



## SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall Council Chambers, 298 West Washington Street  
Tuesday, August 08, 2023 at 5:30 PM

### MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Stephenville, Texas, convened on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, 5:30 PM, in the City Hall Council Chambers, 298 West Washington Street, for the purpose of a Special City Council Meeting, with the meeting being open to the public and notice of said meeting, giving the date, time, place and subject thereof, having been posted as prescribed by Chapter 551, Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated, with the following members present, to wit:

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Mayor Doug Svien  
Council Member LeAnn Durfey  
Council Member Bob Newby  
Council Member Maddie Smith  
Council Member David Baskett  
Council Member Mark McClinton

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** Council Member Justin Haschke  
Council Member Lonni Reisman  
Council Member Brandon Greenhaw

**OTHERS ATTENDING:** Jason M. King, City Manager  
Randy Thomas, City Attorney  
Sarah Lockenour, City Secretary

#### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Svien called the Special City Council Meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

#### PRESENTATION

**1. Check Presentation, Waste Connections**

The mayor pulled this item from the agenda at this time.

#### REGULAR AGENDA

**2. Set the Maximum Proposed Tax Rate for 2023**

City Manager Jason King presented this item to the Council. The 2022 adopted tax rate was \$0.3958 per \$100 valuation. Staff recommends setting the Maximum Proposed Tax Rate for 2023 at the Voter-Approval tax rate of \$0.3872/\$100 in order to discuss all options available in the upcoming budget work sessions.

MOTION by Mark McClinton, second by David Baskett, to set the maximum proposed tax rate for 2023 at \$0.3872/\$100.

Roll Call Vote:

FOR:	AGAINST:	ABSENT:
LeAnn Durfey Bob Newby Maddie Smith David Baskett Mark McClinton Doug Svien	None	Justin Haschke Lonn Reisman Brandon Greenhaw

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

**3. Set Date, Time, and Location of Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Rate for 2023**

Director of Finance Monica Harris presented this item to the Council.

The City Charter requires the City Manager to provide the proposed budget to the City Council at least 45 days prior to the beginning of the budget year. The proposed budget must also be filed with the City Secretary and posted on the website. If the proposed tax rate will exceed the No-New-Revenue rate, the City must have a public hearing on the proposed tax rate prior to adopting the tax rate. The adoption of the tax rate must be at least 30 days after the City Manager provides the proposed budget to the City Secretary and the proposed budget is posted on the website.

Staff recommend setting the public hearing on the 2023 proposed tax rate on September 19, 2023, at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall located at 298 W. Washington in Stephenville.

MOTION by David Baskett, second by LeAnn Durfey, to set the Public Hearing on the Proposed Tax Rate for 2023 for Tuesday, September 19, 2023, at 5:30 PM in the Council Chambers at City Hall. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

**4. Consider Approval of Interlocal Agreement with Erath County**

City Manager Jason King presented this item to the Council.

City of Stephenville, Texas, and Erath County, Texas, from time to time need to perform general maintenance and upkeep on roads or other City- or County-owned property or buildings. The City and the County from time to time may need help from the other to perform such jobs, by using each other's equipment and/or manpower, depending on the job. By having a standing agreement in place allowing mutual aid for general services, projects will be able to be more efficient with time and other resources.

MOTION by Mark McClinton, second by Bob Newby, to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Erath County as presented. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Mayor Svien recessed the Special City Council Meeting at 5:37 PM and entered into the Executive Session at 5:40 PM.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

In compliance with the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Law, Subchapter D, Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes, Annotated, in accordance with

- 5. **Section 551.071. Consultation with Attorney** - to Consult Over a Pending or Contemplated Litigation

Mayor Svien adjourned the Executive Session at 5:55 PM and reconvened the Special City Council Meeting at 5:57 PM.

**ADJOURN**

With no further business, Mayor Svien adjourned the Special City Council Meeting at 5:57 PM.

*Note: The Stephenville City Council may convene into Executive Session on any matter related to any of the above agenda items for a purpose, such closed session allowed under Chapter 551, Texas Government Code*

  
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Doug Svien, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Sarah Lockenour, City Secretary

