

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 February 3, 2026, with Mayor Tobe Shields presiding. Council members present: Mark Murray (left at 7:58 a.m.), Roger Buchanan, Frank Salgado Jr., Brian Gillispie and Don Schroeder. Staff present: City Manager Justin Parker, City Secretary Dana Sharp and Director of Public Works Chris Taylor. Fire Department present: Ryan Wells. Media present: Gina Gillispie, High Plains Observer. Citizens present: Christina Dettmer, Sharron Swan, Ron Antalek and Rocio Prado.

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

There were no citizens comments.

CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON A PROPOSAL FROM VC3 FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF SERVER FOR CITY HALL.

Motion was made by Buchanan to approve the proposal from VC3. Second by Gillispie.
Motion carried unanimously.

UPDATE FROM STAFF ON THE STATUS OF THE AUDITS FOR FY23, FY24 AND FY25

Staff explained that auditors had been here and discussed steps staff could take to fix issues with some of the reporting that was given from the software. Suggestions were made to possibly hire an accountant to come and help complete the process. City secretary stated she would prefer an accountant to come in and help through the process in order to properly learn.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON HIRING AN ACCOUNTING FIRM TO ASSIST WITH YEAR-END CLOSING AND AUDIT PREPARATION

Discussion was had and council will bring back suggestions and hopefully proposals in 2 weeks for accountants to hire.

CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.071 AND 551.074, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, TO CONSULT WITH LEGAL COUNSEL AND DELIBERATE THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE CITY MANAGER.

Motion was made by Gillispie to convene into executive session at 8:05 a.m. Second by Buchanan.
Motion carried unanimously.

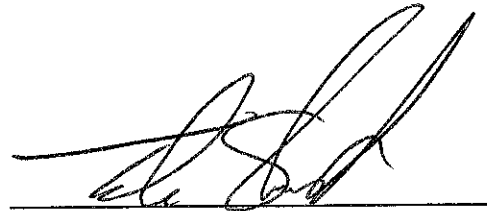
RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION TO TAKE ACTION AS DETERMINED APPROPRIATE IN THE CITY COUNCIL'S DISCRETION REGARDING THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE CITY MANAGER.

Motion was made by Gillispie to reconvene into open session at 8:45 a.m. Second by Salgado.
Motion carried unanimously.

Council has accepted the 60-day resignation of the City Manager. Council authorized the Mayor to execute the separation.

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned by Mayor Shields at 8:45 a.m.

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MAYOR TOBE SHIELDS

ATTEST:

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DANA SHARP
CITY SECRETARY