

MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The City of Spearman, Texas, met in Regular Session in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 30 SW Court, on December 16, 2025, with Mayor Tob Shields presiding. Council members present: Roger Buchanan, Frank Salgado Jr., Brian Gillispie (left at 7:51 a.m.) and Don Schroeder; absent: Mark Murray. Staff present: City Manager Justin Parker, City Secretary Dana Sharp, Director of Public Works Chris Taylor, Municipal Judge Gary Ellsworth, EDC Director Bonnie Thompson, Fire Chief Paxton Heckman and Chief of Police James Ortiz. Fire Department present: Ryan Wells, Aura Wells, Rodney Nickel, Mary Heckman. Media present: Suzanne Bellsnyder, Reporter Statesman. Citizens present: Christina Dettmer, John Brooks, Mary Brooks

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:00 a.m., Mayor Shields declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Shields gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Suzanne Bellsnyder pointed out that the new rules, under the citizens comments on the agenda, stating citizens were limited to 3 minutes should have been approved in an open meeting. She also questioned if the council was aware of the new SB 1851.

Mary Brooks questioned whether or not a new ordinance had been drafted pertaining to residential limitations for the SVFD and why it was not on this month's agenda.

CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 18, 2025.

Motion was made by Gillispie to approve the minutes from the November 18, 2025, meeting.
Second by Salgado.
Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AND TAKE NECESSARY ACTION ON MONTHLY REPORTS FROM STAFF.

Motion was made by Schroeder to approve the monthly reports from staff. Second by Salgado.
Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AND TAKE NECESSARY ACTION TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE LAST MONTH.

Motion was made by Gillispie to approve the November financial statements and expenditures. Second by Buchanan.
Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AND TAKE NECESSARY ACTION TO AWARD BIDS FOR BULK FUEL.

Motion was made by Buchanan to accept the bid of 10 cents over the rack price for unleaded gasoline, clear diesel and dyed diesel from Perryton Equity as well as the bid of 25 cents over the rack price for aviation fuel from Golden Spread Sales. Second by Salgado.

Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO INTRODUCE, ON FIRST READING, ORDINANCE NO. 976, AMENDING CHAPTER 12, ARTICLE 12.04 OF THE SPEARMAN MUNICIPAL CODE DESIGNATING CERTAIN INTERSECTIONS AS FOUR-WAY STOPS.

WALTER WILMETH DRIVE AND 11TH AVENUE

COTTER DRIVE AND 11TH AVENUE

COTTER DRIVE, SOUTH BRANDT STREET AND 7TH AVENUE

Discussion was had but no action taken, tabled until January 2026 meeting.

CONSIDER AND TAKE NECESSARY ACTION ON ORDINANCE NO. 975, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND APPROVING THE YEAR-END BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2024, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2025.

Motion was made by Salgado to table the approval until a Special Meeting on December 23, 2025, at 7:00 a.m. Second by Schroeder.

Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AND TAKE NECESSARY ACTION ON A PROPOSED DRAFT TO UPDATE THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SPEARMAN, SPEARMAN EDC AND SPEARMAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Discussion was had but no action taken. City Manager Parker will make the needed corrections and bring back adoption in January.

CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO CONDUCT THE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE AS PROVIDED UNDER TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, CHAPTER §551.074, PERSONNEL MATTERS.

Motion was made by Salgado to convene into Executive Session at 9:11 a.m.

Second by Buchanan.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION AND TAKE NECESSARY ACTION ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION PERTAINING TO THE MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE'S PERFORMANCE EVALUATION.

Motion was made by Salgado to reconvene into open session at 10:22 a.m. Second by Buchanan.

Mayor shields thanked Judge Ellsworth for his 32 years of service. Motion was made by Buchanan to raise Judge Ellsworth's Salary by 5%, effective immediately. Second by Salgado.

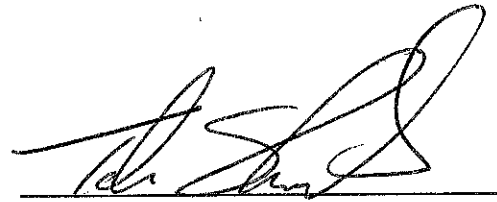
Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AND TAKE NECESSARY ACTION ON A PROCLAMATION HONORING RICHARD HOLTON AND THE HOLTON FAMILY; AND REDEDICATING HOLTON PARK.

Proclamation was read aloud by Mayor Shields and signed. The rededication of Holton Park will take place on Monday, December 22, 2025, at noon.

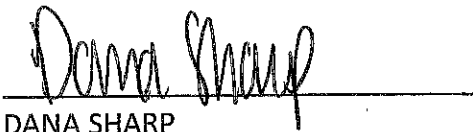
ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned by Mayor Shields at 10:28 a.m.

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MAYOR TOBE SHIELDS

ATTEST:

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DANA SHARP
CITY SECRETARY