

MINUTES OF SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The City of Spearman, Texas, met in Special Session in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 30 SW Court, on October 22, 2024, with Mayor Tobe Shields presiding. Council members present: Mark Murray, Roger Buchanan, Frank Salgado Jr., Don Schroeder and Brian Gillispie. Staff present: City Manager Justin Parker, City Secretary Dana Sharp, Public Works Director Mike Olvera, and EDC Director Bonnie Thompson. Visitors: Gina Gillispie, Lila Flores, Annette Bynum, Danielle Jackson, Jay Tracy, Roger Close, Suzanne Bellsnyder, Jackie Pearson, and Bob Pearson.

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.

CITIZEN REQUESTS AND COMMENTS

Jackson stated she was here as a parent, not a chamber board member. She is requesting the city make a proclamation declaring trick or treating on Saturday, October 26th instead of Halloween night since there were home football games and it was a school night.

Tracy spoke on behalf of the EDC stating they were available for any questions or concerns regarding agenda item number 14.

J. Pearson expressed she feels a bit of responsibility for not making sure the audit was completed as she was on council at the time the auditors were here and never followed up before she left council. She is questioning why it was not completed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 17, 2024 Regular Meeting

September 24, 2024 Special Meeting

Request was made by Gillispie to add the dollar amounts for the Revenue and Expense projections for the FY25 adopted budget, to the September 17th meeting minutes. Motion was made by Buchanan to approve the September 17, 2024 as corrected and the September 24, 2024 minutes as is. Second by Salgado.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS

No motion. No action taken.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FINANCIALS

Request was made by Gillispie to note in the minutes that our cash accounts and investments equal \$2,397,237.84.

Motion was made by Gillispie to approve the monthly financials. Second by Murray.

Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON A RESOLUTION NO. 8-24 THANKING ROGER CLOSE, RETIRED FIRE CHIEF, FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE SPEARMAN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Mayor Shields thanked Close for his 28 years of service to the department and presented a framed resolution.

Motion was made by Buchanan to approve Resolution No. 8-24. Second by Salgado.

Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 9-24, DENYING SOUTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY'S PROPOSED SURCHARGE IN CONNECTION WITH FINAL RATES APPROVED RELATED TO ITS STATEMENT OF INTENT SUBMITTED ON ABOUT FEBRUARY 8, 2023.

Motion was made by Buchanan to deny the surcharge. Second by Salgado.

Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON AWARDDING BID FOR PAVILION FOR HOLTON PARK.

There was one bid presented. Motion was made by Gillispie to approve the bid from E&M Builders for a 4" concrete slab and 20'x20' steel/metal pavilion in the amount of \$24,320.00. Second by Buchanan.

Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON AUTHORIZING CITY STAFF TO BEGIN THE SEARCH FOR AUDITORS TO COMPLETE THE FY 23 AND FY 24 FINANCIAL AUDITS.

Motion was made by Gillispie to allow City Manager Parker authority to find and hire an accountant or accounting firm by November 5th to begin work on getting the FY23 books reconciled as well as collect bids for a new auditor to complete the FY23 and FY24 audits, to present to council at the November 19th meeting. Second was made by Buchanan.

Motion carried unanimously.

CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.071, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, AND SECTION 1.05, TEXAS DISCIPLINARY RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT, TO CONSULT WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION STRUCTURE AND PROGRAMS & SECTION 551.072 REAL ESTATE MATTERS & SECTION 551.074 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, PERSONNEL MATTERS.

Motion was made by Gillispie to convene into executive session. Second by Murray. Alderman Gillispie, Murray and Buchanan were for the motion; Alderman Salgado and Schroeder were against the motion. Motion carried 3:2 and the council convened into executive session at 8:09am.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION AND TAKE NECESSARY ACTION ON MATTER DISCUSSED IN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Motion was made Schroeder to reconvene into open session at 9:19am. Second by Salgado.

Buchanan made a motion to pursue the real estate matters discussed in executive session. Second by Murray.

Gillispie made a motion to schedule and post a joint meeting between the Council and the Spearman EDC. Second by Buchanan.

Both motions carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Shields declared the meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.


MAYOR TOBE SHIELDS

ATTEST:



DANA SHARP
CITY SECRETARY