

Minutes

City Council – Special Session Meeting – Budget Workshop #1

CITY OF SIMONTON

August 6, 2024

This is a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the City Council – Special Session Meeting – Budget Workshop #1 held on August 6, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order at 6:03 p.m.**

A quorum was present with the following City Council Members in attendance:
Laurie Boudreaux, Kelli Matula, Faith Haley, Justin Boudreau, and Burns Turner
City Council Member Courtney Cox was absent.

City Staff present:

City Secretary Nanci Mohr

Public Present:

Kristi Smith, Dan McJunkin, Jeff Nelson and Kevin Malo

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.

There were no speakers to address the City Council.

4. **New Business – Review of 2024-2025 Proposed Budget**

Mayor Boudreaux provided a detailed explanation of each page in each section of the Proposed Budget binder. She then asked the Council Members for their consensus of the materials. Council Member Kelli Matula commended the Mayor on the binder preparation and her presentation of same, stating that zoning is most important to her. Council Member Burns Turner requested clarification of the tax valuations, stating that he does not wish to raise taxes and that we should spend the money from reserves. Council Member Burns Turner stated that he would like to “give the people a break” and wants to adopt a tax rate of less than .030 per \$100.

Mayor Boudreaux stated that she is not voting, but believes the reserves should be allocated for emergencies, and that it is not advisable to spend from the reserves without replenishing same.

Council Members Faith Haley and Justin Boudreau stated that they have no comments at this time.

Mayor Boudreaux requested that Council follow-up with her by Thursday, August 8, 2024 with additional questions or comments. She stated that if no additional information was required, that the Budget Workshop scheduled for August 13, 2024 could be canceled.

Council Member Kelli Matula then stated that the Council is present and voting for the people, and asked if it is permissible to take the public's consensus of the budget. Mayor Boudreaux confirmed same.

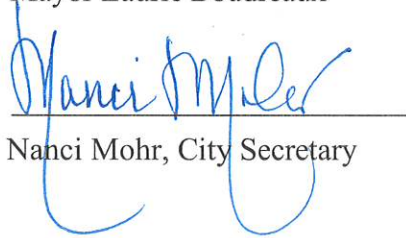
Abbie Ferguson stated that she would like for the reserves to be held for emergencies. Kristi Smith is amenable to the tax increase for zoning purposes. Dan McJunkin stated that roads are important to him, that ad valorem taxes are meant for the infrastructure, and that some people cannot afford the tax rate increase.

5. The next City Council Special Session Meeting – Budget Workshop #2 is on August 13, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.
6. Adjournment
The Mayor adjourned the City Council Meeting at 7:10 p.m. without objection.

Respectfully submitted,



Mayor Laurie Boudreaux



Nanci Mohr, City Secretary

