

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 November 18, 2025, with Mayor Tobe Shields presiding. Council members present: Roger Buchanan, Frank Salgado Jr., Brian Gillispie, Mark Murray (left at 10:52) and Don Schroeder. Staff present: City Manager Justin Parker, City Secretary Dana Sharp, Director of Public Works Chris Taylor, Fire Chief Paxton Heckman and Chief of Police James Ortiz. Members of the fire department: Robert Howell, Ryan Wells, Audra Wells, Kolton Morrow, Kyle Hersom, Mary Heckman, Michael Micale, Jacque Loya, Rodney Nickel and Hudson Miller. Citizens present: Christina Dettmer, John Brooks, Mary Brooks, Steve Krug, Robert Whitaker, Annette Bynum and Ron Antalek. Media present: Gina Gillispie – High Plains Observer, Suzanne Bellsnyder – The Reporter Statesman and Dylan Limas – News Channel 10.

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

Alderman Gillispie gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Annette Bynum spoke to the council about concerns with the Police Department watching her customers leave her restaurant. She believes that peoples tags are being ran even when they are not doing anything wrong.

Robert Howell read a letter from the SVFD in support of Chief Heckman.

Ron Antalek believes addressing the outdated ordinance is dangerous. He believes the last chief was forced out by members of the fire department. He stated he was proud of those new members who stepped up to volunteer.

Christina Dettmer explained that each person who stepped down from the department left for their own reasons. She stated she came to the City Manager with concerns and he told her to handle it internally and she feels that rules only applied to members and not the leadership of the department. She expressed her respect to all the current members of the fire department.

Jacque Loya asked if Mark Murray was going to recuse himself because he has no address in the city limits, his address is a County Road.

Michael Micale believes tribalism ripped the department apart. He feels misinformed with half-truths.

John Brooks said as a citizen he values the fire department. He believes that when 50% of the department resigns, you have a problem. He asks council to consider all sides and from what he has heard no one that left is wanting to rejoin the fire department. He believes that laws need to be followed.

Audra Wells stated she has in the past volunteered as a first responder in Perryton and volunteers are scarce and often times you have to pull from other towns due to lack of volunteers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES**OCTOBER 21, 2025 – REGULAR MEETING**

Motion was made by Salgado to approve the October 21, 2025, minutes. Second by Gillispie.
 Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS

Motion was made by Buchanan to approve the monthly reports. Second by Schroeder.
 Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FINANCIALS

Motion was made Buchanan to approve the monthly financials for September 2025 and October 2025.
 Second by Salgado.
 Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 8-25 – THE PANHANDLE REGION (TEXAS STATE PLANNING REGION 1) MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH THE PANHANDLE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (PRPC COG)

Motion was made by Buchanan to approve Resolution No. 8-25. Second by Salgado.
 Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ENGAGEMENT LETTER FROM JOHNSON & SHELDON, PLLC TO CONDUCT THE FY25 ANNUAL AUDIT

Motion was made by Gillispie to approve the engagement letter from Johnson & Sheldon, PLLC. Second by Salgado.
 Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON THE CURRENT CONTRACT WITH HOUSTON FINANCIAL FORENSICS

Motion was made by Gillispie to allow Mr. Ramey to complete the audit by November 28, 2025. If he cannot finish it the city will request their money back. Second by Buchanan.
 Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS AND DIRECT STAFF ON THE POSSIBLE ADDITION OF A SECOND MONTHLY CITY COUNCIL MEETING FOR COUNCIL/STAFF WORKSHOP PURPOSES ONLY

Council agreed to continue on as we are and to call special meetings as needed.

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

Changes were suggested by council, Parker will make changes, send to legal and bring back for the council to approve.

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 TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT REQUIREMENTS AND THE CITY ORDINANCE GOVERNING THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Motion was made by Gillispie to enter into closed session at 9:20 a.m. Second by Salgado.
Motion carried unanimously.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION TO TAKE ACTION AS DETERMINED APPROPRIATE REGARDING THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT REQUIREMENTS AND THE CITY ORDINANCE GOVERNING THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Motion was made Schroeder to exit from closed session at 10:53 a.m. Second by Buchanan.
Motion carried unanimously.
There will be no action at this time.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER SPEARMAN MUNICIPAL CODE §5.02.003 (a) PERTAINING TO SPEARMAN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP

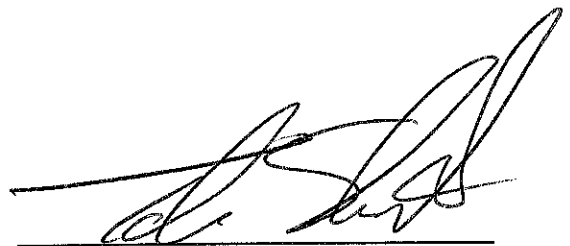
Discussion was had. No action was taken

DISCUSS THE POSSIBLE ADDITION OF STOP SIGNS ON 7TH AVE AT THE INTERSECTION OF BRANDT/COTTER ST. AND ON 11TH AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF WALTER WILMETH DR AND COTTER DR

Discussion was had. Parker will draft and Ordinance for stop signs to be placed.

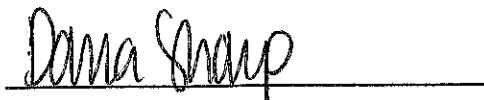
ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned by Mayor Shields at 12:18 p.m.



MAYOR TOBE SHIELDS

ATTEST:



DANA SHARP
CITY SECRETARY