

## Simonton Mayor

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**From:** Eric Duhon <eric@duhon.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 23, 2026 11:37 AM  
**To:** Simonton Mayor; City Council 2025  
**Cc:** Pboedeker; Cheyenne Graham; eric@duhon.com  
**Subject:** Formal Objection to Pre-Transition Approval of Interim Administrative Services

Mayor and Council,

I respectfully object to taking action on the proposed interim administrative services agreement prior to the installation of the newly elected mayor following the May 2 election.

This objection is not to the concept of administrative support, but to the timing and effect of this decision.

**This objection is submitted independently for inclusion in the public record. It is not the result of any prior discussion or deliberation among members of the Council outside of a properly posted meeting, and is intended to comply with the requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act.**

### **1. Pre-Transition Action Risks Undermining Incoming Executive Authority -**

This item is being considered before the newly elected mayor is sworn in and able to assume office. Approval of an administrative services agreement at this stage risks establishing administrative structure, operational control, and procedural direction that the incoming mayor will be expected to accept, modify, or unwind.

Even where technically permissible, actions that shape executive administration immediately before a leadership transition raise serious governance concerns and risk undermining the authority of the official chosen by voters.

Regardless of who prevails in the election, decisions that shape executive administration should properly fall within the authority of the installed mayor, not be determined immediately prior to the transfer of authority.

Actions taken during this transition period should avoid

materially constraining the discretion of the incoming administration, particularly in matters affecting administrative structure and control.

## **2. Lack of Demonstrated Urgency -**

No clear emergency or operational necessity has been presented that would require action before the election or the swearing-in of new leadership. Absent urgency, proceeding at this time appears to be a matter of preference rather than necessity.

## **3. Preservation of Public Trust -**

The public expects that decisions affecting how the City is managed will be made with full transparency and appropriate timing. Acting immediately before an election creates the appearance that outcomes are being determined in advance of voter implementation, regardless of intent.

Requested Action -

I respectfully request that the Council:

**Defer this item until such time as the newly elected mayor is sworn in and able to participate in the decision.**

This approach preserves continuity, protects the City's interests, and ensures that administrative decisions align with the leadership selected by the voters.

Respectfully,

*Eric M. Duhon*  
*Council Member*  
*City of Simonton*

City of Simonton  
 Financial Statement  
 As of April 30, 2026

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100 - General Fund	Current Month Actual	Current Month Budget	Budget Variance	YTD Actual	Annual Budget	% of Budget	Budget Remaining
<b>Revenue Summary</b>							
Ad Valorem	0.00	29,531.17	(29,531.17)	332,531.67	354,374.00	93.84%	21,842.33
Other Revenue Sources	0.00	44,846.48	(44,846.48)	64,068.86	538,350.00	11.90%	474,281.14
Sales & Property Taxes	0.00	23,560.83	(23,560.83)	179,872.10	282,750.00	63.62%	102,877.90
Permits & Licenses	0.00	1,250.00	(1,250.00)	20,687.21	15,000.00	137.91%	(5,687.21)
Business & Franchise	2,935.69	3,250.00	(314.31)	26,044.55	39,000.00	66.78%	12,955.45
Municipal Court Revenue	0.00	91.67	(91.67)	0.00	1,100.00	0.00%	1,100.00
EDCs Fees	0.00	525.00	(525.00)	0.00	6,300.00	0.00%	6,300.00
Interest Income	0.00	1,800.01	(1,800.01)	12,491.79	21,600.00	57.83%	9,108.21
Revenue Totals	2,935.69	104,855.16	(101,919.47)	635,696.18	1,258,474.00	50.51%	622,777.82
<b>Expense Summary</b>							
Insurance Expense	977.89	2,133.34	(1,155.45)	15,220.07	25,600.00	59.45%	10,379.93
Office & Supplies	1,536.32	3,777.09	(2,240.77)	33,149.27	45,325.00	73.14%	12,175.73
Legal & Professional	17,310.00	10,554.58	6,755.42	91,878.84	126,655.00	72.54%	34,776.16
Payroll/Personnel	9,678.48	25,410.87	(15,732.39)	59,794.05	305,040.00	19.60%	245,245.95
Community Programs & Donations	1,554.56	416.67	1,137.89	1,785.83	5,000.00	35.72%	3,214.17
Dues & Subscriptions	222.65	250.00	(27.35)	14,500.22	3,000.00	483.34%	(11,500.22)
Other Expenses	0.00	875.00	(875.00)	0.00	10,500.00	0.00%	10,500.00
Expense Totals	31,279.90	43,417.55	(12,137.65)	216,328.28	521,120.00	41.51%	304,791.72

Approx Payroll Remaining \$55k  
 Approx AD for chamber \$21k  
 \$76k

Remaining Budget \$245,246  
 76,000

Approx Available personnel 169,246

