



REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall Council Chambers, 298 West Washington Street
Tuesday, March 01, 2022 at 5:30 PM

MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Stephenville, Texas, convened on Tuesday, March 1, 2022, in the City Hall Council Chambers, for the purpose of a Regular 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

COUNCIL ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Brandon Huckabee

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 5:30 p.m.

PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Leann Durfey led the pledges of allegiance.

INVOCATION

PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

1. Presentation of Stephenville Police Department Lifesaving Awards

Dan Harris, Police Chief, recognized Officer Danna Parr and Sergeant Robert Moore.

"On September 23, 2021, at approximately 8:45pm, Officer Danna Parr and Sergeant Robert Moore of the Stephenville Police Department responded to a 911 call regarding an accidental self-inflicted gunshot wound. Upon their quick arrival, they found a young man critically injured and bleeding profusely from his leg.

They immediately performed lifesaving actions applying a tourniquet, stopping the bleeding, treating the victim for shock, and preparing him for EMS arrival. He would ultimately survive his injury. The medical professionals treating him would advise that he could not have lost one more pint of blood.

The heroic actions of Officer Parr and Sergeant Moore are exemplary of the top-notch professionalism of the men and women of the Stephenville Police Department.”

Dr. James Hurley presented Officers Parr and Moore with a Tarleton State University President’s Honor Coin.

2. Tarleton State University Update from Dr. James Hurley, President

Dr. Hurley began by thanking the City of Stephenville for their partnership with the university and sharing demographic information about the student body.

- 97% of students are from Texas
- Tarleton ranks third in student body representation from each of the 254 counties in Texas, behind the University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M University in College Station
- 54% of Tarleton students are first-generation learners
- Applications are up 16% and currently acceptance is up 12%

Dr. Hurley and Ms. Lori Beaty gave updates on multiple projects at the university, to include:

- New aquatics facility – estimated completion and opening in 45 to 60 days
- Improvements to softball, baseball, football, and track facilities
- Parking garage with retail space at Washington and Saint Felix Streets
 - 600 space parking garage
 - First floor retail space to include the only full-service Buffalo Wild Wings located on a university campus, new home to the university bookstore for easier access, and an additional 3,000 square foot space.
- New Health Science facility - \$85 million facility that will offer education for Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Physician Assistants with the goal of increasing health care accessibility in rural areas
- Hotel and Convocation Center – the proposed 7,500 seat facility will allow Tarleton more opportunities within Division I, while also providing a space for non-athletic entertainment such as concerts.

CITIZENS GENERAL DISCUSSION

No one came forward to address the council.

PARKS AND LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE

Daron Trussell, Chair

3. Committee Report - February 15, 2022

Daron Trussell, chair, gave the committee report.

4. Consider Approval of an Ordinance Amending the City of Stephenville Code of Ordinances by the addition of Chapter 97 *Municipal Parks, Facilities, and Cemeteries*

This item was removed from the agenda for further review.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Alan Nix, Chair

5. Committee Report - February 15, 2022

Alan Nix, chair, gave the committee report.

6. Consider Approval of Amendment No. 5 with Waste Connections for the Collections, Hauling, and Disposal of Municipal Solid Waste and Construction and Demolition Waste

MOTION by Alan Nix, second by Justin Haschke, to approve Amendment No. 5 to the Waste Connections Contract. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous vote.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Gerald Cook, Chair

7. Nominations Committee Report – February 15, 2022

Gerald Cook, chair, gave the committee report.

8. Consider Approval of Appointments to Citizen Boards and Commissions

MOTION by Gerald Cook, second by Alan Nix to make the following appointments:

Planning and Zoning Commission, Place 7 - Tom Hines

Board of Adjustment, Alternate 1 – Matthew Miller

MOTION CARRIED by unanimous vote.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Ricky Thurman, Chair

9. Committee Report - February 15, 2022

Ricky Thurman, chair, gave the committee report.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Monica Harris, Director of Finance

10. Monthly Budget Report for the Period Ending January 31, 2022

Monica Harris, Director of Finance, gave the following report:

In reviewing the financial statements ending January 31, 2022, the financial indicators are overall as or better than anticipated.

Property Tax - We received \$2.99 million in property taxes in the month of January, resulting in \$4K or .07% increase over funds collected last fiscal year to date. The amount collected is 92.58% of budget, which is 0.57% or \$38K less than anticipated.

Sales Tax - We received \$654K in sales tax in January, resulting in \$377K or 15.79% more than the funds collected last fiscal year to date. The amount collected is 37.82% of the \$7.3 million budgeted, which is 4.28% higher than anticipated.

Revenue (Budgetary comparison) - The target budget for operating revenue is \$13.3 million. We received \$14.5 million in operating revenue fiscal year to date, resulting in \$1.2 million over the target budget due to sales taxes, service charges, and other income.

Expenditures (Budgetary comparison) - The target budget for operating expenditures is \$7.7 million. We expended \$6.8 million in operating expenditures fiscal year to date, resulting in \$919K under the target budget.

Revenue (Prior year comparison) - Operating revenue received last year was \$12.9 million as compared to the current year's \$14.5 million, resulting in a \$1.6 million increase due to property tax, sales taxes, franchise taxes, hotel occupancy taxes, sports venue taxes, service charges, and other income.

Expenditures (Prior year comparison) - Operating expenditures last year were \$6.9 million as compared to the current year's \$6.8 million, resulting in a \$74K decrease, which relates to repair of the public safety building in the prior year.

STEPHENVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REPORT

Jeff Sandford, Executive Director

Jeff Sandford, Executive Director, SEDA, gave updates on economic development in the city.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 11. Approve Minutes - February 1, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting**
- 12. Approve Minutes - February 15, 2022 Special City Council Meeting**
- 13. Assessment Resolution for Steering Committee of Cities Served by Atmos Energy**
- 14. Assessment Resolution for Steering Committee of Cities Served by Oncor**

MOTION by Justin Haschke, second by Ricky Thurman, to approve the consent agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous vote.

COMMENTS BY CITY MANAGER

- Tuesday, March 15 - Council Committee Meetings**
- Tuesday, April 5 - Regular City Council Meeting**

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

LeAnn Durfey congratulated the Stephenville baseball team on their first alumni game; she said it was a great opportunity to catch up with old friends. She also encouraged people to go vote if they hadn't already done so.

Justin Haschke also reminded people to go vote and enjoy the activities happening downtown.

Alan Nix wished his wife, Jan, a very happy birthday.

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:

- 15. Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney - Pending or Contemplated Litigation - Opioid Settlement**
- 16. Section 551.087 Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations - Project Crossing**

ACTION TAKEN ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION, IF NECESSARY

- 15. Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney - Pending or Contemplated Litigation - Opioid Settlement**

MOTION by Justin Haschke, second by Alan Nix to approve the Opioid Settlement as discussed in executive session. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous vote.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

/s/ Doug Svien
Doug Svien, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Staci L. King
Staci L. King, City Secretary