

Minutes

REGULAR MEETING

2011 July 19



This is a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Simonton City Council on July 19, 2011.

1. **Call to Order.** Mayor McJunkin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

Council Members present:

Daniel McJunkin, Mayor	Jeff Young
Jane Stockton, Mayor Pro Tem	John Bohannon
Louis Boudreaux	

Council Members absent:

Mike Kerr

City Staff present:

S. Purcell, City Secretary

Public Present:

Jim Gammill	Karen Godeck
Bob Jones	L.A. Jackson
Steve Godeck	C.J. Carr
Woody Heikkila	Frank J. Gajewski

2. **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Alderman Boudreaux.
3. Approve Consent Agenda.
 - a. Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting of June 21, 2011.
 - b. Minutes of Special City Council Meeting on July 11, 2011.
 - c. Financials for June 2011.
 - d. Payment of bills for June 2011.

Motion by Alderman Boudreaux to accept the Consent Agenda. Alderman Young seconded.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

MOTION PASSED

4. Announcements and Public Comments.

All individuals who signed up to speak during Public Comments requested to wait until Agenda Item 8.a. to speak.
5. Council Information Sharing.
6. Animal Control Report by Jim Gammill.
7. Old Business. **Taken out of order after Agenda Item 8.a.**
 - a. Small Structure Construction Policy: Consider and Take action on developing a policy regarding small structures that do not require a permit, including but not limited to, dog houses, rabbit hutches and chicken coops.

Motion by Alderman Young to not require a Building Permit or building oversight on small home-owner construction projects that meet all of the following requirements:

- 1. No concrete foundation.**
- 2. Less than 100 square feet in size.**
- 3. Any elevated structure.**
- 4. Any small mobile structure, such as a dog house.**
- 5. The structure cannot be habitable.**
- 6. The structure cannot be used for storage.**
- 7. The structure must be less than four feet high.**

Mayor Pro Tem Stockton seconded.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

MOTION PASSED

- b. Consider and Take Action on replacing existing Junk Car Ordinance No. 10-0921 with Ordinance No. 2011-07. **Motion by Alderman Bohannon to adopt Junk Car Ordinance No 2011-07 replacing Ordinance No. 10-0921. Alderman Boudreaux seconded.**

Ayes: All

Noes: None

MOTION PASSED

8. New Business.

- a. **Taken out of order after Agenda Item 6.** Review Animal Control Ordinance No. 080415 regarding large non-poisonous reptiles.

Ms. Jackson shared her concerns and fears concerning snakes with Council.

Mr. Godec stated he had not sold snakes in years and keeps snakes as a hobby. He went on to inform council that Texas Game Warden Barry Eversole came to his home and instructed him to obtain a permit to keep the snakes.

Alderman Bohannon moved to table Agenda Item 8.a.

- b. **Taken out of order after Agenda Item 7.b.** Consider and Take Action on Ordinance No. 2011-06: Allowing EDC 4A to participate in EDC 4B projects as per recently passed State Legislation. **Motion by Alderman Young to adopt Ordinance No. 2011-06: Allowing EDC 4A to participate EDC 4B projects as per recently passed State Legislation. Alderman Bohannon seconded.**

Ayes: All

Noes: None

MOTION PASSED

- c. Consider and Take Action to permit City Secretary to update EDCs' corporate books and bill 4A and 4B for actual time. **Motion by Alderman Bohannon to permit City Secretary to update EDCs' corporate books and bill 4A and 4B for actual time. Alderman Boudreaux seconded.**

Ayes: All

Noes: None

MOTION PASSED

- d. Consider and Take Action on Administrative Agreement with Simonton Development Corporation and the City of Simonton Development Corporation. **Motion by Alderman Boudreau to allow City Secretary to maintain meeting minutes and agendas and other occasional relevant corporate documents for EDC 4A and EDC 4B. Alderman Young seconded.**

Ayes: All

Noes: None

MOTION PASSED

- e. Consider and Take Action on anchor bolt installation. **Tabled by Mayor McJunkin.**
- f. Consider and Take Action on the purchase of an audio enhancement system for Simonton City Hall. **No action taken.**
- g. Consider and Take Action on participating in the *Fulshear – Simonton – Weston Lakes Resource Guide*. **Motion by Alderman Young to participate in the *Fulshear – Simonton – Weston Lakes Resource Guide*. Alderman Boudreaux seconded.**

Ayes: All

Noes: None

MOTION PASSED

- h. Discuss meeting with Jeff Wiley.
- i. Consider and Take Action on a Resolution No. 2011-04 in support of future road re-alignment associated with the I-69 corridor. **Tabled by Mayor McJunkin.**
- j. Consider and Take Action on options on staffing for City Administration. **Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Stockton to increase hours worked by City Secretary by four hours a week. Alderman Bohannon seconded.**

Ayes: All

Noes: None

MOTION PASSED

- k. Consider and Take Action on options for storing emergency pumps. **No action taken.**
- l. Consider and Take Action to raise VISA credit limit to \$3,000. **Motion by Alderman Bohannon to raise City VISA credit card limit to \$3,000.00 Alderman Young seconded.**

Ayes: All

Noes: None

MOTION PASSED

- m. Discuss Budget Workshops to begin next month. **No action taken.**
- n. Discuss possible resignation of sitting council member. **No action taken.**
- o. Discuss Texas Supreme Court decision concerning nuisance abatement issues. **No action taken.**

9. Adjournment. Motion by Alderman Young to adjourn. Mayor Pro Tem Stockton seconded.

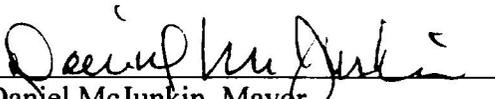
Ayes: All

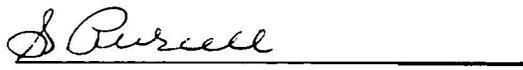
Noes: None

MOTION PASSED

The meeting ended at 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Daniel McJunkin, Mayor


S. Purcell
City Secretary