Mayor
John Nichols

Budget & Finance Director
Kindall Smith

City Secretary
Vicki May

Mayor Pro Temp
Linda Price

City Council
Jeffery Crawford
Herman Sewell
Wayne Foster
Boyd Sartin

Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, October 19, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m.

The Governing Body of the City of Maud will hold a Regular Called Council Meeting on October 19, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 135 Main St., Maud, Texas, for consideration of the following agenda items:

1. Call meeting to order, roll call, establish a quorum.
   Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. All Councilmembers were present except Councilwoman, Linda Price. A quorum was established.

2. Invocation and pledge of allegiance.
   Mayor, John Nichols called on City Secretary, Vicki May, to voice the prayer. The group led the pledge.

3. Open Forum - Comments from the public, limited to no more than 3 minutes each, and no more than five speakers.
   Resident, Celia Peterson signed up to address the council. Ms. Peterson is the Precinct chair for the Bowie County elections. Ms. Peterson asked for suggestions from the council regarding "early voting" signage placement on Highway 67 on both the East and West ends of town. The council was in full agreement that the signage would be helpful in getting the information to the public. It was decided that Ms. Peterson would be allowed to place the signs on the Welcome to Maud signs without any conflict being raised.

4. Consider and take official action on approving the Consent Agenda – all items are deemed to require minimal council deliberation and can be enacted as one business item.
   a. September 2026 financials;
   b. September 14, 2026 Special called meeting minutes; October 6, 2026 Special called meeting minutes;

   Motion by Councilman Boyd Sartin and 2nd by Councilman Jeffery Crawford to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried with no opposition.

5. Consider and take official action approving September 2026 Departmental Reports-
   a. Library - Savannah Monroe council requests FOMPL to attend for questions;
   b. Fire Department - Chief Shane Smith;
   c. Code Enforcement - Brett Kenward; attendance requested by council;
   d. Public Works - Ethan Johnston & Brian Jewell - attendance requested by council;

   Code enforcement officer, Brett Kenward, answered questions regarding the lien process on the properties located within the city limits of Maud. Councilman, Boyd Sartin, praised Mr. Kenward on the job he is doing and stated the aesthetics of the city

are already better.
Public Works employee Ethan Johnston was asked about the timeline for his testing on the water license. Mr. Johnston advised that he was scheduled to test for his class c water license on Friday, October 23 at 12 noon and Brian Jewell is scheduled to take the same test on Thursday, October 29 at 2pm. Ethan also advised the council that he would focus on the CSI certification once he has completed the water test. After those two were finished his plan is to concentrate on the licensing for the Sewer department. Council members, Sartin and Crawford were very vocal in their appreciation of all the work they are putting into the testing process.
Librarian, Savannah Monroe, answered questions, from Councilman, Herman Sewell, regarding the patron count and where that information was reported to and how it could be assessed by anyone. Ms. Monroe reported that the cost of the library broke down to about $40.00 per resident of the city of Maud. She also advised that the patrons were evenly split between Maud residents and those from surrounding communities. Councilman Herman Sewell just wanted assurance that all the things being done at the library was going to be self-sufficient and was not going to end up costing the city money. Issac bates, President of the FOMPL, reported that the organization would be responsible for any and all cost of construction on the new facility. He stated that each phase of the project would be funded fully prior to its beginning. Mr. Bates also informed the Mayor and council that he would do better in being transparent with the FOMPL meetings and funds. Motion by Councilman Boyd Sartin and 2nd by Councilman Wayne Foster to approve the departmental reports. Motion carried with no opposition.

6. Discuss, consider and take official action, if any, approving request from Fire Chief, Shane Smith, to have the police department building converted to be used by the fire department as an office.- Shane Smith.
Motion by Councilman Jeffery Crawford and 2nd by Councilman Boyd Sartin to approve Fire Chief Smith's request to use the old PD building for the VFD office. Motion carried with no opposition.

7. Consider and take official action on approving items listed attached and marked "Exhibit A" as surplus to be sold, if possible, or otherwise disposed of.
Motion by Councilman Jeffery Crawford and 2nd by Councilman Herman Sewell to approve the items listed for surplus. Motion carried with no opposition.

8. Consider and take official action confirming a nomination for Van Alexander or Fred Milton to serve on the Riverbend Board of Directors as the At-Large Representative until December 31, 2030.
Motion by Councilman Boyd Sartin and 2nd by Councilman Herman Sewell to nominate Fred Milton to the Riverbend Board of Directors. Motion carried with no opposition.

9. Consider and take official action approving the 2026 Tax Roll.
Motion by Councilman Herman Sewell and 2nd by Councilman Boyd Sartin to approve the 2026 Tax Roll, prepared by BCAD. Motion caried with no opposition. All councilmembers signed with the exception of Councilwoman Linda Price who was absent from this meeting.

10. Consider and take official action, if any, approving the purchase of an Automatic Flushing valve to be installed on the 6" water line on Hwy 8 S. at the meter for the Mauldin Park Campground.
Motion by Councilman Herman Sewell and 2nd by Councilman Boyd Sartin to table this item. Motion carried with no opposition.

11. Adjourn.
Motion by Councilman Herman Sewell and 2nd by Councilman Jeffery Crawford to adjourn. Motion carried with no opposition. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 16 **DAY OF** November **, 2026.**

John Nichols, Mayor

ATTEST:

Vicki May, City Secretary