

**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 July 21, 2026, with Mayor Tobe Shields presiding. Council members present: Frank Salgado, Brian Gillispie, Don Schroeder, Roger Buchanan, and Grace Pshigoda. Staff present: City Manager James Piper, ACM/City Secretary Dana Sharp, Public Works Director Steven Dettmer, Police Chief James Ortiz, and EDC Director Bonnie Thompson. Volunteer Firefighters present: Fire Chief Ryan Wells. Citizens present: Sharron Swan, Lila Flores, Ben Flores and Jake Leicht.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Shields at 7:00 a.m.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Ben Flores stated he came in 5 months ago about the street sweeper not being ran and he has noticed it still has not been ran. Piper and Dettmer explained it has been run and that they are on a weekly schedule. Several council members also said they had seen it in use. The second concern was the weeds in the street not being taken care of. Piper explained that he agrees there are weeds but we are actively handling the weeds, it just takes time. The third concern is, he has a Yucca plant growing in his yard and over the curb, and is requesting permission to burn it. Alderman Buchanan gave suggestions of a chemical to kill the plant. Mayor Shields directed him to speak to administration at City Hall.

**DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO APPROVE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

June 2, 2026 – Special Meeting

June 16, 2026 – Regular Meeting

Motion was made Salgado to approve the June 2, 2026 and June 16, 2026 meetings. Second by Gillispie.

Motion carried unanimously.

**DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO APPROVE MONTHLY REPORTS**

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| Fire   | Code Enforcement | Public Works   | Animal Control |
| Police | Municipal Court  | Administration | SEDCorp        |

Motion was made by Schroeder to approve the monthly reports from each department. Second by Buchanan.

Motion carried unanimously.

**DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO APPROVE MONTHLY FINANCIALS**

Motion was made by Gillispie to approve the monthly financials for June 2026. Second by Salgado.

Motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE CITY MANAGER AS A SIGNER ON ALL CITY OF SPEARMAN ACCOUNTS AT PANHANDLE FIRST BANK**

Motion was made Gillispie to approve James Piper as a signer on all City of Spearman accounts at Panhandle First Bank. Second by Schroeder.

Motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH PANHANDLE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (PRPC) TO MANAGE THE GENERATOR GRANT**

Motion was made by Buchanan to approve the agreement with PRPC. Second by Pshigoda.

Motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ANNUAL CONTRACTS WITH HANSFORD COUNTY: FIRE SERVICES, JAIL SERVICES AND DISPATCH SERVICES**

Motion was made by Buchanan to approve the Fire, Jail and Dispatch Contracts with Hansford County. Second by Salgado.

Motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO APPROVE BOARD APPOINTMENT FOR ONE (1) VACANT SEAT ON THE SPEARMAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD**

Discussion was had and each council member voted. Sharp counted votes, there were 5 votes for Jacob Leicht.

Motion was made by Schroeder to appoint Jacob Leicht as a member of the SEDCorp.

Motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON RECOMMENDATION FROM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR ON PURCHASE OF SOFTWARE FROM CYVL**

Discussion was had on the purchase of CYVL software, a street mapping software. Direction was given to speak to other cities utilizing the software. No action taken.

**PRESENTATION AND FILING OF THE PRELIMINARY FY27 BUDGET WITH THE MUNICIPAL CLERK IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 102.005**

Piper presented the council with the preliminary budget and a meeting schedule. The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 28, 2026, at 7 A.M.

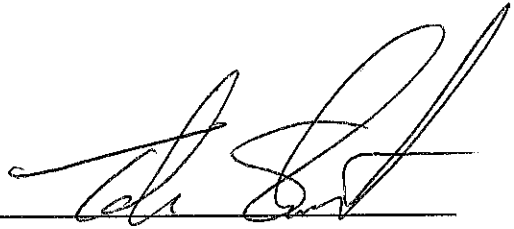
**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Alley behind Dollar General - Piper explained that the alley has shifted and the City will need to relocate the water meters in the alley behind Dollar General, PTCI and Los Socios. Believed the delivery trucks are causing the shift.

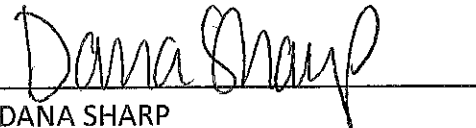
Attrition Rate - Piper explained the attrition rate for the City is at 28%. Seems high but is because of the low number of employees. The City has had a loss of 5 employees in the last year, 2 voluntary, 3 involuntary.

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned by Mayor Shields at 8:58 A.M.

  
MAYOR TOBE SHIELDS

ATTEST:

  
DANA SHARP  
CITY SECRETARY