

CITY COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 10, 2026

MINUTES OF THE PLUM GROVE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR OPEN MEETING HELD ON THE 10TH OF FEBRUARY, AT THE PLUM GROVE CITY HALL, 9485 PLUM GROVE ROAD, CLEVELAND, TEXAS 77327, IN THE CITY OF PLUM GROVE, COUNTY OF LIBERTY, STATE OF TEXAS AT 7:00 PM.

The Council met in a REGULAR session with the following council members present.

Mary Arrendell-Mayor

Robert Sanchez

Froy Ortiz

Sarah Woodbury

Nicole Rose

Mildred Sowell

*** CM denotes Council Member***

AM denotes Audience Member

1. Call Meeting to Order at 7:00 P.M.
2. Roll Call

Present-

Mary Arrendell-Mayor

Robert Sanchez-CP1

Froy Ortiz-CP2/Mayor Pro Temp

Sarah Woodbury-CP3

Nicole Rose-CP4

Mildred Sowell-CP5

Melissa Pouncey-Secretary

Jillian Frazier-Court Clerk

Frank Longoria-Chief of Police

Jessica Hoge-Security

Absent-

3. Pledge of Allegiance lead by Mayor Arrendell
4. Invocation lead by Mildred Sowell
5. Public Comments-

Mayor Arrendell- All of your three minutes will be used now at the beginning during public comments. Then if you need further discussion, get with me or council and we will answer the question to the best of our abilities.

Lee Walker- umm yes number six consideration on the fire department that was considered back when I was mayor and Missy and Diana wanted it on the agenda.

We put it on there and the city attorney said absolutely not we will not do that. That it was dumb, you should never do that. If the city attorney after we paid him to say it was dumb not to do that and it was a unanimous vote, then how did the city attorney change their mind this time and why did he change his mind. Why would he tell us once no and once yes? I want an answer for that so prepare for that. Secondly, I would like to read this as it was announced. Under the terms of the joint settlement, the developers will have to pay a total of \$68 million. Of the \$68 million, at least \$20 million will be allocated to law enforcement efforts, including funding for the construction of a law enforcement center in the area. Some of the funding for law enforcement can also be used to facilitate 287(g) agreements. Additionally, the developers will be forced to pay tens of millions for the improvement of infrastructure, such as roads, to create a legitimate and livable community suitable for U.S. citizens—not an underdeveloped slum designed for black market sales to illegals. And I quote this from the Texas attorney general’s page not a news source. I would like to say that is why we never did business with them. They were never legitimate. They were breaking the law from the very beginning and you’re welcome for all the work I did, this is just the beginning and I was right guys, I was right.

6. Motion to table adding the Plum Grove Fire Department to the deed for 7733 FM 1010 Cleveland, Tx 77327 made by CM Sowell, 2nd by CM Rose, passed unopposed.
7. Motion to utilize quick books time clock for the Plum Grove Police Department made by CM Sowell, 2nd by CM Woodbury, passed unopposed. **Discussion-** There needs to be accountability across all departments. A GPS verification feature should be used to confirm an employee’s location at the time they clock in and clock out. Jill and Missy are already held to this standard. QuickBooks provides the capability to record the location of employees when they clock in and out, and Council expressed confusion as to why this feature has not been implemented consistently for all staff. It was further explained that this decision needed to be made by the full Council, not by a single individual.
8. Motion to approve January 13, 2026, minutes made by CM Sowell, 2nd by CM Ortiz, passed unopposed.
9. Motion to approve the financial report for January 2026 made by CM Sowell, 2nd by CM Ortiz, passed unopposed.
10. Motion to approve encroachment easement on property lines for 7700 FM 1010 made by CM Sanchez, 2nd by CM Woodbury, passed unopposed. **Discussion-** The property owner confirmed they wish to proceed with the easement agreement.
11. Motion to table a small tow yard storage facility located at 21 Private Road 34901 allowing for the power to stay on temporarily made by CM Ortiz, CM Sowell, passed unopposed.

***Council Member Nicole Rose excused herself and sat in the audience.**

Discussion- Jay Hall attended the meeting to represent JTT Towing and presented a timeline outlining the permitting issues related to the property. The City Secretary ensured that the full email from Entergy was included in the Council packets, clarifying that the pole installed by Entergy was placed exclusively for outdoor lighting. Also included were copies of emails detailing the permits that may be required for the property and that Entergy activated power without the necessary permitting.

The previous Council in 2024 had directed Mr. Johnson the owner of JTT towing to contact TCEQ and the EPA and to submit that information to the City Secretary before being placed back on the agenda. He was not granted permission to operate the tow yard. Mr. Hall stated that he had information from TCEQ, and Council Member Sowell requested that he email that information to Missy, the City Secretary.

The Mayor explained that proper permitting and inspections must be completed to bring the property into compliance. She emphasized that the process must be followed consistently; if one individual is allowed to bypass requirements, the same would have to be allowed for all.

Traffic concerns were also discussed. The intersection of County Road 349 and Plum Grove Road has a history of multiple accidents. Council questioned how vehicles stored on the property would be relocated during flooding events, noting that water rises extremely quickly in that area. Mr. Hall stated that vehicles would be moved in a timely manner, but Council expressed concern that there would not be sufficient time to relocate multiple vehicles under those conditions and the rapid rise of flood water.

The Council discussed the possibility of utilizing a road maintenance agreement, noting that County Road 349 is currently used by only five families. Concerns were raised that multiple trucks have already been traveling on the road. JTT Towing stated that only their smaller tow trucks would be using County Road 349. The City noted that multiple large trucks have been observed on County Road 349, and photographic evidence confirms that large trucks have in fact traveled on the roadway. JTT Towing stated that only one vehicle would be brought to the lot every other day for storage. Mayor Arrendell asked how many vehicles were currently on the lot, and JTT Towing responded that there were none. The Mayor then asked how many vehicles had been on the lot the other day, and JTT Towing acknowledged that three vehicles had been present at one time.

Mr. Hall repeatedly referred to the property as commercial property. Mayor Arrendell corrected him and explained that the City of Plum Grove has no deed restrictions or zoning. For this reason, every proposed commercial project must be placed on the agenda for Council to approve or deny the proposed place of business. Therefore, the property in question is not classified as commercial property.

It was also noted repeatedly that County Road 349 is currently occupied by only five families.

Jay Hall noted that the yard will not be staffed; instead, it will be monitored by 24-hour video surveillance. Council clarified that only temporary power will be approved with Entergy and that no authorization was granted for the tow yard or holding facility to operate or function at this time without the information from TCEQ and the EPA. This will be tabled and placed on the agenda for the March meeting.

Council Member Nicloe Rose rejoined the council after the motion had passed.

12. A motion was made to approve the engineer's letter contingent upon revisions stating that full responsibility for all electrical and building matters is accepted, and that the correct address—570 County Road 347 South for Humberto Jose Martinez—is accurately reflected in the letter. Mr. Martinez was granted four months from today to complete and pass all required plumbing inspections. Motion was made by CM Sanchez, 2nd by CM Woodbury, and passed unopposed.
13. Motion to table enforcement for construction without permits made by CM Sanchez, 2nd by CM Woodbury, passed unopposed.
14. Motion to approve Ordinance No. 0210-2026 updating the city of Plum Groves franchise with Entergy made by CM Sowell, 2nd by CM Ortiz, passed unopposed.
15. Discussion to update policies and procedures. Secretary Pouncey made sure all of council and Court Clerk Frazier had the link to all of the TMLHRA policies. Policies will need to be put into place as the city and staff continue to grow.
16. Receive reports, discuss, and provide input on reports from:
 - A. the Plum Grove Police Department Report. Chief Longoria reported that both vehicles are running, the final stages of hiring a new officer and once hired there will be 16 weeks of FTO.
 - B. the Plum Grove Fire Department Report was not present and no report was provided.
 - C. the Plum Grove Municipal Court attached to minutes.
 - D. Discussion of Local, County, and State Updates
 - E. GLO Grant
 - F. FEMA
 - a. Hurricane Harvey
 - b. May 3, 2024, flooding
17. Motion to adjourn @ 8:25 P.M. made by CM Sanchez, 2nd by CM Sowell.



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February 2026 Report

Emails to Judge Goodwin reviewing the January 2026, City Council meeting along with weekly reports to Mayor Mary Arrendell and all City Council members are reviewed below.

Court January 26, 2026, was cancelled due to the ice storm. Those cases will be reset for a future docket date.

February 2-4, 2026 Judge Goodwin and I went to our annual conference which covers our 16 hours of continuing education including 4 hours of Mental Health Education.

Working on day-to-day operations such as on Mondays pulling down credit card payments and applying them to cases. On Fridays doing a citation audit to make sure all citations issued by Plum Grove Police Department have been turned in. If there are any questions about citations this is when I communicate with the issuing officer for clarification so I can answer any questions for the prosecutor before the court date. During the week, I also return and answer phone calls, emails, and any walk-ins. Monthly reports for GHS, Comptroller, and Omni Base have been completed on time and mailed out.

Jillian Frazier
Certified Court Clerk