

## Minutes

### City Council – Regular City Council Meeting

August 19, 2025

This is a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the City Council - Regular Meeting of the Simonton City Council held on August 19, 2025 at 6:45 p.m.

#### 1. Call to Order at 6:51 p.m.

A quorum was present with the following City Council Members in attendance: Eric M. Duhon, Angela King, Justin Boudreau, Laurie Boudreaux, and Andrew Perry.

Council Members not in attendance: Kelli Carlson

City Staff Present:

City Attorney Philip Boedeker

City Secretary Cheyenne Graham

City Staff Julie Watts

Public Present: Jeff Tomberlin, Sheryl Duhon, Faith Haley, Courtney Cox, Burns Turner,

\*\*\*, \*\*\* Illegible

#### 2. Invocation and Pledge

Mayor Boudreaux gave the invocation.

Mayor Boudreaux led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 3. Public Comments

Courtney Cox spoke about Audits and alleged illegal hiring.

#### 4. New Business

- a. Audit Presentation FY 2023-2024 by Natalie Ridley of Breedlove & Co. P.C.

Discussion held regarding details of the Audit. Natalie Ridley notified council that Breedlove & Co. P.C. has elected not to renew their contract with The City of Simonton.

*Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Justin Boudreau to approve FY 2024-2025 Audit.*

*Seconded by Council Member Andrew Perry.*

*Aye: Three (Perry, Boudreau, King)*

*Noes: One (Duhon)*

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

*Motion Passed.*

- b. Invoice from Breedlove for FY 2024-2025 Audit

Motion made by Council Member Andrew Perry to approve invoice from Breedlove for FY 2024-2025 Audit.

*Ayes: Four (Perry, Boudreau, King, Duhon)*

*Noes: None*

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

*Motion Passed.*

- c. General Land Office MIT-MOD Grant agreement  
*(withdrawn by Council Member Duhon)*
- d. Received 2025 Tax Year Appraisal Roll and New Property Value  
*No action.*
- e. Consider and take possible action for the City to cover legal costs incurred by a city employee in the performance of their official capacity and to have said costs come from City's budgeted line item for legal expenses. In the amount of \$1526.26  
Discussion between said employee, city council, and legal counsel.  
*Motion was made by Councilmember Eric Duhon to pay the expense as listed for \$1526.26 to Mrs. Watts. No Second.*  
*Motion Dies, lack of a second.*  
Further discussion, about if the motion is made in executive session or in public session, and the process that should be followed going forward is if there are any other attorney fees incurred. It must be pre-approved by council.  
*Motion made by Councilmember Andrew Perry to approve a one-time payment of \$1526.26 with the stipulation that any further action or payments must be pre-approved by council. Second by Councilmember Eric Duhon.*  
*Ayes: Four (Perry, Boudreau, King, Duhon)*  
*Noe: None*  
*Present and not voting except in the event of a tie: Mayor Laurie Boudreaux.*  
*Motion Passed*
- f. Receive Independent Contractor Agreement- Stacey Gootee  
Councilmember Eric Duhon calls a point of order. Passes out a document, states Mayor does not have the authority to hire or appoint any city employee without the majority approval of the City Council. Discussion between council and legal counsel. No action.
- g. Monthly Payment Report (Income) April 2025  
*Motion to approve Monthly Payment Report April 2025 made by Councilmember Duhon. Second by Mayor Pro Tem Justin Boudreau.*  
*Ayes: Four (Perry, Boudreau, King, Duhon)*  
*Noes: None*  
*Present and not voting except in the event of a tie: Mayor Laurie Boudreaux.*  
*Motion Passed*
- h. Monthly Revenue and Expense Report April 2025  
Discussion that they are provided with a financial statement which is essentially the same report, with more detail. Discussion about the specific differences.  
*Motion to approve April 2025 Financial Statement by Councilmember Angela King, second by Councilmember Andrew Perry.*

*Ayes: Four (Perry, Boudreau, King, Duhon)*

*Noes: None*

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

*Motion Passed*

**5. Consider and take possible action on the Consent Agenda**

**a. Minutes from June 17, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting**

Discussion by Councilmember Duhon to amend the June 17, 2025 meeting minutes to reflect public information requests made on 05/13 credit card receipts from January 18-Dec 23, 5/20 documents related to separation or termination, and 6/4 info regarding public improvement district.

*Motion made by Councilmember Duhon to approve meeting minutes from June 17, 2025 with appropriate revisions.*

*Ayes: Four (Perry, Boudreau, King Duhon)*

*Noes: None*

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

*Motion Passed*

**b. Minutes from July 15, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting**

Discussion by Councilmember Duhon to amend the July 15, 2025 meeting minutes to reflect public information requests made on 06/26 copy of employee handbook from 2018-2023, and 6/30 copy of Comp Plan and or Zoning Ordinance.

*Motion made to approve 5b to include those public information requests as stated.*

*Second by Angela King*

*Ayes: Four (Perry, Boudreau, King, Duhon)*

*Noes: None*

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

*Motion Passed*

**c. Minutes from August 5, 2025 Special City Council Meeting**

Discussion by Council Member Duhon to amend August 5, 2025 Special City Council Meeting to reflect public information requests made on 08/11, Mayor stated that these minutes are for the August 5, 2025 meetings and that is after the date.

*Motion by Councilmember Duhon to approve meeting minutes from August 5, 2025 Special City Council Meeting. Second by Mayor Pro Tem Justin Boudreau.*

*Ayes: Four (Perry, Boudreau, King, Duhon)*

*Noes: None*

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

*Motion Passed*

Items h - i

Discussion about flock cameras, and their locations.

*Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Justin Boudreau to approve consent agenda items h-i, second by Councilmember Andrew Perry.*

*Ayes: Four (Perry, Boudreau, King, Duhon)*

*Noes: None*

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

*Motion Passed*

Item from Executive Session moved to Open Meeting

Sec, 551.074 of the Texas Government Code Deliberation of the appointment, employment of a public officer or employee: Julie Watts.

*Employee states that she requested (via email) the cities policy on reasonable expectation of privacy and states that her belongings were removed from her desk without her knowledge, including personal and payroll documents and given to someone that doesn't have a contract with the city. States that this is the third time that things have been taken from her desk.*

*Mayor states that there were no personal items of the employees that were removed. If there was something personal, she has not been notified of what it was. What was removed was work product that does belong to the city (paperwork, invoices, checks, etc )*

*Discussion with legal counsel about expectations of privacy and that there is no policy for this at the City of Simonton.*

**5. Adjourn to Executive Session - Begin at 8:47 pm**

*Section 551.071 Consultation with Legal Counsel*

**6. Reconvene to Open Session at 9:31pm**

**7. Consider and take action from Executive Session – None.**

**8. Public Information Requests**

*a. For information only*

**9. Reports**

*a. Mayor*

*Budget Workshop #2 September 2, 2025 6:00pm*

*b. City Council*

*Section 1 is supposed to start at the end of August to start getting the trees trimmed, they are on the calendar for August 28<sup>th</sup> waiting on a PO from the county. Discussion on how payments are made and who shares in the payments.*

c. City Attorney

*None*

d. City Staff

*None*

e. Keep Simonton Beautiful

*None*

f. EDCA & EDC B

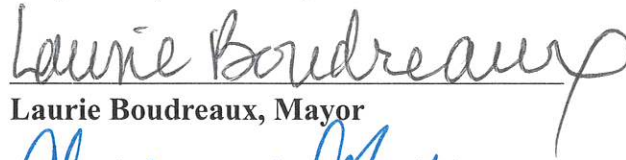
*None*

**10. Next City Council Meeting September 16, 2025 6:30pm**

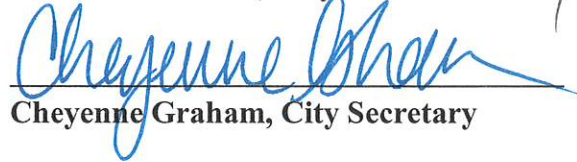
**11. Adjourned**

Mayor Boudreaux adjourned the City Council Meeting at 9:33 p.m. without objection.

Respectfully submitted,



**Laurie Boudreaux, Mayor**



**Cheyenne Graham, City Secretary**