

MINUTES OF REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
City of Stephenville - City Council
TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2005– 5:30 P.M.

The City Council of the City of Stephenville, Texas, convened on May 17, 2005, at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 298 West Washington Street, for the purpose of a Regular Business Meeting, with the meeting being open to the public and notice of said meeting, giving the date, time, place and subject thereof, having been posted as prescribed by Chapter 551, Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated, with the following members present, to wit:

Mayor	:	Rusty Jergins
Council members	:	Ed Horton Malcolm L. Cross Bill Corbin Todd McEvoy Robert W. Burns Barry Ratliff
Absent	:	Joe E. Cude Andrew Johnson
Others Attending	:	Mark A. Kaiser, City Administrator Randy Thomas, City Attorney Cindy L. Stafford, City Secretary

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Stephenville City Council was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17, 2005, by Mayor Rusty Jergins, who declared a quorum present.

II. PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION—PUBLIC HEARING

A. Consider Request to Rezone from B-4 “Private Club District” to B-2 “Secondary and Highway Business District” Lot 32, Block 139, City Addition, known as 2101 West Washington.

Betty Chew, Director of Community Development, gave the staff report for this item. She reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously recommends approval of this rezoning request.

Mayor Jergins opened a public hearing.

Speaking in Favor of Rezoning: No one.

Speaking in Opposition of Rezoning: No one.

Mayor Jergins closed the public hearing.

B. Consider Ordinance No. 2005-07 Rezoning from B-4 “Private Club District” to B-2 “Secondary and Highway Business District” Lot 32, Block 139, City Addition, known as 2101 West Washington.

MOTION by Robert Burns, second by Barry Ratliff, to adopt Ordinance No. 2005-07. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous vote.

III. CANVASS ELECTION RESULTS OF MAY 7, 2005 CITY ELECTION AND CONSIDER PASSING RESOLUTION (No. 2005-06)

Mayor Jergins appointed council members Cross, McEvoy, Corbin, and Ratliff as members of the canvassing committee. The committee recessed to deliberate the election results with Bill Corbin acting as Chairman. The committee returned and announced its findings as reflected in the attached resolution.

MOTION by Bill Corbin, second by Malcolm Cross, to adopt Resolution No. 2005-06. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous vote.

IV. RECOGNIZE OUTGOING COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Jergins recognized outgoing council members Ed Horton, Joe E. Cude (in absentia), Bill Corbin, and Robert W. Burns, expressed appreciation for their service, and presented each with a plaque. The outgoing members made the following comments:

Ed Horton said that, “It’s been a fun ride,” and that he has enjoyed it and feels that there was a lot accomplished in the six years that he served on the council. He congratulated the newly-elected council members. He said he is still very interested in the community and in some special projects. He said that he felt very privileged to be part of the council and wished all the council members good luck. Horton noted that during the last six years, the city has seen much economic growth, increased property values, increased retail sales tax, increased growth in industry, and increased hotel/motel tax. He said that he will still support and encourage the construction of an events center in Stephenville, which would encourage even more growth. Horton reflected on two projects that were very important to him and this community—1) development of a long-term dependable, diversified water supply through the drilling of seven new wells and added supplemental surface water (1.4 million gallons a day, if needed) and 2) the expansion of industry in the community [Fibergrate Composite Structures and Saint Gobain] as a result of increased water supply.

Bill Corbin thanked the citizens of Stephenville and deemed it an honor to serve them for ten years. Corbin then thanked the city staff and employees for the great job they do on a daily basis. He said that each year brings new council members and new

priorities. He thanked all the council members he has worked with over the years. He wished the new council members good luck in their terms of office.

In introducing Robert Burns, Mayor Jergins recognized him as the effective and unrelenting force behind the passage of HB 2233, which reactivated the storm water drainage fee paid by state institutions of higher education. As a result of Burns work, the City of Stephenville will be able to receive from Tarleton State University the amount of \$55,000 annually for storm water drainage fees. Jergins stated unequivocally that without Robert Burns’ leadership, this legislation would not have been passed.

Robert Burns thanked the citizens of Stephenville for the opportunity to serve on the council. He said it was a lot of fun with a lot of challenges. He said that he was, and will continue to be, passionate about issues which face people on fixed incomes. He said that the citizens are fortunate to have a mayor and a council willing to devote the amount of time for the betterment of their community. He said that he is proud of what he was a part of during his two years on the council. He mentioned grants for the airport, implementation of the storm water drainage project, and the quality of city staff, having hired a city administrator, fire chief, and finance director in the past year.

V. OATH OF OFFICE OF NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS

The city secretary administered the oath of office to Cyndi A. Godwin, City Council Member, Place 1; Nancy Hunter, City Council Member, Place 3; Alan Nash, City Council Member, Place 5.; and Mark Murphy, City Council Member, Place 7.

VI. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

MOTION by Todd McEvoy, second by Malcolm Cross, to approve the following committee assignments:

Finance	Nominations	Personnel	Planning and Development	Public Health/Safety	Solid Waste Management	Water Planning
NASH*	CROSS*	HUNTER*	McEVOY*	RATLIFF*	MURPHY*	JOHNSON*
Cross	Johnson	McEvoy	Johnson	Johnson	Cross	Ratliff
McEvoy	Godwin	Ratliff	Hunter	Godwin	Ratliff	McEvoy
Hunter	Murphy	Nash	Nash	Hunter	Godwin	Murphy

MOTION CARRIED by unanimous vote.

VII. ELECT MAYOR PRO-TEM

MOTION by Malcolm Cross, second by Alan Nash, to elect Todd McEvoy as Mayor Pro-Tem. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous vote.

VIII. ADJOURN

MOTION by Todd McEvoy, second by Barry Ratliff, to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous vote at 6:31 p.m.

Russell E. Jergins, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cindy L. Stafford, City Secretary