

Minutes

City Council – Special City Council Meeting

CITY OF SIMONTON

October 1, 2024

This is a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the City Council – Special Meeting of the Simonton City Council held on October 1, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

1. **Call to Order at 6:30 p.m.**

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

City Staff present:

City Secretary Nanci Mohr
City Finance Specialist Julie Watts
Olson and Olson Attorney Philip Boedeker

Public Present:

Dan McJunkin and Oscar Lopez.

2. **Invocation and Pledge**

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

3. **Public Comments**

None.

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.

5. **New Business**

a. **Budget Adjustment FY 2023-2024.**

Mayor Boudreaux provided a detailed description of the necessary proposed budget adjustments. A discussion ensued regarding encumbered funds, interest income and transfers from EDC A and EDC B as they relate to the budget adjustments. Mayor Boudreaux also indicated that ARPA funds are grant money and were not previously allocated on the financial statement. City Finance Specialist Julie Watts explained the difference between the Human Resources and Payroll categories. Keep Simonton

Beautiful (KSB) categories were discussed, and City Finance Specialist Julie Watts explained the KSB transfers. It was also noted that Keep Simonton Beautiful does not have interest income as it is an operating account.

Motion by Council Member/Pro Tem Courtney Cox to table the 2023-2024 budget adjustments. Motion seconded by Council Member Faith Haley.

Ayes: Two (Cox and Haley)

Noes: Three (Matula, Boudreau and Turner)

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

Motion failed.

Motion by Council Member Justin Boudreau to pass the 2023-2024 budget adjustments including Ordinance 2024-08 - An Ordinance Amending the Budget of the City of Simonton, Texas for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2023 and Ending September 30, 2024; Containing Findings and Provisions Relating to the Subject and Declaring an Emergency. Seconded by Council Member Kelli Matula.

Ayes: Three (Matula, Boudreau and Turner)

Noes: Two (Cox and Haley)

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

Motion passed.

b. Budget Adjustment FY 2024-2025.

Mayor Boudreaux and City Finance Specialist Julie Watts explained how the telephone and internet categories were coded. City Attorney Philip Boedeker stated that additional ordinances will be required for transfers in the future.

c. Discussion and action to approve CenterPoint Energy 2025 Compliance Tariffs.

Mayor Boudreaux explained that a challenge has been made to the rider calculation and that action on this item was not recommended per the September 30, 2024 email from Jamie Maudlin, Principal at Llyod Gosselink.

d. Discussion and action to approve Tent Rental funding for Simonton Christmas Roundup.

Council Member Kelli Matula spoke to an increase in vendors as an example of why the tent is required. Mayor Boudreaux requested that Council approve the cost as there are no KSB funds in the budget.

Ayes: Five

Noes: None

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

Motion passed unanimously.

6. Adjourn to Executive Session
Section 551.071 - Consultation with Legal Counsel

Executive Session was not held.

7. Reconvene to Open Session

Council did not reconvene as Executive Session was not held.

8. Consider and take action resulting from Executive Session.

None.

9. Reports
 - a. *Mayor*

Mayor Boudreaux reported that construction is underway and paid kudos to Boettcher Hlavinka for their efforts to date.

- b. *City Attorney* – none.
- c. *City Staff* – none.
- d. *City Council*

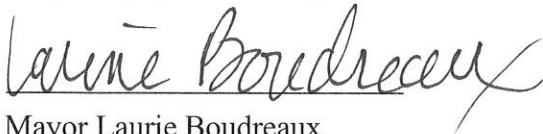
Council Member Kelli Matula reminded the community of the October 6, 2024 Trash Out and the need for volunteers with tractors to assist with debris removal.

10. **Next City Council Meeting is on October 22, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.**

11. **Adjournment**

Mayor Boudreaux adjourned the City Council Meeting at 7:39 p.m. without objection.

Respectfully submitted,



Mayor Laurie Boudreaux



Nanci Mohr, City Secretary

