

Minutes

City of Simonton City Council – Special Meeting – Public Hearing – Tax Rate

September 23, 2025

This is a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the City of Simonton City Council –Special Meeting – Public Hearing – Tax Rate held on September 23, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order at 5:30 p.m.

A quorum was present with the following City Council members in attendance: Laurie Boudreaux, Justin Boudreau, Eric Duhon, Kelli Carlson, and Andrew Perry. Angela King was not present.

City Staff Present:

Public Present: *Dan McJunkin, Kristi Smith, Sheryl Duhon, and Courtney Cox*

2. Invocation and Pledge

Mayor led the invocation and pledge.

3. Public Comments

Sheryl Duhon – Stated that she would like to apologize to Courtney Faith Burns and Daniel for not being there for them in past years. Stated that the silent majority does matter.

Kristi Smith – wants to thank council for their service and work on the budget and thank you to Andy for honoring the life of Charlie Kirk. And spoke to the past and what the community wanted done with the budget.

4. Public Hearing on the 2025 Ad Valorem No-New Revenue Tax Rate of \$0.281183 per \$100

a. Open

Dan McJunkin – (agreed to 5 minute time limit) Spoke about how he thinks the council and legal council do not follow the law and he thinks that it is wrong that the

Courtney Cox = spoke about SB1851 and that the attorney is not guiding the council properly, and requests to know what Senators Andrew Perry spoke to. She states that the law applies to everyone, and that the no new tax revenue rate is incorrect on the agenda.

b. Public comments

c. Close

5. New Business

- a. Discussion and action to approve \$0.281183 as the Maintenance & Operations portion of the 2025 Ad Valorem Tax Rate (Record Vote).

Motion made by Kelli Carlson that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.281183 which is effectively a 3.76% increase in the tax rate. Seconded by Justin Boudreau.

Discussion by Eric Duhon speaking about the way that tax rate meeting was conducted last year. Ending by stating that he thinks the 27 cent tax rate is what should be voted for because he does not want any chance of the government coming back on the city.

Discussion by Andrew Perry about how the budget was presented last year and the issues that were present then as well.

Kelli Carlson – Aye

Andrew Perry – Aye

Justin Boudreau – Aye

Eric Duhon – Noe

Motion passes.

- b. Discussion and action to approve \$0.000000 as the Debt Service portion of the 2025 Ad Valorem Tax Rate (Record Vote).

Motion made by Andrew Perry to approve the 0.000000 as the debt service portion of the 2025 Ad Valorem Tax Rate. Seconded by Justin Boudreau.

Kelli Carlson – Aye

Andrew Perry – Aye

Justin Boudreau – Aye

Eric Duhon – Aye

Motion Passes.

- c. Discussion and action to approve Ordinance 2025-06 An Ordinance of the City of Simonton to adopt and levy the 2025 Ad Valorem Tax Rate of \$0.281183 per \$100 dollars of valuation (Record Vote). (*Ordinance Read by Mayor Laurie Boudreaux*)

Motion made by Justin Boudreau to approve Ordinance 2025-06 Simonton to adopt and levy the 2025 Ad Valorem Tax Rate of \$0.281183 per \$100. Seconded by Andrew Perry.

Kelli Carlson – Aye

Andrew Perry – Aye

Justin Boudreau – Aye

Eric Duhon – Aye

Motion passes.

6. Adjourn at 6:21 p.m.

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Laurie Boudreaux, Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cheyenne Graham". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Cheyenne Graham, City Secretary