

**State of Texas
County of Denton
City of Lake Dallas**

The Lake Dallas City Council met in a Special Called meeting on April 1, 2026 at Lake Dallas City Hall, 212 Main Street, with notice of the meeting given, as required by Title 5, Chapter 551.041 of the Texas Government Code.

1. Roll Call

Kristy Bleau	Mayor
Stephen Wohn	Councilmember 1
Rachel Fitzpatrick	Councilmember 2
Rick Lewelling	Councilmember 3
Rudy Glynn Vrba	Councilmember 4
Randy Evans	Councilmember 5

Absent:

Staff Present: City Manager Luke Olson, Director of Administrative Services/City Secretary Codi Delcambre, Lt. Connor Farrell, Public Works Director Jeremy Wilks and Finance Director Sarah Cochran.

Open Session

1. Call to Order & Determination of Quorum.

Mayor Bleau called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

Mayor Bleau opening statement. (see attachment A)

2. Citizen Agenda & Public Comments:

James Braggs, of 712 Lake Drive, stated that he has resided at the property since 1978. He expressed concern regarding recent events, noting that with modern technology, incidents of this nature should not occur. Mr. Braggs also voiced concern about roadways being excavated and not properly restored by Atmos.

Jason Hughes, of 604 Galbraith Street, addressed the assembly and expressed concern for the safety of his family. He stated that he resides one block from the affected property and conveyed serious concerns regarding the safety and integrity of the gas lines located in front of his home.

Christina Watson, of 5422 Prince Drive, addressed the assembly and stated that the City Council meeting should not have been canceled. She expressed concern that the city has been downplaying the incident by referring to it as a house fire, emphasizing that it should be accurately described as an explosion.

Scott Griffin, of 312 Plantation Oak, addressed the Council and stated that he had appeared before them two years prior, at which time he asked whether they were embarrassed, reiterating that sentiment during this meeting. He asserted that the City Manager failed to respond in a

timely manner and expressed concern that the city's infrastructure is deteriorating, which he attributed to the City Manager's responsibilities. Mr. Griffin stated that a prayer meeting was held for the city and the victims, noting that the City Manager did not attend. He called for the City Manager to step down so that the Council may appoint more competent leadership. He concluded by stating that, should the Council fail to take action to remove the City Manager, he would pursue efforts to remove Council members in the next election.

Neve Sudderth, of 702 Glen Rhea Drive, addressed the Council and stated that on the night of the explosion, her entire home shook. She reported that she and her neighbors went outside to determine what had occurred after observing smoke and hearing sirens. Ms. Sudderth expressed pride in the city, noting that staff have worked long hours to ensure community needs were met. She also extended her appreciation to Atmos and its crews for their response efforts and for working to ensure the safety of the gas lines.

Wendy Orosco, of 522 Clancy Lane, addressed the Council and stated that when residents were evacuated from their homes, they were not provided with sufficient information. She reported that residents did not know where to go or whether they would be allowed to return that night, and were simply instructed to leave. Ms. Orosco stated that she opened her home to friends, including a woman with stage IV cancer, who were forced to sleep upright on her couch overnight. She further reported that the following morning, her husband attempted to return to their home to retrieve necessary medication but was instructed to leave by an officer. Ms. Orosco expressed concern regarding the lack of communication during the first 24 hours of the incident, stating that it should be addressed. She recommended that a notification system be implemented to provide residents with timely and accurate information. She also noted that while Atmos provided a contact number for questions, residents were unable to obtain answers, which contributed to frustration and fear during the situation. She concluded by urging the City to establish a reliable system to keep residents informed during emergencies.

Sarah Parker, of 524 Clancy Lane, addressed the Council and stated that she has lived in the city since 2006, where she raised her family. She expressed concern regarding the lack of information provided to residents during the incident. Ms. Parker stated that relying on social media, such as Facebook, was insufficient for emergency communication. She noted that she is able to receive text alerts from the City of Corinth and expects a similar notification system to be implemented by the city. She further stated that both the City and Atmos are responsible for ensuring public safety and requested clear assurance regarding the safety of the community.

Judy Ishmael, of 609 Glen Rhea, addressed the Council and stated that she attended the meeting to hear the concerns and perspectives of others. She said that communication during the incident was inadequate. Ms. Ishmael also stated that she is concerned that gas meters had been removed from other homes on her street but not from her own residence. Additionally, she noted ongoing drainage issues, explaining that rainwater backs up into her yard. She concluded by thanking those who responded to the incident, noting that she has family members who have worked for Lone Star Gas and understands the long hours required in such situations.

Terry Lantrip, of 109 Market Street, addressed the Council and stated that he was unclear about what was occurring during the incident. He reported that on Tuesday, City Hall, Cowboys, and the tire shop were evacuated due to a gas leak; however, his building, located directly across from City Hall, was not included in the evacuation. He further stated that he and others had to

call 911 due to the smell of gas and expressed concern regarding the lack of communication. Mr. Lantrip stated that he has been advocating for approximately 13 months for the city to promote tourism in order to support downtown businesses, emphasizing that local businesses need greater assistance. He requested the installation of wayfinding signage in the downtown area. He also stated his belief that the City Manager's compensation is not being justified by current performance.

Jonathan Graves, of 309 Marina Drive, addressed the Council and stated that the house explosion was a frightening event for many residents. He expressed hope that the City can learn from any mistakes made during the incident and improve its processes moving forward. Mr. Graves stated that disaster protocols need to be established to better prepare for and manage future emergencies.

3. Receive the City Manager's update on the incident that occurred on Thursday, March 19, 2026, including the City's response to such.

Council received an update from City Manager Luke Olson (see attachment B).

4. Remarks from and discussion with Atmos Energy to include community safety, ongoing pipe replacement projects, and the claims process.

Council received a presentation from Kyle Slaughter and Kelly Bieger with Atmos Energy.

5. Executive Session:

As authorized by Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, this meeting may be convened into closed executive session for the purpose of seeking confidential legal advice from the City Attorney on any agenda items listed above or herein.

Adjournment

Mayor Bleau adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Approved:



Kristy Bleau, Mayor

Attest:



Codi Delcambre, City Secretary