

## Minutes

City Council – Special Session Meeting

CITY OF SIMONTON

June 25, 2024

This is a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the City Council – Special Session Meeting of the Simonton City Council held on June 25, 2024 at 6:31 p.m.

### 1. Call to Order

Mayor Boudreaux called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

A quorum was present with the following City Councilmembers in attendance:

Laurie Boudreaux, Courtney Cox, Burns Turner, Faith Haley, Justin Boudreau, and Kelli Matula

#### **City Staff present:**

Interim City Secretary Janie Willman  
Olson and Olson Attorney Philip Boedeker

#### **Public Present:**

Daniel McJunkin  
Barb Minton  
Kristi Smith  
Susan LaDart

### 2. Invocation and Pledge

Mayor Boudreaux gave the invocation.

Mayor Boudreaux led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 3. Public Comments

*In accordance with Texas Open Meetings Act and Texas Government Code 551.007, City Council may not discuss or take action on any item NOT listed on the Agenda. Each member of the public wishing to speak must sign-up prior to the meeting and is limited to 3 minutes.*

Kristi Smith informed the City Council of community happenings related to the celebration of July 4, 2024 and ways that one can participate in communicating with service members to thank active service members for their service. She reminded that the City of Simonton has a policy of ‘no fireworks.’

Susan LaDart the POA is hosting a Parade, details about refreshments and parking in celebration for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

### 4. Consider and take action on the Consent Agenda

*Items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered routine and are generally enacted in one motion. The exception to this rule occurs when a Council Member requests one or more items removed from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion and action.*

- a. Draft City Council Meeting Minutes of June 4, 2024 Regular Meeting  
[06-04-24 Draft City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

Council Member Cox indicated there are problems with the Draft Meeting Minutes. The spelling of the Mr. Bill Blich's name. She indicated he introduced himself as Bill Glitch. It states that he presented the Council with documents that he did not. Also, it was not indicated that the executed documents from the City of Simonton Cultural Education Facilities Finance Corporation were requested to be provided to Council and that as such the action can be overturned.

There was some discussion about the City Council's action being able to be overturned due to some members of the Council participating in a closed meeting. City Attorney Boedeker clarified that the City of Simonton Cultural Education Facilities Finance Corporation is not subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act provisions. He further clarified that there is no legal peril unless the meeting minutes were incorrect in stating if the vote of the City Council was to approve the Bond Conduit documents when the City Council actually voted not to approve the documentation or if the minutes indicated the items were voted on and the items were not voted on, that would present an issue.

Motion by Council Member Haley to table all the meeting minutes until the recording can be reviewed and the minutes can be brought back with corrections. Second by Council Member Cox.

Ayes: Five

Noes: None

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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

- b. City Council Financial Reports
  - Council Report, January 2024
  - Payment Report, January 2024
  - [01-2024 Council Report](#)
  - [01-2024 Payment Report](#)
  - Council Report, February 2024
  - Payment Report, February 2024
  - [02-2024 Council Report](#)
  - [02-2024 Payment Report](#)
  - Council Report, March 2024
  - Payment Report, March 2024
  - [03-2024 Council Report](#)
  - [03-2024 Payment Report](#)
  - Council Report, April 2024
  - Payment Report, April 2024
  - [04-2024 Council Report](#)
  - [04-2024 Payment Report](#)

Council Member Cox asked that corrections to be made to move the miscellaneous category items for payroll items and other changes to be reflected in the respective categories.

Council Member Haley asked for corrections to the January Report which in April and March are reflected in the miscellaneous category. There were questions regarding the charges from the consultants for the Texas First Group. There were also questions about other miscellaneous items listed in the reports.

Motion by Council Member Cox to table all the financial reports. Second was made by Council Member Haley.

Ayes: Two (Cox, Haley)

Noes: Three (Matula, Boudreau, Turner)

Motion failed.

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

Motion by Council Member Boudreau to approve the reports with the updated corrections. Second was made by Council Member Matula.

Ayes: Three (Matula, Boudreau, Turner)

Noes: One (Cox)

Abstention: One (Haley)

Motion carried.

Mayor Boudreaux indicated she is willing to provide additional reports. She asked for the City Council to provide their input as to what the City Council would like to see. The Mayor asked the City Council for the specificity of changes to be made, report by report, so that the corrections may be factored into the reports and brought back.

#### 5. New Business

- a. Consider and take action on a Contract for Professional Services for Economic Development Director with Mr. Joe Esch  
[Professional Services Contract - Management Consulting, Esch Development Solutions, LLC](#)

Mayor Boudreaux introduced this agenda matter. Mr. Esch addressed the City Council regarding the proposed contract. Mr. Esch approached the City Council providing answers and suggestions to the contract.

Motion by Council Member Cox to table the item. The motion died for lack of a second.

Following an exchange from the City Council, Mr. Esch stepped forward asking to have the Council remove his contract from consideration as he indicated his organization is not a good fit for the City of Simonton as he felt treated in a manner that reflected disrespect.

There was brief discussion regarding future possible actions on this agenda matter and whether the item needed to be tabled.

- b. Economic Development Corporations Presentation by Mr. Joe Esch, Esch Development Solutions, LLC. There was no action taken on this agenda matter.
- c. Consider and take action on City Hall Building Repairs and Overall Painting  
[City Hall Paint Estimate](#)  
[Estimate Simonton City Hall painting](#)  
[5-24 Eduardo Arvizu](#)  
[South East Existing Sheet Repair](#)  
[Supporting Documentation for City Hall Maintenance & Repairs](#)

Motion by Council Member Boudreau to approve the City Hall Building Repairs using the second option; \$8,250.00. The second was made by Council Member Turner.

Ayes: Five  
Noes: None  
Abstention: None  
Motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Turner to approve Eduardo Arvizu to complete the Painting work in a maximum amount of \$13,370. The second was made by Council Member Boudreau.

Ayes: Five  
Noes: None  
Abstention: None  
Motion carried.

- d. Consider and take action on Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Type B Board Member Applications for appointment. There was no action taken on this item as there are two additional volunteers. This agenda matter will be brought back at a future meeting.

6. Adjourn to Executive Session.

The City Council adjourned into Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. to consider the following:  
Section 551.071 - Consultation with Legal Counsel  
Section 551.074 - Personnel, regarding the appointment, employment and duties of the City Administrator and City Secretary

7. Reconvene to Open Session.

The City Council reconvened into Open Session at 8:37 p.m.

8. Consider and take action resulting from Executive Session.

Motion by Council Member Turner to enter into an Employment Agreement as discussed in Executive Session with Nanci Mohr. The second was made by Council Member Boudreau.

Ayes: Five  
Noes: None  
Abstention: None  
Motion carried.

9. Reports

- a. Mayor Boudreaux asked that City Council Members communicate with her their preferences for for the upcoming Budget Year 2024-2025.

- b. City Staff

- c. City Council

10. Next City Council Meeting

11. Adjournment

The Mayor adjourned the City Council Meeting at 8:42 p.m. without objection.

**Respectfully submitted,**

Laurie Bondreys

Mayor

Manni Miller

City Secretary

