

MINUTES OF SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF**SPEARMAN CITY COUNCIL, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION & CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

The City of Spearman, Spearman Economic Development Corporation and the Spearman Chamber of Commerce, met in a Special Joint Session at the O'loughlin Center, 502 South Brandt, on June 2, 2026, with Mayor Tobe Shields presiding. Council members present: Frank Salgado, Brian Gillispie, Don Schroeder, Roger Buchanan, and Grace Pshigoda. City Staff present: City Manager James Piper, City Secretary Dana Sharp, Utilities & Public Works Superintendent Steven Dettmer, and EDC Director Bonnie Thompson. EDC members present: Annette Bynum, Ginger Pittman, Jessica Brown and Stephanie Crossland. Chamber members present: Danielle Jackson, Kay Chinn, Jennifer Ooley, Cody Mac Been, Ashly Patterson, and Robyn Myers. Absent: Taydawn Luniewicz. Chamber/EDC Employee: Lila Flores. Special guests: Perryton City Manager Colby Waters and Gruver City Manager Johnnie Williams. Citizens present: Karl Bynum, Kellye Buchanan, Judy Tindell, Karen Thompson, Sally Hawkins, Bill Pittman, Gina Gillispie, and Toby Thompson.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Shields at 5:30 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation and pledge of allegiance was led by Mayor Shields.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Tindell stated that the community of Spearman was not the same community it was 10-15 years ago. Spearman has lost community pride and we need to figure out how to get that back.

Annette Bynum let everyone know she serves on both the EDC and the Museum Boards. She expressed her frustration that the Chamber did not host the Cinco de Mayo celebration. She explained that once they did not that she took it upon herself to make sure the annual celebration did happen. Before the celebration she was confronted by the assistant at the EDC/Chamber about using their form, she clarified she did not. Early the next morning after the Cinco de Mayo celebration she received text messages from the assistant director about the trash in the trash cans on Main. Bynum let everyone know she had already spoke to the City Public Works Department and they said to leave it and they would pick it up the following morning. Bynum also stated she wished the paperwork for the meeting had been sent out before 3:50 p.m. for the 5:30 p.m. meeting.

Tobe updated everyone that at the May 19, 2026, council meeting, the council decided to put a September 30, 2026, deadline on the City/EDC/Chamber contract.

Colby Waters, City Manager of Perryton, shared that he previously was the CDC Director in Perryton. He stated that it is very hard to be an EDC Director in the Panhandle and that a 5% success rate is hitting a homerun. He believes you have to find your place in the panhandle/world and run with it.

Johnnie Williams, City Manager of Gruver, explained that their Chamber is 100% volunteer.

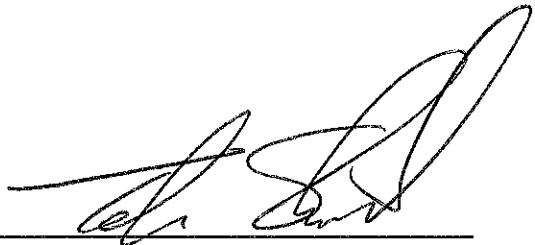
DISCUSSION OF CONTRACT BETWEEN THE SPEARMAN CITY COUNCIL, SPEARMAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND THE SPEARMAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Discussion was had about the next steps to take. Several board members from each group spoke of the EDC/Chamber concerns and praises

- there is trouble finding volunteers the majority of people are volunteering mainly for their kids
- feels like every complains with no solutions
- feels that in the 3 years he has been on the board the Chamber has grown and he is proud of the work that was accomplished
- wants the EDC to go back to the City
- would like to see a fresh outlook on both boards
- feels separating the EDC and Chamber will weaken both boards
- feeling like there is a chance the Chamber will not survive
- everyone needs to remember this is about a contract for a position not a contract for a person
- feels a more rigid job description is needed
- the 3 entities need to get their boards together and decide what they do and do not want out of the position then come back together.

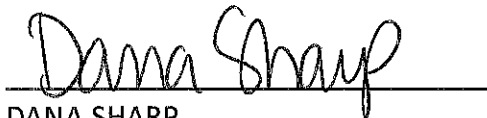
ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned by Mayor Shields at 7:37 P.M.



MAYOR TOBE SHIELDS

ATTEST:



DANA SHARP
CITY SECRETARY