

## **Minutes**

City Council – Special Session City Council Meeting

CITY OF SIMONTON

September 26, 2023

This is a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the City Council – Special Session Meeting of the Simonton City Council held on September 26, 2023, at 6:30 P.M.

1. Call to Order

**A quorum was present with all City Council Members in attendance:**

**Laurie Boudreaux, Courtney Cox, Burns Turner, Faith Haley, Justin Boudreau, Kelli Matula**

**City Staff and other presenters:**

City Financial Specialist Julie Watts

Interim City Secretary Janie Willman

**Public Present:**

Susan LaDart

2. Invocation and Pledge

Mayor Laurie Boudreaux delivered the Invocation.

Mayor Laurie Boudreaux led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public Comments

Ms. Susan LaDart addressed the City Council commenting on the decorum of the City Council. She noted the City Attorney expenses need to be reduced and that effective staff are needed.

4. New Business

- a. Discussion and action to approve \$0.300000 as the Maintenance & Operations portion of the 2023 Ad Valorem Tax Rate. (Record Vote)

Motion by Councilmember / Mayor Pro Tem Cox to approve \$0.300000 as the Maintenance & Operations portion of the 2023 Ad Valorem Tax Rate.

Councilmember Haley seconded the motion.

The City Council conducted the Record Vote by Roll Call as follows:

Councilmember / Mayor Pro Tem Cox	Yes
Councilmember Matula	No
Councilmember Haley	Yes
Councilmember Boudreau	Yes
Councilmember Turner	Yes

Mayor Boudreaux was present but did not vote as the Mayor only votes in the event of a tie.

Motion passed.

- b. Discussion and action to approve \$0.000000 as the Debt Service portion of the 2023 Ad Valorem Tax Rate. (Record Vote)

Motion by Councilmember Boudreau to approve \$0.000000 as the Debt Service portion of the 2023 Ad Valorem Tax Rate. Councilmember Turner seconded the motion.

The City Council conducted the Record Vote by Roll Call as follows:

Councilmember / Mayor Pro Tem Cox	Yes
Councilmember Matula	Yes
Councilmember Haley	Yes
Councilmember Boudreau	Yes
Councilmember Turner	Yes

Mayor Boudreaux was present but did not vote as the Mayor only votes in the event of a tie.

Motion passed.

- c. Discussion and action to approve Ordinance 2023-005: An Ordinance of the City of Simonton to adopt and levy the 2023 Ad Valorem Tax Rate of \$0.30000 per one hundred dollars of valuation. (Record Vote)

Motion by Councilmember Turner to approve Ordinance 2023-005: An Ordinance of the City of Simonton to adopt and levy the 2023 Ad Valorem Tax Rate of \$0.30000 per one hundred dollars of valuation. Councilmember / Mayor Pro Tem Cox seconded the motion.

The City Council conducted the Record Vote by Roll Call Vote as follows:

Councilmember / Mayor Pro Tem Cox	For
Councilmember Matula	No
Councilmember Haley	For
Councilmember Boudreau	For
Councilmember Turner	For

Mayor Boudreaux was present but did not vote as the Mayor only votes in the event of a tie.

Motion passed.

- d. Consider and take action on request for replacement and refurbishment of Christmas Decorations from Keep Simonton Beautiful.  
Karen Sabrsula-Long of the Keep Simonton Beautiful Committee addressed the City Council regarding request of \$3,500 for new Christmas decorations. Mayor Boudreaux briefed the City Council on this history of the Christmas decorations, including the work done by volunteers demonstrating further savings to the City of Simonton. She identified funding sources in the current Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget Community Outreach. Following brief discussion by City Council, the City Council took action.

Motion by Councilmember Turner to approve the \$3,500 expenditure authorizing the Keep Simonton Beautiful Committee to purchase new Christmas decorations. Councilmember Matula seconded the motion.

Ayes: Five

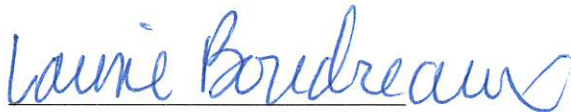
Noes: None

Motion Passed.

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

5. Reports. Mayor Boudreaux thanked Brett Boudreaux for moving the City's newly acquired hoses and a tree that was knocked down in last evening's storm out of the roadway.
6. Adjournment. Mayor Boudreaux adjourned the meeting without objection at 6:44 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**



Mayor



Interim City Secretary