

Minutes

City Council – Regular City Council Meeting

CITY OF SIMONTON

February 20, 2024

This is a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the City Council – Regular Meeting of the Simonton City Council held on February 20, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order

A quorum was present with the following City Councilmembers in attendance:
Laurie Boudreaux, Courtney Cox, Burns Turner, Faith Haley, Justin Boudreau, and Kelli Matula

City Staff present:

Interim City Secretary Janie Willman
Olson and Olson Attorney Philip Boedeker

Public Present:

Dan McJunkin
Oscar Lopez
Abbie Ferguson
Barb Minton

2. Invocation and Pledge

Mayor Boudreaux gave the invocation.
Mayor Boudreaux led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public Comments

In accordance with Texas Open Meetings Act and Texas Government Code 551.007, City Council may not discuss or take action on any item NOT listed on the Agenda. Each member of the public wishing to speak must sign-up prior to the meeting and is limited to 3 minutes.

There were no speakers to address the City Council.

4. Consider and take action on the Consent Agenda

Items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered routine and are generally enacted in one motion. The exception to this rule occurs when a Council Member requests one or more items removed from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion and action.

- a. Draft City Council Meeting Minutes of Special Session Meeting, February 6, 2024
- b. Draft City Council Meeting Minutes of Regular Meeting, February 6, 2024
- c. Draft City Council Meeting Minutes of Special Session Meeting, February 13, 2024

Motion by Council Member Matula to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented.
Council Member Turner seconded the motion.

Ayes: Five

Noes: None
Motion Passed.

Present and not voting except in the event of a tie: Mayor Boudreaux.

5. New Business

- a. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2024-04, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Simonton, Texas, Authorizing the Adoption of the 2024 Fort Bend County Hazard Mitigation Action Plan Update

Mayor Boudreaux explained the attached Resolution authorizes the confirmation of the City of Simonton's participation by adding its Hazard Mitigation Action Plan to form part of Fort Bend County's Hazard Mitigation Action Plan along with other participating jurisdictions.

Motion by Council Member Matula to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented. Council Member Haley seconded the motion.

Ayes: Five
Noes: None
Motion Passed.

Present and not voting except in the event of a tie: Mayor Boudreaux.

- b. Consider and approve CAD Exemptions to be factored into next Fiscal Year Taxation and Budgeting Process.
The Fort Bend Tax Assessor Collector's Office was notified by the Fort Bend Appraisal District to submit the 2024 adopted exemptions. The City has been asked to send a copy of the Resolution or Ordinance by February 23 with any changes.

Mayor Boudreaux explained the purpose of this agenda item is to ensure that the City Council is aware that the City already provides the following tax exemptions:
Homestead Exemptions
Age 65 or older or disabled
Disabled Veterans

Motion by Council Member Turner to confirm the continuance of the same tax exemptions currently authorized by the City of Simonton. Council Member Cox seconded the motion.

Ayes: Five
Noes: None
Motion Passed.

Present and not voting except in the event of a tie: Mayor Boudreaux.

- c. Consider and take action on e-Code 360 Project; accept City Attorney Recommendations and Authorize Release of Project to e-Code.

City Attorney Philip Boedeker completed his review. All the revisions of the ordinances reviewed have been uploaded. It was noted for the public's information that the City Council met in Special Sessions on February 6 and 13 to complete the review work.

The Mayor called for a motion authorizing the City Attorney to release the Project to e-Code in time to meet the March 11 deadline.

Motion by Council Member Cox authorizing the City Attorney to release the Project to e-Code in time to meet the March 11 deadline. Council Member Boudreau seconded the motion.

Ayes: Five
Noes: None
Motion Passed.

Present and not voting except in the event of a tie: Mayor Boudreaux.

- d. Consider and take action authorizing the Mayor to obtain Professional Recruitment Services for the Positions of City Administrator and City Secretary

Mayor Boudreaux detailed the City's continuous advertisements and efforts for the positions in the City. Updated information using social media has been that the City of Simonton is still searching for the positions of City Administrator and City Secretary. Information is also to be found on the Latest News posting on the City website.

This item was placed on the agenda to determine if the City Council is open to obtaining professional recruitment services. The Mayor expressed her appreciation for trying to find interested candidates.

There was brief discussion related to the costs that could be incurred for contracting with such a service.

The City Council expressed its consensus to authorize the Mayor to investigate what options are available for cost.

6. Reports

Mayor.

- a. Personnel Recruitment Update. The results of recruitment were covered in Agenda Item 5.d.
- b. Slate of Candidates for City of Simonton Mayor and Two At Large City Council Positions in the May 4, 2024 General Election. There is one candidate for Mayor; Laurie Boudreaux. There are three candidates for two At Large City Council Positions; Justin Boudreau, Kelli Matula, and Daniel McJunkin. The drawing for the order of the names on the Ballot is Monday, February 26 here at City Hall at 5 p.m.
- c. [Interim City Secretary Note. Item c. was inadvertently left off of the Agenda during a formatting change.]
- d. ARPA Project Update, Bids to be Opened on February 22 at 10 a.m. at Simonton City Council Chambers

City Engineer Craig Kalkomey notified the City that he had a bidder get a late start. Although, the City is under no requirement to make adjustments for internal process problems, it was recommended that the City push the bid date to next week to do what we can to maximize the chances for good quality bids. We are not obligated to push the bid date at the requests of any contractor. I agreed to ensure that the chances on a job our size gets good quality bids. The new date and time for bids to be in is Wednesday, January 28, before 10 a.m.

e. Fund View 5 Percent Increase; City Council Email Report

Mayor Boudreaux reported the dollar amount of the 5 percent increase due on October 1, 2024 is \$342.97.

7. Adjournment

The Mayor adjourned the City Council Meeting at 7:02 p.m. without objection.

Respectfully submitted,


Lanni Boudreaux

Mayor


Jamie Fulmer

Interim City Secretary