

City of Stapleton  
Council Meeting  
June 19, 2025  
6:00 P.M.

Lisa M. Cranford, Mayor  
Jason Jones, Police Chief  
Gail Berry  
Janet Dickson  
Carla Hancock  
Selena Sutton  
Angela Sutton  
Lewis Berry  
Tom Wells

Council Present:  
Phillip Beckworth  
Jason Irby  
John Legander III  
Christopher Whipple

Council Absent:  
Janis Holley

Mayor Cranford called the meeting to order and rendered the invocation.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Mayor Cranford called for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2025, regular meeting. Motion made by Jason Irby, second by Christopher Whipple, to approve the minutes of the meeting. The vote was unanimous.

1. Selena Sutton – Building Permit Request:

Mayor Cranford recognized Selena Sutton who requested that her denied building permit be reconsidered. She submitted plans to attach a double-wide home to the existing house located at 175 South Easy Street. She was advised that the structure would not comply with standard building and electrical codes. Motion made by Jason Irby, second by John Legander III, to deny Ms. Sutton's request. Jason Irby, John Legander III, and Christopher Whipple voted in favor of the motion with Phillip Beckworth abstaining. Motion carried.

2. Reconsider Replacement of HVAC at Fire Department Office:

Mayor Cranford reported that a quote from Mel Daniel HVAC had inadvertently been omitted from the quotes reviewed at the last meeting and she inquired whether officials wanted to reconsider the matter. Motion made by Jason Irby, second by Christopher Whipple, to reconsider the replacement of the HVAC at the fire department office. All voted in favor.

Quotes as follows were presented: Mel Daniel HVAC \$7,997.00 for a heat pump; Mel Daniel HVAC \$8,745.00 for a Rheem split gas furnace; Helton Electrical Services \$6,800.00 for a heat pump; Helton Electrical Services \$8,250.00 for a Rheem split gas furnace; Giesbrecht HVAC for \$8,713.00, \$10,932.00, \$12,615.00, and \$15,791.00 for Trane units. Motion made by Jason Irby second by John Legander III, to accept the quote from Helton Electrical Services in the amount of \$8,250.00 for a Rheem Gas Furnace, and pay the expense from SPLOST 2016 funds. The vote was unanimous.

3. FY 2026 Budget Ordinance and FY 2025 Budget Amendment Ordinance – Second Reading:

Motion made by Christopher Whipple, second by Phillip Beckworth, to accept the second reading of the FY 2026 Budget Ordinance and FY 2025 Budget Amendment Ordinance and adopt it. All voted in favor.

4. Election Contract Intergovernmental Agreement:

Motion made by Christopher Whipple, second by Jason Irby, to approve the Election Contract Intergovernmental Agreement with Jefferson County Board of Commissioners for the November 4, 2025, General Municipal Election. All voted in favor.

5. Jason Jones – Police Department Staffing:

Police Chief Jason Jones requested authorization to hire a second part-time officer for his department. Motion made by Jason Irby, second by Christopher Whipple, to approve a second part-time officer for the police department. The vote was unanimous.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION: Personnel

Motion made by Jason Irby, second by John Legander III, to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel. All voted in favor.

Following Executive Session, motion made by Jason Irby, second by John Legander III, to come out of Executive Session. The vote was unanimous.

Motion made by Jason Irby, second by Christopher Whipple, to adopt the Resolution of Ratification of Executive Session. All voted in favor.

Motion made by Jason Irby, second by Christopher Whipple, to appoint Gail Berry Interim City Clerk, All voted in favor of the motion.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, motion made by John Legander III, second by Phillip Beckworth, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting closed in order at 7:14 p.m.

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Gail Berry, Interim City Clerk