

Minutes

City Council – Regular City Council Meeting

CITY OF SIMONTON

April 15, 2025

This is a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the City Council – Regular Meeting of the Simonton City Council held on April 15, 2025 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 Carlson, Courtney Cox; Laurie Boudreaux, Faith Haley, Justin Boudreau and Burns Turner

City Staff present:

City Attorney Philip Boedeker

City Secretary Nanci Mohr

City Finance Julie Watts

Public Present:

Kristi Smith, Eric Duhon, Dan McJunkin, Kenneth Haley, CJ Ferguson, Andy Perry, J. Hakala, Louise Plowman, Dub Sabrsula, Angela King, Jeff Nelson, Kevin Malo, Tom Ward, Terrie Ward and Susan LaDart.

2. Invocation and Pledge

Mayor Boudreaux gave the invocation.

Mayor Boudreaux led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public Comments

Andy Perry spoke regarding his vested interest in the community, the need for truth, that truth will prevail (John 8:32), and the cost of attorneys' fees.

4. Monthly Financial Council Report "How To" Presentation.

Mayor Boudreaux provided a report detailing the alignment of receipts with the line items on the Council Report. Council Member/Pro Tem Courtney Cox questioned why some of the bills were missing (Peacock, Making the Cut and Abbie Ferguson); Mayor Boudreaux stated that some of the bills came in late.

5. 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.

d. Revenue and Expense Report – February 2025.

Council Member Faith Haley asked questions regarding discrepancies between Revenue and Expense Report budgets versus online budget as to health insurance, technology, bank charges (not being on the budget at all), payroll tax expenses, 0.25% sales tax, and EDC 4B sales tax. Council Member Haley also asked a question regarding interest remaining from New First and CDARS. Mayor Boudreaux stated these items need to be checked. City Finance Julie Watts stated that she will need to review all of these issues and provide direction as Revenue and Expense is not the actual budget. Council Member Courtney Cox also questioned interest-level income (page 3 of the report regarding TexPool and CDARS accounts). Council Member Faith Haley asked where is all of the interest?

Motion by Council Member Faith Haley to table the Revenue and Expense Report – February 2025. Seconded by Council Member/Pro Tem Courtney Cox.

Ayes: Three (Haley, Cox, Turner)

Noes: Two (Carlson and Boudreau)

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

Motion passed. **TABLED to next month.**

6. New Business

- a. Presentation by Brandi Crone and Tommy Kuykendall on behalf of the Fort Bend County Emergency Services District #4 (ESD#4)/Fulshear-Simonton Fire Department regarding a petition received by ESD#4 regarding annexation into the district.

Presentation by Tommy Kuykendall and Brandi Crone regarding the area of proposed annexation (Proposition A and Proposition B) in the May 3, 2025 election.

- b. Consider and take action regarding Capital Improvement Plan roadwork requests.

Mayor Boudreaux provided a list and a map showing the roads which are to be repaired, and which roads should be delayed. Mayor Boudreaux stated the recommendation is to delay Canyon and Custer as other roads are in much worse shape, and that she would like to ask Fort Bend Road and Bridge to get started on the roadwork. Council Member/Pro Tem Courtney Cox stated that the MITMOD grant requires the City's audits and inquired as to the audit whereabouts. Mayor Boudreaux stated that audits are not on this agenda.

Motion by Kelli Carlson to delay/remove Canyon and Custer from the project list and replace with Bridle or Ranchero (with decision assistance from Fort Bend County Road and Bridge and/or LJA Engineering). Seconded by Council Member Burns Turner.

by Ryan Fortner of RMS and that RMS recovered less than half of the revenue it recovered the year before. Council Member Kelli Carlson stated that RMS could assist with the post office mapping debacle in Simonton and why would we cut them loose and lose the resource? Council Member Faith Haley stated that if after all these years Simonton's sales tax is still going to Wallis, then RMS is not doing its job. Council Member/Pro Tem Courtney Cox pointed out the significant loss in revenues versus what the City pays for the service.

Motion by Council Member/Pro Tem Courtney Cox to revisit contract with Revenue Management Services. Motion dies for a lack of a second.

Granicus: Mayor Boudreaux stated that she has called Granicus so that she can bring more information into the discussion. Council Member Burns Turner asked if we use the service. Mayor Boudreaux stated that we have not used the service since City Secretary Nanci Mohr started, stating that Ms. Mohr has not had all the training and that we have not received good customer service, but feels it is worth a discussion. Council Member Burns Turner asked why we are paying \$3,700 for something we are not using when City Secretary Nanci Mohr is making the agendas. Mayor Boudreaux stated that City Secretary Nanci Mohr was making the agendas in Word and that it was very manual. Council Member Burns Turner asked City Secretary Nanci Mohr "what do you think?" City Secretary Nanci Mohr stated that Interim Secretary Janie Willman used Granicus maybe once (to her knowledge), that she (Nanci Mohr) had used it maybe once and that honestly, it was faster for her to create the agendas in Word.

Motion by Council Member Faith Haley to cancel the services of Granicus. Seconded by Council Member Courtney Cox.

Ayes: Five

Noes: None

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- h. Consider and take action to appoint Special Counsel and to remove Olson & Olson LLP as City Counsel.

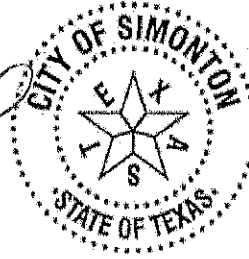
Mayor Boudreaux struck this item from the agenda, stating that the item was improperly added, that she believes City Secretary Nanci Mohr was intimidated into adding the item to the agenda, and that Council may request items to be added through her (the Mayor). Council Member Courtney Cox denied this accusation, stated it was properly added and that she is trying to protect the City and Olson & Olson (City Attorneys). Mayor Boudreaux stated the City would be without a City Attorney if Council fired Olson & Olson. Mayor Boudreaux and Council Member/Pro Tem Courtney Cox requested that City Attorney Phil Boedeker weigh in on the issue. City Attorney Phil Boedeker stated that the agenda is set by the Mayor unless a policy is created.

6. Next City Council Meeting date is scheduled for May 20, 2025.
7. Adjournment
Mayor Boudreaux adjourned the City Council Meeting at 8:01 p.m. without objection.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Boudreaux

Mayor Laurie Boudreaux



Nanci Mohr, City Secretary