

COUNCIL MINUTES
January 28, 2025

Stratford City Council met in regular session with Mayor Wright presiding and the following:

Council: Joe Zak, Ray Lermon, Brad Reed, Misti McBryde

City Manager: Tommy Bogart

City Secretary: Kathy Rendon

PW Supv and Asst Supv: David Tollison, Tracie Bogart

ACCE Officer: Kristin Elam

Guests: Kathy Allen, Oscar Mayorga, Justin Lanning, Bryan Wardroup, Shelly Worley, William Worley

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Prayer

- Mayor Wright called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Misti McBryde gave the prayer.

Consent Agenda Items

- a. Minutes from November 19, 2024 and January 7, 2025
- b. Accounts Payable for December 2024
 - Brad Reed motioned to approve, Joe Zak seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Council Business

- a. Discuss and consider action re: zoning variance request for residential barn living quarters at 320 S. Maple
 - Requestor: Oscar Mayorga
 - CM Bogart stated that Mr. Mayorga's purpose for this barn is to be a rental. However, the rule is that it must have 700 sq. ft. minimum, and it is only 640 sq. ft. Mr. Mayorga is requesting a variance. Joe Zak motioned to approve, Brad Reed seconded, all else in favor, motion carried.
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- b. Discuss and consider action re: Agricultural Lease Agreement
 - CM Bogart advised Council that TCEQ requires the City to regulate affluent water and records must be kept. Miguel Carrillo is requesting to farm the circle. CM Bogart explained to him the terms that would be required, and Mr. Carrillo was agreeable. The contract is for farming 120 acres and the contract would be for seven (7) years. There was discussion and concern from Council about not allowing others to submit a bid. CM Bogart and Mayor Wright both explained that this has been addressed several times in the past and when the potential bidder is advised that the City regulates the water, not the bidder, then they are no longer interested in pursuing a lease. There was also concern about the length of time the contract is for. After discussions, Joe Zak motioned to approve the agreement with Miguel Carrillo, Brad Reed seconded, all else in favor, motion carried.
- c. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**
Council will convene into closed session in accordance with the Government Code 551.087 to deliberate regarding Economic Development
- d. Council will reconvene into open session to consider action, if any, on matters discussed in Executive Session
 - This item was not necessary.

City Manager Report

- CM Bogart discussed with Council several unbudgeted items that were approved but created some adverse effect on the overall budget. His opinion is that many of these funds could have been better utilized than to be spent on unbudgeted items. He would like to see restraint from unnecessary spending going forward on expenses that are not budgeted and not an immediate need. This would allow the City to consider budgeting for these items in a future budget.

Citizen Comment Period: there were none

Items from the Council

- Discussion of policies, complaints, or any matter of urgent necessity arising subsequent to the posting of this notice
 - Joe Zak commented that all seems to be going well. He is glad to see the street sweeper being used.
 - Misti McBryde expressed appreciation for the clearing of the snow for the delayed school start.
 - Ray Lerman inquired about the repairs near the County Barn. Ray offered a suggestion for better warning signage and barricades to close the street. PW Supv Tollison reported that this will be a \$100k repair. The plan is to push a liner through it and not have any taps between the manholes.

Adjourn

- Mayor Wright thanked the guests for their attendance. As there was no further business, Joe Zak motioned to adjourn at 6:24 pm and Ray Lerman seconded, all else in favor, motion carried.

Greg Wright, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathy Rendon, City Secretary