



**TOWN OF AQUAFORTE
MINUTES
PUBLIC MEETING
December 29th, 2025**

ATTENDEES

Mayor – Deborah Hynes
Deputy Mayor – Jerome Croft
Councilor – Elizabeth Croft
Councilor – Earon Kavanagh
Town Clerk/Manager – Aaron Croft

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Deborah Hynes called the meeting to order at 3:05pm

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Motion to accept the agenda as presented for December 29th, 2025 Public Meeting by Councilor Earon Kavanagh, 2nd by Deputy Mayor Jerome Croft. **Vote For: (4)** Mayor Deborah Hynes, Deputy Mayor Jerome Croft, Councilor Elizabeth Croft, Councilor Earon Kavanagh. **Vote Against: (0)** None. **Abstain: (0)** None. Motion carried.

Ref.#AC2025-132

3. NEW BUSINESS:

a. 2026 Tax Structure

Town Clerk/Manager presented council with the updated Tax Structure for 2026. Changes to the Tax Structure for 2026 include an increase of \$50/unit for Residential Water Tax, \$170/unit for Business Water Tax, and an increase of \$1,000.00/unit for Industrial Water Tax. All other taxes remain the same as 2025. New permit requirements and fees have been added to the Tax Structure for 2026. Included in these additions are; Excavation Permit - \$100.00, Additions/Extensions Permit - \$50.00, Decks & Fences Permit - \$35.00, and a fee of \$25.00 has been added for demolition permits that was not previously charged. Motion to accept the 2026 Tax Structure as presented by Councilor Earon Kavanagh, 2nd by Deputy Mayor Jerome Croft. **Vote For: (4)** Mayor Deborah Hynes, Deputy Mayor Jerome Croft, Councilor Elizabeth Croft, Councilor Earon Kavanagh. **Vote Against: (0)** None. **Abstain: (0)** None. Motion carried.

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b. 2026 Budget

Town Clerk/Manager presented council with a balanced 2026 Budget for adoption. Total budget for 2026 is \$151,681.90 with expenditures for the following; \$70,650.00 for General Government, \$7,927.90 for Protective Services, \$19,500.00 for Transportation Services, \$26,525.00 for Environmental Health, \$100.00 for Planning and Development, \$4,500.00 for Recreation and Cultural Services, and \$18,079.00 for Fiscal Services. Expected Revenues of \$80,700.00 from Taxes, \$18,800.00 from Sales of Goods and

Services, \$5,250.00 from Other Revenue Sources, and \$46,761.90 from Government Transfers. Motion to accept the 2026 Budget as presented by Councilor Elizabeth Croft, 2nd by Councilor Earon Kavanagh. **Vote For: (4)** Mayor Deborah Hynes, Deputy Mayor Jerome Croft, Councilor Elizabeth Croft, Councilor Earon Kavanagh. **Vote Against: (0)** None. **Abstain: (0)** None. Motion carried.

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4. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:11pm by Councilor Earon Kavanagh, 2nd by Deputy Mayor Jerome Croft. **Vote For: (4)** Mayor Deborah Hynes, Deputy Mayor Jerome Croft, Councilor Elizabeth Croft, Councilor Earon Kavanagh. **Vote Against: (0)** None. **Abstain: (0)** None. Motion carried.

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Aaron Croft – Town Clerk

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