

The City of Falls City

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Council meets the second Wednesday
of each month at 6:00 p.m.

Official Statement Regarding the Agreement Between the City of Falls City and Falls City ISD

I would like to clarify some misinformation circulating regarding the proposed agreement between the City of Falls City and the Falls City Independent School District.

The City and Falls City ISD have been working together on this agreement, which has gone back and forth between both parties approximately seven times as revisions and discussions have taken place. The agreement is currently back with the City of Falls City for review.

At no point has the Mayor or any member of the City Council stated that they would not approve the agreement or that they are completely opposed to it.

During the City's regular monthly council meeting on **September 9, 2026**, two representatives from Falls City ISD were present and agreed that there was no urgency to finalize the agreement and that waiting until after the upcoming election would be acceptable.

On September 22, the City held a special council meeting, and the proposed agreement was included on the agenda. Although a quorum was present, not all City Council members were in attendance. It was decided to postpone further consideration until the regular November council meeting, allowing the full Council an opportunity to participate in this important decision.

I would also like to address questions regarding the City's participation in the town hall meetings hosted by Falls City ISD. **Members of the City Council did attend the first town hall meeting.** However, there are limitations on how City officials can participate in these meetings. If enough City Council members attend and engage in discussions involving City business, it could constitute a quorum and raise concerns under the Texas Open Meetings Act. Because these town halls are being organized by the School District rather than posted as official City Council meetings, we must be mindful of these

requirements. This should not be interpreted as a lack of interest or unwillingness to participate. We simply have a responsibility to follow the proper procedures and ensure that City business is conducted in accordance with the law.

As Mayor, I want to make it very clear that **the City of Falls City is not against reaching an agreement with Falls City ISD**. Our responsibility as elected officials is to carefully review any agreement to ensure that it is fair, balanced, and in the best interests of both the City and the School District.

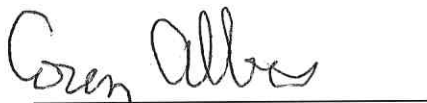
This agreement involves two important public entities, and it is our duty to make sure that the final terms protect the interests of the citizens, taxpayers, and students we serve.

We value our relationship with Falls City ISD and recognize the importance of working together for the betterment of our community.

I would also like to remind everyone that our City Council meetings are open to the public, and everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. Regular City Council meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month at 6:00 PM. These meetings provide an opportunity for residents to stay informed about City business, hear discussions firsthand, and better understand the decisions being made on behalf of our community. We welcome public involvement and encourage anyone with questions or concerns to attend.

Delaying a decision does not mean opposing an agreement. It means taking the time necessary to make an informed and responsible decision.

I encourage everyone to seek accurate information rather than rely on rumors or speculation. The City remains committed to working with Falls City ISD toward an agreement that benefits both parties and our community as a whole.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Corey Albert", written over a horizontal line.

Corey Albert

Mayor

City of Falls City