

**NOTICE OF A COUNCIL MEETING  
COMO CITY COUNCIL**

**TUESDAY APRIL 8, 2025**

**Notice is hereby given of a City Council Meeting at 5:30 P.M.  
Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at 104 Mills Street, Como, Texas  
The items listed below are placed on the agenda for Discussion  
and/or Action:**

- 1. Call to order, Call for a quorum, Prayer, and Pledge of Allegiance.**
- 2. Approval of Minutes for the March 11, 2025 Council Meeting.**
- 3. Approval of Current Funds Report and payment of April bills.**
- 4. Mayor's Discussion and / or Action:**
  - 1. To discuss whether or not to pursue LGS ( Local Government Solutions) for a court based software for the city @ \$2500 / year or to get another bid.**
  - 2. To bring in front of the Council for vote accepting to cancel the City Election due to no opposed candidates running. Statutory Authority for Cancellation of Election Sec.2.051**
  - 3. To bring in front of Council discussion of Easter Celebration date April 19, 2025 from 10:00 to 1:00pm. Prizes, Bounce houses, Port-a-Jons and wash stations along with a Egg hunt and entertainment possible.**
  - 4. To discuss purchasing a sound system for City Events such as: the Easter Egg-stravaganza and the possibility of doing other events for the City of Como \$1055**
  - 5. Maintenance Report by Tony Shadix**
- 5. Discussion and / or Action:**
- 6. Citizens Comment:**
- 7. Adjourn.**

I hereby certify that the above notice is posted, per the Open Meetings Law, Texas Government Code, 551, on the official bulletin board at Como City Hall, 104 Mills Street, Como, Texas on Friday, April 4, 2025 at 9:00 A.M.

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sheila Butler". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath.

**Sheila Butler, City Secretary**

# MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING COMO CITY COUNCIL TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025

1. The meeting of April 8, 2025 was called to order at 5:34 P.M, by Mayor Pro Tem David Fordinal. Councilman Austin Baxley was present to make a Quorum. Mayor Jerry Radney was absent.
2. Call for a quorum and the Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Minutes of the March Council meeting were presented. Motion was made by Councilman Austin Baxley and seconded by Councilman David Fordinal to accept the minutes as presented
4. Bills were presented for approval for March. Motion was made by Councilman Austin Baxley and seconded by Councilman David Fordinal to pay all bills as presented.
5. Applications were presented by City Secretary Sheila Butler, for Mayor and City Council. All three positions were uncontested. Mayor Pro Tem David Fordinal asked for a motion to cancel the City of Como election per section 2.051. Motion was made by Councilman Austin Baxley and seconded by Councilman David Fordinal to accept as presented. The city will not have an election.
6. Mayor's Discussion and / or action.
  1. Discussion of LGS software was extremely positive but the Council would like to get a bid from NET DATA before making a decision. No action taken: To be on next month's agenda.
  2. Mayor Pro Tem David Fordinal confirmed the date for the Easter Celebration Egg-stravaganza to be April 19, 2025 between 10:00a.m. and 1:00P.M. The bounce houses, port-a-pots, and Easter Eggs have all been purchased for the Event.
  3. Discussion of purchasing a Sound system for the Easter Celebration and future events was made by Mayor Pro Tem David Fordinal. The purchase price was agreed upon as reasonable and motion to approve the purchase was made by Mayor Pro Tem David Fordinal and seconded by Austin Baxley.
  4. Maintenance Report was addressed by Tony Shadix. Mr. Shadix brought before council that the radio reads on the water tower were having difficulty communicating with the wells, which caused a low water level issue. Also a leak on Smith street of good size will have to be addressed about 1280 ft of pipe to be replaced. It currently has a 4" pipe in place with no fire hydrant on that end of street if the City could replace the pipe with a 6" pipe then we could put a fire hydrant on that end of the street. Pricing for the 4" pipe was at \$2800.00: Tony will get the pricing of the 6" pipe and get back with Mayor Pro Tem David Fordinal to make the decision on which way to go. Dug 45 foot trench, installed 4" sewer pipe and clean out at City Barn. Set up trailer for jetter. Tried to clear sewer main by Como Burger and Fries but had to rent auger to clear. Removed down trees from First street and removed down limbs on Smith street. Maintenance on backhoe and did a line locate at 8906 Hwy 11.

7. Discussion and / or Action:

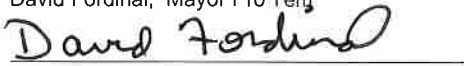
1. VFD Challenge coins will be tabled until next meeting due to scheduling conflict.

8. Citizens' Comment:

1. Como Volunteer Fire Chief Darrell Meeks discussed their response to the tornado warnings in the area this Friday. He would like to see the City of Como once again pursue getting a Tornado siren. It was researched back when the tornado hit Como/Pickton and was at a price of \$54000.00. Both Mayor Pro Tem David Fordinal and Councilman Austin Baxley said we would look into getting a grant for this project. Also First-In Public Safety Solutions is hiring a MEDIA company to film the Push-in Ceremony for the new Firetruck. The Como VFD will be hosting a Equipment party with other local stations to show the new firetruck and let them get familiar with its operations and equipment. Time and date to be announced.

9. Motion was made by Councilman Austin Baxley and seconded by Councilman David Fordinal that the meeting adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:14 P.M.

David Fordinal, Mayor Pro Tem



Sheila Butler, City Secretary

## ORDER OF CANCELLATION

The City of Como hereby cancels the election scheduled to be held on May 3, 2025 in accordance With Section 2.053(a) of the Texas Election Code. The following candidates have been certified as unopposed and are hereby elected as follows.

El City of Como por la presente cancela la election' que, de lo contrario, se hubiera celebrado el May 3, 2025 de conformidad, con certificados como candidatos u'nlcos y por la presente quedan elegidos como se haya indicado a continuacion':

Candidate(Candidato)	Office Sought(Cargo al que presenta candidature)
Jerry Radney	Mayor of Como
David Fordinal	Place 1, City Councilman of Como
Austin Baxley	Place 2, City Councilman of Como

A copy of this order will be posted on Election Day at each polling place that would have been used in the election.

El Dia de las Elecciones se exhibiru' una copia de esta orden en todas las mesas electorales que se hubieran utilizado en la eleccion'



City Secretary (City Secretario)

Seal (sello)

4-08-2025

Date of adoption (Fecha de adopcion')

**CERTIFICATION OF UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES FOR OTHER  
POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS (NOT COUNTY) CERTIFICACIÓN DE  
CANDIDATOS ÚNICOS  
PARA OTRAS SUBDIVISIONES POLÍTICAS (NO EL CONDADO)**


**To: Presiding Officer of Governing Body**  
*Al: Presidente de la entidad gobernante*

As the authority responsible for having the official ballot prepared, I hereby certify that the following candidates are unopposed for election to office for the election scheduled to be held on May 3, 2025

*Como autoridad a cargo de la preparación de la boleta de votación oficial, por la presente certifico que los siguientes candidatos son candidatos únicos para elección para un cargo en la elección que se llevará a cabo el May 3, 2025*

**List offices and names of candidates:**  
*Lista de cargos y nombres de los candidatos:*

<b>Office(s) Cargo(s)</b>	<b>Candidate(s) Candidato(s)</b>
Mayor	Jerry Radney
City Councilman, Place 1	David Fordinal
City Councilman, Place 2	Austin Baxley

  
**Signature (Firma)**

Sheila Butler  
**Printed name (Nombre en letra de molde)**

**(Seal) (sello)**


City Secretary  
**Title (Puesto)**

03-20-2025  
**Date of signing (Fecha de firma)**

*See reverse side for instructions  
(Instrucciones en el reverso)*

Austin Baxley

ALL INFORMATION IS REQUIRED TO BE PROVIDED UNLESS INDICATED OPTIONAL

<b>APPLICATION FOR A PLACE ON THE <u>City of Como</u> GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT</b> TO: City Secretary/Secretary of Board							
I request that my name be placed on the above-named official ballot as a candidate for the office indicated below.							
<b>OFFICE SOUGHT</b> (Include any place number or other distinguishing number, if any.) <u>City Council Place 2</u>				<b>INDICATE TERM</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FULL <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPIRED			
<b>FULL NAME</b> (First, Middle, Last) <u>Austin Kenneth Baxley</u>			<b>PRINT NAME AS YOU WANT IT TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT</b> <sup>1</sup> <u>Austin Baxley</u>				
<b>PERMANENT RESIDENCE ADDRESS</b> (Do not include a P.O. Box or Rural Route. If you do not have a residence address, describe the address at which you receive personal mail and location of residence.) <u>405 McBride St.</u>			<b>PUBLIC MAILING ADDRESS</b> (Campaign mailing address, if available.) <u>405 McBride St.</u>				
<b>CITY</b> <u>Como</u>		<b>STATE</b> <u>TX</u>	<b>ZIP</b> <u>75431</u>	<b>CITY</b> <u>Como</u>			
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<b>PUBLIC EMAIL ADDRESS</b> (If available)		<b>OCCUPATION</b> (Do not leave blank) <u>Educator</u>		<b>DATE OF BIRTH</b> <u>2 / 23 / 1993</u>			
				<b>VOTER REGISTRATION VOID NUMBER</b> (Optional) <sup>2</sup>			
<b>TELEPHONE CONTACT INFORMATION</b> (Optional) Home: Work: Cell: <u>903-348-6043</u>			<b>LENGTH OF CONTINUOUS RESIDENCE AS OF DATE APPLICATION SWORN</b> <table border="1"> <tr> <td> <b>IN STATE</b>  <u>31</u> year (s)  <u>11</u> month(s)         </td> <td> <b>IN TERRITORY FROM WHICH THE OFFICE SOUGHT IS ELECTED</b><sup>3</sup>  <u>31</u> year (s)  <u>11</u> month(s)         </td> </tr> </table>			<b>IN STATE</b> <u>31</u> year (s) <u>11</u> month(s)	<b>IN TERRITORY FROM WHICH THE OFFICE SOUGHT IS ELECTED</b> <sup>3</sup> <u>31</u> year (s) <u>11</u> month(s)
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If using a nickname as part of your name to appear on the ballot, you are also signing and swearing to the following statements: I further swear that my nickname does not constitute a slogan nor does it indicate a political, economic, social, or religious view or affiliation. I have been commonly known by this nickname for at least three years prior to this election.							
Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared (name) <u>Austin Baxley</u> , who being by me here and now duly sworn, upon oath says: "I, (name) <u>Austin Baxley</u> , of <u>Hopkins</u> County, Texas, being a candidate for the office of <u>Place 2 City Council</u> , swear that I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of the State of Texas. I am a citizen of the United States eligible to hold such office under the constitution and laws of this state. I have not been finally convicted of a felony for which I have not been pardoned or had my full rights of citizenship restored by other official action. I have not been determined by a final judgment of a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be totally mentally incapacitated or partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote. I am aware of the nepotism law, Chapter 573, Government Code. I further swear that the foregoing statements included in my application are in all things true and correct."							
			X <u>[Signature]</u> <b>SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE</b>				
Sworn to and subscribed before me at <u>Como City Hall</u> , this the <u>17</u> day of <u>January</u> , 20 <u>25</u> .							
<u>[Signature]</u> <b>Signature of Officer Administering Oath</b> <sup>4</sup>		<u>City Secretary</u> <b>Title of Officer Administering Oath</b>					
<b>TO BE COMPLETED BY CITY SECRETARY OR SECRETARY OF BOARD:</b> (See Section 1.007)							
		<u>1-17-2025</u> <b>Date Received</b>		<u>[Signature]</u> <b>Signature of Secretary</b>			
<b>Voter Registration Status Verified</b> <input type="checkbox"/>							

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INDICATE TERM

FULL

UNEXPIRED

City Council Place 1

FULL NAME (First, Middle, Last)

David Alan Fordinal

PRINT NAME AS YOU WANT IT TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT<sup>1</sup>

David Fordinal

PERMANENT RESIDENCE ADDRESS (Do not include a P.O. Box or Rural Route. If you do not have a residence address, describe the address at which you receive personal mail and location of residence.)

302 McBride St.

PUBLIC MAILING ADDRESS (Campaign mailing address, if available.)

P.O. Box 264

CITY

Como

STATE

TX

ZIP

75431

CITY

Como

STATE

TX

ZIP

75431

PUBLIC EMAIL ADDRESS (If available)

OCCUPATION (Do not leave blank)

Computer Programmer

DATE OF BIRTH

9 / 26 / 1964

VOTER REGISTRATION VOID NUMBER (Optional)<sup>2</sup>

TELEPHONE CONTACT INFORMATION (Optional)

Home:

Work:

Cell:

LENGTH OF CONTINUOUS RESIDENCE AS OF DATE APPLICATION SWORN

IN STATE

28 year (s)

70 month(s)

IN TERRITORY FROM WHICH THE OFFICE SOUGHT IS ELECTED<sup>3</sup>

9 year (s)

1 month(s)

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Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared (name) DAVID FORDINAL, who being by me here and now duly sworn, upon oath says:

"I, (name) DAVID FORDINAL, of Hopkins County, Texas, being a candidate for the office of Place 1 City Council, swear that I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of the State of Texas. I am a citizen of the United States eligible to hold such office under the constitution and laws of this state. I have not been finally convicted of a felony for which I have not been pardoned or had my full rights of citizenship restored by other official action. I have not been determined by a final judgment of a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be totally mentally incapacitated or partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote. I am aware of the nepotism law, Chapter 573, Government Code.

I further swear that the foregoing statements included in my application are in all things true and correct."

X David A Fordinal

SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE

Sworn to and subscribed before me at Como City Hall, this the 11 day of February, 2025

Shelley Butler  
Signature of Officer Administering Oath<sup>4</sup>

City Secretary  
Title of Officer Administering Oath



TO BE COMPLETED BY CITY SECRETARY OR SECRETARY OF BOARD:  
(See Section 1.007)

02-11-2025  
Date Received

Shelley Butler  
Signature of Secretary

Voter Registration Status Verified

Jerry

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OFFICE SOUGHT (Include any place number or other distinguishing number, if any.) <u>MAYOR</u>	INDICATE TERM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FULL <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPIRED
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FULL NAME (First, Middle, Last) <u>JERRY WAYNE RADNEY</u>	PRINT NAME AS YOU WANT IT TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT <sup>1</sup> <u>JERRY W. RADNEY</u>
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PERMANENT RESIDENCE ADDRESS (Do not include a P.O. Box or Rural Route. If you do not have a residence address, describe the address at which you receive personal mail and location of residence.) <u>702 GASKINS ST.</u>	PUBLIC MAILING ADDRESS (Campaign mailing address, if available.) <u>PO Box 201</u>
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PUBLIC EMAIL ADDRESS (if available) <u>radical1@suddenlink.net</u>	OCCUPATION (Do not leave blank) <u>PASTOR</u>	DATE OF BIRTH <u>06/10/1970</u>	VOTER REGISTRATION VOID NUMBER (Optional) <sup>2</sup>
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TELEPHONE CONTACT INFORMATION (Optional) Home: <u>903-488-2458</u> Work: <u>903-945-3019</u> Cell: <u>903-780-6220</u>	LENGTH OF CONTINUOUS RESIDENCE AS OF DATE APPLICATION SWORN	
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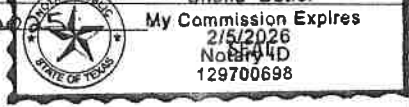
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Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared (name) JERRY W. RADNEY, who being by me here and now duly sworn, upon oath says:

"I, (name) JERRY RADNEY of HOPKINS County, Texas, being a candidate for the office of MAYOR - CITY OF Como, swear that I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of the State of Texas. I am a citizen of the United States eligible to hold such office under the constitution and laws of this state. I have not been finally convicted of a felony for which I have not been pardoned or had my full rights of citizenship restored by other official action. I have not been determined by a final judgment of a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be totally mentally incapacitated or partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote. I am aware of the nepotism law, Chapter 573, Government Code.

I further swear that the foregoing statements included in my application are in all things true and correct."

X [Signature]  
SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE

Sworn to and subscribed before me at <u>Como City Hall</u> this the <u>12</u> day of <u>February</u> , <u>2025</u>	
<u>Sheila Butler</u> Signature of Officer Administering Oath <sup>4</sup>	

TO BE COMPLETED BY CITY SECRETARY OR SECRETARY OF BOARD:  
(See Section 1.007)

Date Received 2-12-2025 Signature of Secretary Sheila Butler

Voter Registration Status Verified