

Minutes

City Council – Regular City Council Meeting

CITY OF SIMONTON

February 6, 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 6, 2024 at 6:33 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
Kristi Smith

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.

The following persons addressed the City Council:

Mr. Craig Kalkomey, Boy Scout Troop 1880, Mr. Jett Gardner, Boy Scout Troop 1000, introducing his Flag Retirement Box Eagle Scout Project. Mr. Kalkomey informed the City Council that this was a project started in 2023 with former City Administrator Jennifer Jones Ward, former City Secretary Erica Molina, and himself. The Box will be constructed and placed outside of Simonton City Hall to allow for the capture of flags to be retired in accordance with accepted standards.

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. Approve Draft Minutes of January 23, 2024 Special City Council Meeting.
- b. Ratify ARPA Expansion of City Hall Bidding Process and Schedule

- c. Approve Resolution 2024-02, A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Simonton, Texas, Adopting The Schedule Of Fees For Construction Permits And Inspections Under Chapter Eight (8) Of The Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Simonton, Texas.
- d. Approve Ordinance 2024-01, An Ordinance Of The City Of Simonton, Texas, Providing For The Holding Of A General Election On May 4, 2024, For The Purpose Of Electing A Mayor And Two (2) At Large Council Members (Alderman)
- e. Approve Resolution 2024-03, A Resolution Of The City Of Simonton, Texas, Approving Execution Of A Contract With Fort Bend County Elections Administrator For A Joint Election.

Motion by Council Member Cox to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented. 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.

5. New Business

- a. Introduction of Tara Racer of Growth Accounting. Mayor Boudreaux announced that Ms. Tara Racer would not be present this evening.
- b. Executive Session Pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code for purposes of Consultation with Legal Counsel (Section 551.071) regarding
 - 1. Personnel (Section 551.074) regarding the regarding the Appointment, Employment, and Duties of the City Administrator.
 - 2. Deliberations (Section 551.087) Regarding Economic Development Negotiations to deliberate the commercial or financial information related to a business in the City of Simonton within the City's boundaries and ETJ
 - 3. Legal issues concerning Fort Bend Subsidence District Settlement Offer

Reconvene into Open Session

The City Council reconvened into Open Session at 8:17 p.m.

The City Council took the following actions arising from Executive Session:

5.b.1 Personnel Matters. Motion by Council Member Matula to direct the Mayor to negotiate with the candidate to make an offer within the amount as recommended by City Council in Executive Session. Council Member Cox made the second.

Ayes: Five

Noes: None

Motion Passed.

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

5.b.2. Deliberations Regarding Economic Development. There was no action taken.

5.b.3. Legal issues concerning Fort Bend Subsidence District Settlement Offer.
Authorize the Mayor to pay Fort Bend Subsidence District Settlement Offer of \$1,630.

Consider and take action on a Contract with Tara Racer of Growth Accounting.

Motion by Council Member Turner to pay \$650 per month on a Contract with Tara Racer of Growth Accounting. Council Member Boudreau made the second.

Ayes: Five
Noes: None
Motion Passed.

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

6. Reports

a. Mayor

a.1. CenterPoint Energy Notice of Intent to File Application to Adjust Retail and Wholesale Delivery of Electricity

a.2. Fund View Software – Notice of Annual Rate Adjustment. Mayor Boudreaux announced the City received a notice from Fund View of a 5 percent increase beginning the new fiscal year on October 1, 2024. Council Member / Mayor Pro Tem Cox asked for the amount that the 5 percent increase represents. Mayor Boudreaux indicated she would provide the information to the City Council at the next meeting.

a.3. Personnel Recruitment Update. Mayor Boudreaux informed the City Council that a new financial specialist will start working the part-time hours previously worked by Ms. Julie Watts within the next few days.

a.4. Updates to City of Simonton Personnel Policy. No announcements were made on the progress of volunteer City Council Members reviewing recommended city policies.

a.5. Date of Next CPAC Meeting on Thursday, February 29, 2024. The City Council asked for the time of the meeting.

b. City Staff

c. City Council. No reports.

7. Adjournment

The Mayor adjourned the City Council Meeting at 8:23 p.m. without objection.

Respectfully submitted,



Mayor


Interim City Secretary