

Minutes

Regular City Council Meeting, a Public Hearing on the FY 2018-2019 City Budget and a Public Hearing on the proposed 2018-2019 Ad Valorem Tax Rate

CITY OF SIMONTON

Tuesday, September 18, 2018

This is a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting, a Public Hearing on the FY 2018-2019 City Budget and a Public Hearing on the proposed 2018-2019 Ad Valorem Tax Rate Meeting of the Simonton City Council held on Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 6:30 PM.

1. **Call to Order. Mayor Boudreaux called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM. A quorum was present:**
 - Mayor Laurie Boudreaux, Councilmember Sandy Bohannon, Councilmember Jake Davis, Councilmember Shae Butts, Councilmember Stacey Gootee**
 - Council Members absent: Mayor Pro Tem Young**
 - City Staff present: City Administrator Jennifer Jones Ward, City Secretary Erica Molina**
 - Public Present: Stefan Sear, Bill Knesek, Janet Griffin, Barb Minton, Kevin Malo, Jeff Nelson, Sheri Buck, Kristi Smith, Andrew Van Chau**
2. **Invocation and Pledge led by Councilmember Jake Davis**
3. **Public Comments None**
4. **Consider and take action on the Consent Agenda:**
 - a. Approve Minutes from the Regular City Council Meeting August 21, 2018
 - b. Approve the 2018-2019 budget for the Simonton Development Corporation (4B)
 - c. Approve 2018-2019 budget for the Simonton Development Corporation (4A)
 - d. Approve cost of repairs for the Air Conditioning for City Hall
 - e. Approve Interlocal Agreement to join TIPS Buying Cooperative
 - f. Approve Emergency Operations Committee's recommendation of candidate for appointment to fill the Board vacancy.
 - g. Approve to adopt ordinance 2018-07 for the City's participation in the Texas Municipal Retirement System

Motion by Councilmember Davis to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Gootee seconded.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Passed

5. New Business

a. Consider and take action on approving the bid received through RFP for new network system for city hall.

Motion by Councilmember Gootee to approve the bid received through RFP for new network from Square 3 Information Technology Services. Councilmember Davis seconded.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Passed

b. Consider and take action on approving bid for new website development.

Motion by Councilmember Butts to approve the bid for new website development from provider civic plus.. Councilmember Bohannon seconded.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Passed

d. Open Public Hearing on the proposed FY 2018-2019 City Budget

Opened at 6:48pm. City Administrator Jennifer Jones Ward went over some of the big ticket budget items that will provide the ability for the city to tackle some major capital improvement projects in the upcoming fiscal year.

e. Take public comments on proposed FY 2018-2019 City Budget

Questions on some budget items by Kevin Malo, Barb Minton and Sheri Buck.

f. Close Public Hearing on the proposed FY 2018-2019 City Budget

Closed at 7:03pm.

g. Consider and take action to adopt the FY 2018-2019 City Budget

Motion by Councilmember Butts to approve and accept the FY 2018-2019 City Budget. Councilmember Gootee seconded.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Passed

h. Open Public Hearing on the proposed 2018-2019 Ad Valorem Tax Rate

Opened at 7:04pm.

i. Take public comments on the proposed 2018-2019 Ad Valorem Tax Rate

No public comments.

j. Close Public hearing on the proposed 2018-2019 Ad Valorem Tax Rate

Closed at 7:05pm.

k. Consider and take action to adopt the 2018-2019 Ad Valorem Tax Rate
Motion by Councilmember Bohannon to approve and adopt the 2018-2019 Ad Valorem Tax Rate at .24. Councilmember Gootee seconded.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Passed

l. Consider and take action on Ordinance No. 2018-06: Ad Valorem Ordinance
Motion by Councilmember Gootee to approve Ordinance 2018-06: Ad Valorem Ordinance. Councilmember Butts seconded.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Passed

6. Consider and take action to adjourn into Executive Session: City Council Adjourned into Executive session **NOT APPLICABLE**

7. Reconvene in Open Session. Council reconvened in Open Session at **NOT APPLICABLE**

8. Consider and take action resulting from Executive Session: **NOT APPLICABLE**

9. Reports

- a. Mayor's Report **Drainage Update** which was covered during meeting. **Accolades for Roby Tate and the FBC Road and Bridge Crew**
- b. City Administrator's Report **Informed Council on potential involvement on rails to trails project in future. Talked to council about supportive documents and best way to get information for council's review before a meeting. Touched on blackboard participation and ditch clean up.**
- c. Council Member's Report **this was introduced to council tonight. Will be on all agendas in the future to give council members the chance to share updates or pertinent information.**

Adjournment.

Motion by Councilmember Davis to adjourn at 7:16 PM. Councilmember Butts seconded.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Passed

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Boudreaux

Mayor Laurie Boudreaux

Erica Molina

City Secretary Erica Molina