

Minutes

City of Simonton City Council – Special Meeting – Public Hearing – Budget

September 22, 2025

This is a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the City of Simonton City Council – Special Meeting – Public Hearing – Budget held on September 22, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order at 5:43 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:

*City Secretary Cheyenne Graham
City Finance Stacey Gootee*

Public Present:

Dan McJunkin, Courtney Cox Barbara Minton, Kristi Smith, Jeff Nelson, and Kevin Malo.

2. Invocation and Pledge

*Mayor Boudreaux led the invocation.
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3. Public Comments

Barbara Minton – stated that she would like everyone to be thoughtful and mindful of each other so everyone will be able to hear.

4. Public Hearing FY 2025-2026 Proposed Budget

a. Open Public Hearing

Public Comments: Daniel McJunkin – Stated this is not a legal meeting, the public did not have access to the proposed budget. Courtney Cox – stated the ordinance and all agenda since May have had many mistakes. She stated that the ordinance has the wrong time, and that she had not had enough time to look at the budget.

c. Close Public Hearing

5. Adjourn to Executive Session at 6:44 pm

551.071 of the Texas Government Code Consultation with Legal Counsel

6. Reconvene to Open Session 7:49 pm

No action taken from Executive Session

7. New Business

- a. Adoption of the Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Proposed Budget
Consider and take action to adopt Budget Ordinance No. 2025-05 for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Eric Duhon stated that he has gone over the entire budget and has some questions. He stated that the calculations on the sales taxes are not correct. Mayor states that at the recommendation of our CPA our EDC's should stand alone and not be with the other items. He stated that Fort Bend CAD8 also should be adjusted. Several other questions about different EDC accounts, and contacts for auditors. Mayor explains the size of the city and the EDC's are not large enough to require outside services and as of right now it can all be handled by city staff. Discussion about how current grant funding is disbursed and received; and how you must show the grant money coming in and going out of the account so that the budget will balance. Discussion about the training budget and he would like it to be more per council member. Stated that he would like to encumber unspent emergency management money year after year when it is not spent, Mayor advised that the rest of council did not agree with him and that is why it was not reflected that way in the budget. Discussion about zoning projects and how they will be paid, and where they will be paid out of.

Motion to approve made by Kelli Carlson second by Andrew Perry

Discussion by Eric Duhon states that he was a dilemma based on knowledge that was brought forth today about the posting of the budget and public review, and that the budget was available in office but not posted online; and any possible repercussions of that. He proposes that the budget not be approved and find another way to get it approved, so that we are not in jeopardy of someone filing something against the city; and states that he cannot vote for this ethically. Mayor states that she will add that we have consulted with legal counsel on both matters, the senate bill and the deadline affecting the tax rate. The city attorney's opinion is that it will be affected for budgets adopted September 1st and after and does not limit the city at this stage for this budget, and that the notice of 30 days on the website was an administrative error (if there was one) would not be sufficient to derail the budget.

Roll Call Vote:

Kelli Carlson: Aye

Andrew Perry: Aye

Justin Bouderau: Aye

Eric Duhon: Noe
Motion Passes.

8. Adjournment 9:15 pm

Laurie Boudreaux

Laurie Boudreaux, Mayor

Cheyenne Graham

Cheyenne Graham, City Secretary