

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

City of Stephenville - City Council

TUESDAY, May 13, 2008, 5:30 P.M.

The City Council of the City of Stephenville, Texas, convened on March 13, 2008, at 5:26 p.m., in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 298 West Washington Street, for the purpose of a Special Council 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 Pro-Tem	:	Rusty Jergins
Council members	:	Pat Shelbourne Malcolm L. Cross Nancy Hunter Andrew Johnson Alan Nash Mark Murphy Barry Ratliff
Absent	:	Todd McEvoy
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 5:26 p.m. on Tuesday, March 13, 2008.

- II. **EXECUTIVE SESSION. At 5:27 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 Consultation with Attorney and Sec. 551.072 Deliberations about Real Property**

Contract on Lots 3 and 5, Block 129, City Addition, Stephenville, Erath County, Texas

Council reconvened in open session at 5:36 p.m.

- III. **Action Taken on Matters Discussed in Executive Session (if necessary).** MOTION by Barry Ratliff, second by Mark Murphy, to approve the contract covering Lots 3 and 4, Block 129, City Addition, Stephenville, Erath County, Texas, plus closing costs. MOTION CARRIED.

- IV. **Consider Approval of Railroad License and Force Account Agreement with State of Texas and Fort Worth & Western Railroad.** MOTION by Nancy Hunter, second by Andrew Johnson, to approve the Railroad License and Force Account Agreement with the State of Texas and the Fort Worth & Western Railroad. MOTION CARRIED.

V. Planning and Development Committee

A. Consider Approval of Contract with Bureau Veritas North America, Inc. for Plan Review Services

MOTION by Nancy Hunter, second by Andrew Johnson, to approve the contract with Bureau Veritas North America, Inc. MOTION CARRIED.

B. Consider Ordinance No. 2008-09 Amending Fee Schedule to Provide for Plan Review Fees

MOTION by Nancy Hunter, second by Andrew Johnson, to approve Ordinance No. 2008-09. MOTION CARRIED.

VI. Consider Approval of Amendment 3, Methodist Branch Storm Drain Phase 2 Construction Representation

MOTION by Andrew Johnson, second by Pat Shelbourne, to approve Amendment 3 of the Methodist Branch Storm Drain Phase 2, Construction Representation. MOTION CARRIED.

VII. Canvass Election Results of May 10, 2008 City Election and Consider Passing Resolution No. 2008-09

Mayor Jergins appointed himself, Andrew Johnson, and Alan Nash as the Canvass Committee to canvass the votes from the May 20, 2008 election. Andrew Johnson read the results as reflected on the attached resolution.

MOTION by Andrew Johnson, second by Alan Nash, to approve Resolution 2008-09. MOTION CARRIED.

VIII. Recognize Outgoing Councilmembers

Mayor Jergins recognized the outgoing councilmembers and presented each with a plaque expressing appreciation for their service.

Andrew Johnson served on the city council from 2004-2008 and served on the Planning and Zoning Commission prior to that. Jergins acknowledged that these working relationships gave him and opportunity to come to know Councilmember Johnson. Jergins acknowledged that Johnson's service and leadership has lead to quality brick streets and attention to preserving history. Jergins mentioned that Andrew followed in his grandfather's footsteps who served on the council in the early 1990's. Johnson served as the Chairman of the Public Works Committee.

In response, Johnson said that it has been an honor to serve on the council. He acknowledged the following:

- His family for their support.
- Former Mayors--Jergins, Moser, Pollan, and Lohrmann.
- All of the councilmembers with which he has had the pleasure of serving.
- The boards and commissions of the city, specifically the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- The citizens and the voters of the city. Johnson thanked the voter for electing a 19 year old to the council.
- A great city staff.

Johnson said he feels the overall condition of our city is quite good. He said that we are fortunate that our growth is manageable and that we lead the area in educational opportunities, health care, agriculture, manufacturing, retail, and government. He said the last four years we have made tremendous strides in certain areas as storm water drainage, street improvements, park improvements, zoning, comprehensive plan, and quality of life.

Mayor Jergins then recognized Barry Ratliff who served on the council from 2005-2008. He also served as the Chairman of the Public Health and Safety Committee. Jergins noted that Barry was able to contribute expertise in the area of computer technology. Jergins also touted him as a good steward of the citizens' tax dollars.

Barry Ratliff said that he is grateful for getting to serve on the council. He said that he hopes his efforts on the Public Health and Safety Committee have made a difference in the protection of the citizens and improvements in technology.

Mayor-Elect Hunter presented Rusty Jergins with a plaque for his service to the City of Stephenville during the last twelve years. Jergins served on the Planning and Zoning Commission 1996-1998; City Council, 1998-2004; and Mayor, 2004-2008. Hunter said that Jergins has served with honor, distinction, and passion and she is privileged to have had his tutelage during her term on the council. Hunter conveyed her best wishes to Rusty Jergins as he begins his service as a board member of the Stephenville Independent School District and to his family—wife, Deslys; daughter, Adyson; son, Austin; and to his “son on the way”.

In accepting his plaque, Jergins said that he has had a lot of fun serving on the council. He said that you have to be like Kenny Rogers—“You gotta know when to hold ‘em and know when to fold ‘em.” He acknowledged the following people:

- God, for giving him the ability and passion for serving.
- His family. He thanked them for the sacrifices they have had to make over the years.
- The citizens and the support and encouragement he has received from them.
- The city staff, which he considers one of the city's greatest assets.
- Darrell Brown, former councilmember, who encouraged Jergins to seek election to the council.
- Betty Chew, described by Jergins as a dedicated professional, and who educated

him as a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission. He acknowledged that Betty Chew is “by far, one of the best and knowledgeable professionals in the state.”

- Mark Kaiser, who has been a longtime friend. Jergins said he appreciates the opportunity to continue that friendship on a professional basis. He thanked Mark for his leadership, friendship, and dedication.

IX. Oath of Office of Newly Elected Council Members

City Secretary, Cindy Stafford, administered the oath of office to Nancy A. Hunter, Mayor; Malcolm L. Cross, Place 2; Russ McDanel, Place 4; Alan Nix, Place 6; and Scott Evans, Place 8.

Mayor Hunter offered her thanks first to the voters for exercising their privilege and their right to vote. She also thanked her supporters stating that there was no way her campaign could have run as well if it had not been for the supporters, especially Metta Collier, Campaign Treasurer. She also thanked her opponents for a well-run race. She gave her emotional thanks to her family—husband, Dan; daughter, Alexis; and son, Addison. She acknowledged the sacrifices they have made and said that they have shown her what it is like to be loved and blessed.

Hunter said that she looks forward to working with the new councilmembers as well as the incumbents. As her first act as mayor, she allowed the new councilmembers an opportunity to make a statement.

Russ McDanel said that he thanks God for His presence in his life and said that he is excited about serving on the council. He said he dedicates his service to his Mom and Dad and to his children. He said he will honor his campaign slogan of “Listening to the People”.

Alan Nix thanked God for His many blessings—a loving wife and family, a supportive mother, a community like Stephenville in the State of Texas, and a nation as great as this one we live in. He thanked the outgoing councilmembers for their service and said he looks forward to getting to work.

Scott Evans said that he appreciates the people who voted for him and even those who didn’t vote for him. He said he will try to be a good councilmember for everybody.

X. Adjourn

MOTION by Mark Murphy, second by Russ McDanel, to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous vote at 6:41 p.m.

Russell E. Jergins, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cindy L. Stafford, City Secretary