

MINUTES OF REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
City of Stephenville - City Council
TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2005– 5:30 P.M.

The City Council of the City of Stephenville, Texas, convened on June 7, 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
Mayor Pro-Tem	:	Todd McEvoy
Council members	:	Cyndi Godwin Malcolm L. Cross Andrew Johnson Alan Nash Todd McEvoy Mark Murphy Barry Ratliff
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 5:31 p.m. on Tuesday, June 7, 2005, by Mayor Rusty Jergins, who declared a quorum present.

II. CITIZENS' GENERAL DISCUSSION

Rochelle Stidham was introduced as the publisher for the *Stephenville Empire-Tribune*. Mayor Jergins welcomed her to the community. Stidham said that she is very happy to be in Stephenville and looking forward to making the *Empire-Tribune* a mirror image of this community.

III. CITIZENS' REQUESTS FOR BUDGET CONSIDERATION

Jake Dameron with The Transit System asked for the council's continued support for funding for public transportation. He reported that The Transit System averages 1,000 riders per month in Erath County.

City Administrator Kaiser mentioned that he has received citizen's written requests for curb renovation, sewer line extensions, and storm warning sirens.

IV. RECOGNITION OF TAC-PRO SHOOTING RANGE

Mayor Jergins and Acting Police Chief Mark Johnson presented a plaque to the owners of TAC-PRO Shooting Range, Bill and Alice Davidson. Johnson said that the Davidsons moved here from England in 1998 and opened up their shooting range. They cater to federal and local government and law enforcement training as well as citizen education and training. Johnson said the Davidsons have been very helpful to members of the Stephenville Police Department by offering the use of their range at no charge to the city and by assisting with training. The plaque read, "Presented to Bill and Alice Davison of the TAC-PRO Shooting Range in grateful appreciation for your dedication to the professionalism and training of our police officers and for generously providing supplies, training, and facilities for the benefit of our law enforcement officers and ultimately for our citizens."

V. REPORT FROM PARK AND RECREATIONAL ADVISORY BOARD ON SKATEBOARD PARK

Mike Scott, Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, said the interest for this project came as a result of an ordinance prohibiting the use of skateboards at public facilities and certain streets. Scott stated that the board has met with local skateboarders to determine what type facility would be feasible. They also met with Steve Johnson of the PlayWell Group, which specializes in skateboard facility design. The board is requesting council's endorsement for a skateboard park. The projected cost is \$52,000, and \$15,000 is included in the 04-05 budget.

MOTION by Todd McEvoy, second by Alan Nash, to accept the report and forward this matter to the Planning and Development Committee. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous vote.

VI. PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION—PUBLIC HEARING

A. Consider Request to Rezone from I "Industrial District" to R-1 "Single-Family Dwelling District" Lots 6 and 7A, Block 1, Park Place Addition, known as 561 West Vanderbilt Street.

Betty Chew, Director of Community Development, gave the staff report on this item. She stated that owners of property to the north and east of subject property requested and were granted rezoning from Industrial to R-1 for their property, which is adjacent to subject property.

Mayor Jergins opened a public hearing.

Speaking in Favor of Rezoning: No one.

Speaking in Opposition to Rezoning: No one.

Mayor Jergins closed the public hearing.

B. Consider Ordinance No. 2005-00 Rezoning from I “Industrial District” to R-1 “Single-Family Dwelling District” Lots 6 and 7A, Block 1, Park Place Addition, known as 561 West Vanderbilt Street.

MOTION by Barry Ratliff, second by Mark Murphy, to adopt Ordinance No. 2005-08.
MOTION CARRIED by unanimous vote.

C. Consider Approval of the Preliminary Plat of 3.756 acre commercial subdivision, located in the 2800 block of West Washington Street, FMC Technologies Subdivision

Betty Chew gave the staff report on this matter stating that this is a 3.756 acre commercial subdivision, which is the highway frontage along Washington Street of FMC Technologies. The property is to be subdivided into five lots.

Mayor Jergins opened a public hearing.

Speaking in Favor: No one.

Speaking in Opposition: No one.

Mayor Jergins closed the public hearing.

MOTION by Mark Murphy, second by Cyndi Godwin, to approve the preliminary plat. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous vote.

D. Consider Approval of the Final Plat of FMC Technologies Subdivision, located in the 2800 block of West Washington Street

Mayor Jergins opened a public hearing.

Speaking in Favor: No one.

Speaking in Opposition: No one.

Mayor Jergins closed the public hearing.

MOTION by Andrew Johnson, second by Nancy Hunter, to approve the final plat.
MOTION CARRIED by unanimous vote.

VII. REPORT FROM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Betty Chew discussed the number and valuations of building permits for the last ten years as well as code enforcement violations for the same period and as depicted on the attached charts.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes of Regular Council Meeting on May 3, 2005

B. Approval of Minutes of Regular Council Meeting on May 17, 2005

MOTION by Nancy Hunter, second by Todd McEvoy, to approve the Consent Agenda. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous roll call vote.

IX. COMMENTS BY CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Kaiser reported that there will be a dedication ceremony for the Optimist Jaycee Park new playground on June 9 at 11:30 a.m.

The street reconstruction project for this year has begun as well as the waterline replacement program. Kaiser reported that as the brick streets are uncovered for waterline repair, the bricks are being salvaged at a rate of 75%.

Texas Department of Transportation has replaced the 45mph with a 55mph sign on US 377/67 from Dublin at the Stephenville city limits.

Summer Concert in the Park series begins with Ricky Skaggs performing at the Birdsong Amphitheatre on June 13. This is a free event sponsored by TexStar Ford, Cross Timbers Fine Arts Council, First Financial Bank, KCUB radio, and City of Stephenville.

X. COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mark Murphy invited citizens to attend the committee meetings.

Mayor Jergins stated that the 2005 Leadership Stephenville class has donated \$4,500 toward the purchase of a welcome sign to be erected on the Fort Worth highway outside the city limits.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION At 6:39 p.m., Mayor Jergins recessed the open portion of the meeting, and council went into executive session in compliance with the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Law, Subchapter D, Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes, Annotated, in accordance with Sec. 551.071(1)(A) Consultations with Attorney; pending or contemplated litigation, Sec. 551.072 Deliberations about Real Property, and Sec. 551.074 Personnel Matters (a)(1) to

deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.

City of Stephenville v. Clovis Russell, Cause No. 4722-97CV, Erath County Court at Law

Café Trifles, Inc. et al v. The City of Stephenville, Cause No. CV-27437

Consider Purchase of 5.40 acres, and being Lot 7, Block 50, and Lots 3, 5, and the westerly portion of Lot 1, Block 51, City of Stephenville, Erath County, Texas.

Consider Recommendation to Hire Director of Utilities

Council reconvened in open session at 7:53 p.m.

XII. ACTION TAKEN ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Todd McEvoy, second by Cyndi Godwin, to authorize staff to negotiate for the purchase of 5.40 acres out of Blocks 50 and 51, City of Stephenville. MOTION CARRIED by the following vote:

Ayes: Council members Godwin, Cross, Hunter, Johnson, McEvoy, Murphy, and Mayor Jergins.
Noes: Council members Nash and Ratliff.

XIII. ADJOURN

MOTION by Todd McEvoy, second by Barry Ratliff, to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous vote at 7:54 p.m.

Russell E. Jergins, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cindy L. Stafford, City Secretary