

MINUTES OF REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
City of Stephenville - City Council
TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2007– 5:30 P.M.

The City Council of the City of Stephenville, Texas, convened on August 21, 2007, 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	:	Pat Shelbourne Malcolm L. Cross Nancy Hunter Andrew Johnson Alan Nash 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 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 21, 2007, by Mayor Jergins who declared a quorum present.

II. Public Hearing on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2007-2008

Mayor Jergins called on City Administrator Kaiser for introductory remarks. Kaiser reported that projected revenue for the year is \$17,459,446. As a result of council budget work sessions, Kaiser identified the following changes to the budget:

- \$10,000 was removed in anticipation of sharing with Tarleton State University the cost of the fence between West End Cemetery and Tarleton property;
- Reallocated from the general fund to the storm water drainage fund, expenditures of \$60,000, which was for drainage erosion issues near Century Park in City Park;
- Increase of \$1,000 to the median renovation project;
- Removed \$2,000 for Meals on Wheels.

Kaiser stated that total expenditures are budgeted at \$28,892,276, which includes construction projects.

Mayor Jergins opened a public hearing.

Nyki (Nyka) Wyatt, 102 Spring Bouquet, Stephenville, Texas, requested the council to consider allocating more money for storm water drainage improvements. She specifically spoke about drainage conditions in River North II Addition, which is where her home is located. She showed photographs of the streets in her neighborhood taken last month during a recent rain storm and told the council she considered this a hazardous situation.

Mayor Jergins advised Ms. Wyatt that this matter will be forwarded to the Public Works Committee for further study.

Doug McLemore, 1302 Cleveland, Stephenville, Texas, spoke to the council in his capacity as President of the Board of Directors of Meals on Wheels. He asked the council to reconsider the removal of the amount of \$2,000 from the proposed budget. He asked that the council not think of Meals on Wheels as a charity but a social service agency that provides a much needed service to the community. He reported that from July 2006 through June 2007, 25,000 meals were served, of which 16,000 were served to residents of the City of Stephenville. He explained that funding comes through the North Central Texas Council of Governments. Other funding sources are United Way, Erath County, and City of Dublin. McLemore said that he is asking the council to "help us out, just to be a part of what we are doing".

III. Consider the Time, Date and Place of a Public Hearing on the Tax Rate for 2007

MOTION by Andrew Johnson, second by Barry Ratliff, to set Tuesday, September 4, at 5:30 p.m. and Tuesday, September 11, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 298 West Washington Street, Stephenville, Texas, as the time, date and place for public hearing on the tax rate for 2007. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous roll call vote.

IV. Adjourn

MOTION by Mark Murphy, second by Pat Shelbourne, to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous vote at 6:28 p.m.

Russell E. Jergins, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cindy L. Stafford, City Secretary