extent necessary to achieve conformity with applicable law. Said reformation shall be deemed effective as of the original date of this Agreement. Other provisions are not affected.

- 6. This Agreement shall be in effect for a period of one year, period beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026.

Executed this ____ day of _____, 2025.

CITY OF HALLETTSVILLE

By: _____
Grace Ward, City Administrator

HALLETTSVILLE LITTLE LEAGUE

By: _____
Name Title

Exhibit C

AGREEMENT

This Agreement is entered into on the ____ day of _____, 2025, between the City of Hallettsville (hereinafter referred to as the “City” or the “City of Hallettsville”) and the Hallettsville Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture (hereinafter referred to as “Chamber”).

WHEREAS, the Chamber hosts the annual Kolache Fest event for the community on the 4th weekend of September every year; and

WHEREAS, the Chamber hosts a parade around the Courthouse Square, as well as, a 5K run on the City Streets as part of the event; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the need for public safety at these portions of the event; and

WHEREAS, the City finds that this program and service provided by the Chamber are a benefit to the general welfare and well-being of the City of Hallettsville and achieve a legitimate public purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of these premises and the mutual covenants and agreements herein set forth, the parties agree as follows:

1. The City shall provide funding to the Chamber in the amount of \$2,000.00 for the budget that runs from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026, to fund the security expenses for the Kolache Fest Parade & 5K. The Chamber shall provide the Kolache Fest to the community. City funds will be disbursed pending receipt of satisfactory documentation, receipt of financial reports and is also subject to available funding.
2. The Chamber shall provide financial and event information regarding financial position, use of funds, services offered, event completion and number of people served at the end of the event. **Financial and Service reports shall accompany all invoices and proofs of payment. Proof of payment shall consist of the payment receipt or a copy of the check or electronic transaction and a copy of the invoice.**
3. The Chamber shall be responsible for the acts and omissions of its officers, directors, employees, agents, assigns and contractors and will indemnify, hold harmless and defend the City of Hallettsville regarding any claims, costs, or actions arising from the acts of the Chamber.
4. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of Texas.
5. Should any term, covenant, or provision of this Agreement be deemed invalid, unlawful, or otherwise improper by any Court of competent jurisdiction, then such term, covenant, or provision shall be reformed and modified to the minimum extent necessary to achieve conformity with applicable law. Said reformation shall be deemed effective as of the original date of this Agreement. Other provisions are not affected.

6. This Agreement shall be in effect for a period of one year, period beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026.

Executed this ____ day of _____, 2025.

CITY OF HALLETTSVILLE

By: _____
Grace Ward, City Administrator

HALLETTSVILLE CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE & AGRICULTURE

By: _____
Name:
Title:

Exhibit D

AGREEMENT

This Agreement is entered into on the ____ day of _____, 2025, between the City of Hallettsville (hereinafter referred to as the “City” or the “City of Hallettsville”) and the Lavaca Swimming Pool, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as “Pool”).

WHEREAS, the Pool provides and maintains funds for various programs and services to meet the needs of the citizens in the City of Hallettsville by providing outdoor recreational event and activities, but not limited to the services below; and

WHEREAS, the Pool provides funds to service and maintain the facility open to the community for swimming; and

WHEREAS, the Pool provides the facility to service water safety education and training; and

WHEREAS, the City finds that these programs and services provided by the Pool are a benefit to the general welfare and well-being of the City of Hallettsville and achieve a legitimate public purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of these premises and the mutual covenants and agreements herein set forth, the parties agree as follows:

1. The City shall provide funding to the Pool in the amount of \$4,000 for the budget that runs from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026, as a reimbursement for utilities for the Hallettsville Facility. These funds will be credited to the account in October of 2026, and will remain on the account until depleted.
2. The Pool shall provide quarterly financial and program information services offered, and number of people served at the end of each quarter. Quarters will end March 31st, June 30th, September 30th and December 31st of each year.
3. The Pool shall be responsible for the acts and omissions of its officers, directors, employees, agents, assigns and contractors and will indemnify, hold harmless and defend the City of Hallettsville regarding any claims, costs, or actions arising from the acts of the Pool.
4. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of Texas.
5. Should any term, covenant, or provision of this Agreement be deemed invalid, unlawful, or otherwise improper by any Court of competent jurisdiction, then such term, covenant, or provision shall be reformed and modified to the minimum extent necessary to achieve conformity with applicable law. Said reformation shall be deemed effective as of the original date of this Agreement. Other provisions are not affected.
6. This Agreement shall be in effect for a period of one year, period beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026.

Executed this ____ day of _____, 2025.

CITY OF HALLETTSVILLE

By: _____
Grace Ward, City Administrator

LAVACA SWIMMING POOL, INC.

By: _____
Michael Jansky, President

ORDINANCE No: NC003-25

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HALLETTSVILLE, TEXAS LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026 AND TERMINATING DECEMBER 31, 2026; PROVIDING FOR APPORTIONING EACH LEVY FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES; AND PROVIDING WHEN TAXES SHALL BECOME DUE AND WHEN SAME SHALL BECOME DELINQUENT IF NOT PAID; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of HALLETTSVILLE, Texas, has duly approved the municipal budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the ad valorem tax is calculated and based on the appraisal roll of the City of HALLETTSVILLE, Texas for tax year 2025, that has been prepared and certified by the Lavaca County Appraisal District and submitted to the City; and

WHEREAS, the Lavaca County Tax Assessor prepares the required rate calculations and the City approves those same rate calculations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council ratified the property tax revenue increase reflected in the 2026 approved budget; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that an ordinance be passed levying an ad valorem tax on all property, both real and personal, within the corporate limits of the City of HALLETTSVILLE, Texas in accordance with such budget and the Texas Tax Code; and

WHEREAS, the City of HALLETTSVILLE has complied with all statutory steps required for the adoption of an ad valorem tax;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HALLETTSVILLE, TEXAS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Adoption of Tax Rate. The following ad valorem tax rate is adopted per \$100.00 valuation:

\$ 0.2683	For Maintenance and Operation (M&O)
<u>\$ 0.1859</u>	For Debt Service (I&S)
\$ 0.4542	Total Tax Rate

“THIS BUDGET WILL RAISE MORE REVENUE FROM PROPERTY TAXES THAN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET BY AN AMOUNT OF \$9,654, WHICH IS A 1.18 PERCENT INCREASE FROM LAST YEAR'S BUDGET. THE PROPERTY TAX REVENUE TO BE RAISED FROM NEW PROPERTY ADDED TO THE TAX ROLL THIS YEAR IS \$7,347.”

Section 2. Taxes Due. Unless the due date has been extended, taxes levied under this ordinance shall be due October 1, 2025 and if not paid on or before January 31, 2026 shall immediately become delinquent.

Section 3. Tax Collection. The Lavaca County Tax Assessor/Collector is directed to assess and collect the ad valorem tax.

Section 4. Tax Lien. All taxes shall become a lien upon the property against which assessed, and the Lavaca County Tax Assessor/Collector as the assessor and collector of the City is hereby authorized and empowered to enforce the collection of such taxes according to the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas and ordinances of the City, and shall, by virtue of the tax rolls, fix and establish a lien by levying upon such property, whether real or personal, for the payment of said taxes, penalty and interest, and, the interest and penalty collected from such delinquent taxes shall be apportioned to the general fund of the City. All delinquent taxes shall bear interest from date of delinquency at the rate as prescribed by state law.

Section 5. Record Vote.

		YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mayor	Alice Jo Summers	___	___	___	___
Councilperson Place #1	Chastity Carter	___	___	___	___
Councilperson Place #2	Audrey Barrera	___	___	___	___
Councilperson Place #3	Trent Skelton	___	___	___	___
Councilperson Place #4	Dean Madden	___	___	___	___
Councilperson Place #5	William Barrera	___	___	___	___

Section 6. Findings. The findings set out herein are found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted by the City Council and made a part of this Ordinance for all purposes.

Section 7. Cumulative And Savings. All ordinances or parts thereof, which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Ordinance shall be and remain controlling as to the matters herein.

Section 8. Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held to be invalid, the remainder of this Ordinance and the application of such provision to other persons and circumstances shall nevertheless be valid, and the City Council hereby declares that this Ordinance would have been enacted without such invalid provision.

Section 9. Proper Notice And Meeting. It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance was passed was open to the public and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. Notice was also provided as required by Chapter 52 of the Texas Local Government Code.

Section 10. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after its final passage, and any publication required by law.

PASSED and APPROVED this the 2nd day of September 2025.

Alice Jo Summers, Mayor

ATTEST:

Grace Ward, City Secretary