



## SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall Council Chambers, 298 West Washington Street  
Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 6:15 PM

### MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Stephenville, Texas, convened on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 in the City Hall Council Chambers, 298 W. Washington, 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 Justin Haschke  
Council Member Daron Trussell  
Council Member Brady Pendleton  
Council Member Ricky Thurman  
Council Member Alan Nix  
Council Member Gerald Cook  
Mayor Pro Tem Brandon Huckabee

#### **COUNCIL ABSENT:**

#### **OTHERS ATTENDING:**

Allen Barnes, City Manager  
Randy Thomas, City Attorney  
Staci King, City Secretary

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Svien called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

#### **REGULAR AGENDA**

##### **1. Consider Approval of Resolutions of Support for Subsidized Housing Applications**

Prior to the special meeting, the Development Services Committee heard presentations from the following regarding requests for Resolutions of Support for their subsidized housing applications:

Wade Bienski on behalf of Retirement Living for Seniors

Daniel Sailler, Stephenville Lofts

MOTION by Ricky Thurman, second by Alan Nix, to approve Resolution No. 2022-R-04 in support of Retirement Living for Seniors. MOTION CARRIED by the following vote:

Ayes: LeAnn Durfey, Brady Pendleton, Ricky Thurman, Alan Nix, Gerald Cook

Noes: Justin Haschke, Daron Trussell, Brandon Huckabee

MOTION by Ricky Thurman, second by Alan Nix, to approve Resolution No. 2022-R-05 in non-opposition of Stephenville Lofts. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous vote.

**2. Consider Approval of an Ordinance Enacting a Tax Freeze for Residents over the age of 65 or Disabled**

MOTION by Brady Pendleton, second by LeAnn Durfey, to approve Ordinance No. 2022-O-03 enacting a tax freeze for residents over the age of 65 or disabled. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous vote.

**3. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing a Financing Agreement for the Purpose of Procuring Police Vehicles and Related Equipment**

MOTION by Ricky Thurman, second by Daron Trussell, to approve Resolution No. 2022-R-06 authorizing the financing of police vehicles. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous vote.

MOTION by Ricky Thurman, second by Alan Nix, to approve an expenditure for the purchase of police vehicle equipment as presented. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous vote.

**4. Consider Acceptance of the 2021 Stephenville Police Department Racial Profiling Report**

Dan Harris, Chief of Police, presented the council with the 2021 Stephenville Police Department Racial Profiling Report, as compiled by Dr. Alex Del Carmen, PhD, Del Carmen Consulting. Dr. Del Carmen's audit found that the Stephenville Police Department is in compliance and adheres to the Texas Racial Profiling Law and its requirements.

***SUMMARY OF FINDINGS (pg.27)*** The most recent Texas Racial Profiling Law requires that police department perform data audits in order to validate the data being reported. Consistent with this requirement, the Stephenville Police Department has engaged del Carmen Consulting in order to perform these audits in a manner consistent with normative statistical practices. As shown in table 6, the audit performed has shown that the data is valid and reliable. Further, as required by law, this report also includes an analysis on the searches performed. This analysis includes information on whether contraband was found as a result of the search while controlling for race/ethnicity. The search analysis demonstrates that the police department is engaging in search practices consistent with national trends in law enforcement.

While considering the findings made in this analysis, it is recommended that the Stephenville Police Department should continue to collect and evaluate additional information on motor vehicle contact data (i.e., reason for probable cause searches, contraband detected) which may prove to be useful when determining the nature of the contacts police officers are making with all individuals.

As part of this effort, the Stephenville Police Department should continue to:

- 1) Perform an independent analysis on contact and search data in future years.
- 2) Commission data audits in 2022 in order to assess data integrity; that is, to ensure that the data collected is consistent with the data being reported.

The comprehensive analysis of the data included in this report demonstrates that the Stephenville Police Department has complied with the Texas Racial Profiling Law and all of its requirements. Further, the report demonstrates that the police department has incorporated a comprehensive racial profiling policy, currently offers information to the public on how to file a compliment or complaint, commissions quarterly data audits in order to ensure validity and reliability, collects and commissions the analysis of tier 2 data, and ensures that the practice of racial profiling will not be tolerated.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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Doug Svien, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Staci L. King, City Secretary