



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 18, 2026, 6:00 PM CT

at Esto Town Hall, 3312 2nd Ave South, Esto, FL 32425

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Town Council Members in Attendance

Seat 2 - Greg Wells (GW)

Seat 4 - Joshua Davenport (JD)

Seat 5 - Donna Davis (DD)

Town Council Members Absent

Seat 1 - Vacant

Seat 3 - Vacant

Others Present

Ben Tew (BT), Town Clerk

Billy Martin (BM), Public Works Director

Cliff Kimble (CK), Fire Chief

Michelle Blankenship (MB), Town Attorney

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The invocation was given by Council Member Joshua Davenport, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Council President Greg Wells called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM CT.

Consent Agenda

JD motioned to approve the consent agenda, including approval of the final meeting agenda, the February 17, 2026, Town Council Meeting Minutes, and bills to be paid, except for the Holmes County Mosquito Control bill. DD seconded. All in Favor — Motion Carried.

Public Comment

- No members of the public addressed the Council.

Ordinances & Resolutions

- **Ordinance 2026-01 – Unopened Rights-of-Way Abandonment (First Reading – Revised)** – The Council considered a revised version of Ordinance 2026-01. The ordinance had been presented for second reading at the February meeting but was tabled due to an error in the legal description. The revised

ordinance was presented for a new first reading. JD motioned to approve Ordinance 2026-01 on first reading. DD seconded. All in Favor — Motion Carried.

The Town Clerk will publish notices for the second reading at the April meeting and notify surrounding property owners.

- **Interlocal Planning Agreement** – The Council considered an interlocal agreement with Holmes County for planning and land development services. JD motioned to approve the Interlocal Planning Agreement between the Town of Esto and Holmes County. DD seconded. All in Favor — Motion Carried.

Other Agenda Items

- **CDBG Grant H2627 Update** – The Town Clerk provided an update on the status of procurement approvals and coordination with FloridaCommerce. No action taken.
- **Lamb's Junkyard Property Update** – The Town Clerk provided an update on environmental testing and cleanup planning. Additional sampling is ongoing, and a coordination meeting with FDEP and consultants is expected. Council Member Davenport requested to be notified of the meeting. No action taken.
- **Mobile Home Ordinances Review** – The Council discussed the Town's current mobile home approval process and coordination with county permitting. Concerns were raised regarding ensuring proper permits and utility requirements, including wastewater.

The Council directed that properties should not be connected to the Town water system without proper county permits. The Clerk was asked to research ordinances related to RVs and tiny homes and bring options back at the April meeting.

- **Town Hall Security** – The Council discussed security improvements following a recent incident at Town Hall. Locks have been changed. JD motioned to approve spending up to \$200 for Blink security cameras and \$10 per month for subscription services. DD seconded. All in Favor — Motion Carried.

Fire Department Report

- Fire Chief Cliff Kimble reported that the department responded to 21 calls in February and will begin fundraising efforts for the July 4th fireworks show.

Public Works Report

- Public Works Director Billy Martin provided updates on ongoing maintenance issues, including well operation, park dock repairs, and equipment needs.

A proposal for water tank inspection and cleaning was discussed and tabled for consideration later in the year.

Town Clerk's Report

- **Financial Report** – The Town Clerk reported that approximately \$18,136 in checks are being paid in March. No outstanding bills were reported. Account balances and major expenditures were reviewed.
- **Utility Billing Report** – Water sales totaled \$9,027 in February and \$7,137 to date in March. 25 accounts have outstanding balances totaling \$2,378, with 9 accounts at the level for disconnection. Final notices were distributed on March 17.

Two-Toed Tom Festival Update

- The Town Clerk provided an update on planning, sponsorships, entertainment, and vendor recruitment.

The Council approved holding a community yard sale fundraiser on May 2, 2026, contingent upon coordination with an existing community center rental scheduled that weekend.

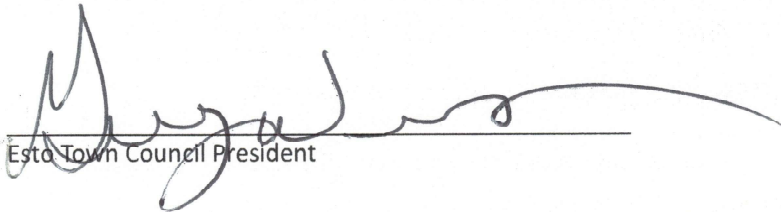
Council Member Items

- **Seat 1 - Vacant** - No items.
- **Seat 2 - Council Member Greg Wells** - No items.
- **Seat 3 - Vacant** - No items.
- **Seat 4 - Council Member Joshua Davenport** - No items.
- **Seat 5 - Council Member Donna Davis** - No items.
- Fire Chief Cliff Kimble suggested the Town consider installing solar lighting at the park. The Council expressed interest. JD motioned to approve the purchase of a set of solar lights. DD seconded. All in Favor — Motion Carried.

Adjourn

GW adjourned the meeting at 7:08 PM CT.

Meeting minutes typed and prepared by Ben Tew, Town Clerk.



Esto Town Council President