

Minutes

Regular City Council Meeting

City of Simonton

2013 April 2



This is a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Simonton City Council held on Tuesday, April 2, 2013.

1. Call to Order. **Mayor McJunkin called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. A quorum was present.**

Council Members present:

Daniel McJunkin, Mayor

Jane Stockton, Mayor Pro Tem

John Bohannon

Charles Gregory III

Jay Tjoelker

Council Members absent: Jeff Young

City Staff present: S. Purcell, City Secretary

Public Present: No public was present for this meeting.

2. Invocation and Pledge **was led by Mayor McJunkin.**
3. Proclamation: April as Autism Awareness Month.
4. Consider and take action on Consent Agenda.
 - a. Minutes of Special City Council Meeting held February 18, 2013.
 - b. Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting held February 19, 2013.
 - c. Financials for February 2013.
 - d. Payment of Bills February 2013.

Motion by Alderman Bohannon to accept the Consent Agenda. Alderman Tjoelker seconded.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Passed

5. Announcements and Public Comments. **No public comments were taken on this agenda.**
6. Council Information Sharing.
7. Old Business:
 - a. Consider and take action on Bluebonnet Groundwater Conservation District's application from Electro Purification. **No action taken.**
 - b. Consider and take action on proposed legislation creating the West Fort Bend Water Authority. **No action taken.**
 - c. Consider and take action on safety and security in Simonton. **Motion by Alderman Gregory to pursue the concept of a City Marshal. Alderman Bohannon seconded.**

Ayes: All
Noes: None
Motion Passed
 - d. Consider and take action on Small Town Mayors Meeting. **No action taken.**

- e. Consider and take action on temporary staffing and hourly rate at City Hall. **Motion by Alderman Bohannon to pay \$15.00/hour for temporary contract staffing at City Hall. Alderman Gregory seconded.**

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Passed

8. New Business.

- a. Consider and take action to allocate Child Safety Fee funds to Simonton Christian Academy. **Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Stockton to support the allocation of \$4,575.15 Child Safety Fee funds for the security project proposed by Simonton Christian Academy (SCA) while maintaining the system specifications as presented by SCA and as long as SCA commits to the project within 90 days, or the city reserves the right to reallocate the Child Safety Fee funds. Alderman Tjoelker seconded.**

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Passed

- b. Consider and take action to accept City Secretary's Certification of Unopposed Status of applicants for "Place on the ballot" for the May 11, 2013, Regular Election. **Motion by Alderman Bohannon to accept City Secretary's Certification of Unopposed Status of applicants for "Place on the ballot" for the May 11, 2013, Regular Election. Alderman Gregory seconded.**

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Passed

- c. Consider and take action on Ordinance No. 2013-03: Cancelling May 2013 Regular Election. **Motion by Alderman Bohannon to adopt Ordinance No. 2013-03: Cancelling May 2013 Regular Election. Alderman Gregory seconded.**

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Passed

- d. Consider and take action on Finance Committee Report from February 19, 2013. **Motion by Alderman Tjoelker to accept the Finance Committee Report from February 19, 2013. Alderman Gregory seconded.**

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Passed

- e. Consider and take action to renew Carbonite subscription. **Motion by Alderman Gregory to renew Carbonite subscription. Mayor Pro Tem Stockton seconded.**

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Passed

- f. Consider and take action on Public Utility Commission 2013 Consumer Price Index adjustment to municipal telecommunications right-of-way access line rates. **Motion by Alderman Bohannon to leave rates at 2012 levels. Alderman Gregory seconded.**

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Passed

- g. Consider and take action in defense of gun owners' Constitutional rights. (Requested by Mayor Pro Tem Stockton.) **Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Stockton to adopt the City of League City's language on gun owners' Constitutional rights. Alderman Gregory seconded. Mayor Pro Tem Stockton withdrew her motion. Motion by Alderman Bohannon to produce a document similar to the City of League City's resolution and present to council for approval. Alderman Gregory seconded.**

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Passed

- h. Consider and take action to approve property tax exemptions within Simonton. Current exemptions: Homestead: 20% or \$5000 whichever is greater; Over 65 or Disabled Person: \$15,000; Leased Vehicle exemption; Mineral Rights < \$500.00. **Motion by Alderman Bohannon to maintain current property tax exemptions within Simonton. Current exemptions: Homestead: 20% or \$5000 whichever is greater; Over 65 or Disabled Person: \$15,000; Leased Vehicle exemption; Mineral Rights < \$500.00. Alderman Tjoelker seconded.**

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Passed

- i. Consider and take action to blacktop Stockade off Cowhide and Flintlock. **Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Stockton to hold the "blacktopping" of Stockade for a future time when other roads require maintenance and include this road (Stockade) when road maintenance is scheduled. Alderman Bohannon seconded.**

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Passed

- j. Consider and take action to remove fallen tree on Tumbleweed. **Tabled.**
- k. Consider and take action on old post office building and parking lot. **Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Stockton to ask Twinwood, US, to repair the parking lot at the Simonton Post Office. Alderman Gregory seconded.**

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Passed

- l. Consider and take action on seasonal mosquito issue. **No action taken.**
- m. Consider and take action on appointing additional authorized signer on Wallis checking account. **Motion by Alderman Bohannon to appoint Alderman Tjoelker as second signer on Wallis State Bank city checking account. Alderman Gregory seconded.**

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Passed

Council recessed for a brief break at 8:34 p.m.

9. Adjourn into Executive Session: **Council adjourned into Executive Session at 8:37 p.m.**

- a. Consult with City Attorney as per Section 551.071 of the Local Government Code.
 - b. Deliberate regarding Economic Development as per Section 551.087 of the Local Government Code.
 - c. Deliberate regarding personnel matters as per Section 551.074.
10. Reconvene in Open Session. **Council reconvened in Open Session at 9:36 p.m. (Note: from 9:36 p.m. to 9:42 p.m., several council members and the city secretary were placing paper towels in the front two offices of City Hall because rain water was entering the building.)**
11. Consider and take action resulting from Executive Session:
- a. Consult with City Attorney as per Section 551.071 of the Local Government Code.
No action taken.
 - b. Consider and take action regarding Economic Development as per Section 551.087 of the Local Government Code. **No action taken.**
 - c. Consider and take action on personnel matters as per Section 551.087 of the Local Government Code. **Motion by Alderman Gregory to increase city secretary hourly rate by \$1.50 an hour. Mayor Pro Tem Stockton seconded.**
“Ayes”: Mayor Pro Tem Stockton, Alderman Gregory and Alderman Tjoelker.
“Noes”: Alderman Bohannon.
Motion Passed
12. Adjournment. **Motion by Alderman Tjoelker to adjourn. Alderman Bohannon seconded.**
Ayes: All
Noes: None
Motion Passed
The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Daniel McJunkin, Mayor



S. Purcell, City Secretary