

## COUNCIL MINUTES

June 24, 2025

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

Council: Joe Zak, Ray Lerman, Brad Reed, Michael Hood, Misti McBryde

City Manager: Tommy Bogart

City Secretary: Kathy Rendon

Police Chief: Richard Coborn

PW Asst Supv: Tracie Bogart

ACCE Officer: Kristin Elam

Guests: Kathy Allen, Fire Chief Justi Lanning

### Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Prayer

- Mayor Wright called the meeting to order at 6 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance; Brad Reed offered the prayer.

### Consent Agenda Items

- a. Minutes from May 27, 2025
- b. Accounts Payable for May 2025
  - Joe Zak motioned to approve as presented, Brad Reed seconded the motion, all else in favor, motion carried.

### Council Business

- a. Discuss and consider action: amendment to Ordinance No. 2017-0523 – ordinance for a backflow/cross connection control program
  - Chief Coborn reported that he has been researching the program requirements and found that the current ordinance is the most restrictive than others that he has read and also has more than TCEQ requires. Chief Coborn would like to request for an updated ordinance that removes the restrictions that are not required. Additionally, other Cities have fines for non-compliance. Joe Zak motioned to approve the presentation of an updated ordinance at a future meeting, Brad Reed seconded the motion, all else in favor, motion carried.
- b. Discuss and consider action: budget amendment regarding purchase of controller for storm siren
  - The storm siren on Purnell is not working. The repair part will cost \$3600. Brad Reed motioned to approve, Misti McBryde seconded the motion, all else in favor, motion carried.
- c. Discuss and consider action: closing of Main Street for Jamboree Block Party
  - Brad Reed motioned to approve, Michael Hood seconded, all else in favor, motion carried.
- d. Discuss and consider action: authorizing City Manager to prepare, publish and disseminate a Request for Qualifications for a firm or business to perform the duties of appraisal and/or collection of ad valorem taxes for the City
  - Mayor Wright stated that the City has not been able to secure a seat on the Sherman County Appraisal Board for quite some time. The Council feels that as a taxing entity, the City should have a representative on this Board. He has been in contact with the City Attorney about publishing a Request for Proposals for appraisal services if it is determined that this would benefit the City. After discussion and also discussion regarding recent appraisals, Michael Hood motioned to have the City Manager look further into this matter and report back to Council any information on this subject, Brad Reed seconded the motion, all else in favor, motion carried.

### e. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council will convene into closed session in accordance with Government Code 551.074 to deliberate regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, dismissal or hiring for position of Public Works Director

- Council convened into executive session at 6:18 pm.

- f. Council will reconvene into open session to consider action, if any, on matters discussed in Executive Session
  - Council reconvened into open session at 6:37 pm. Ray Lerman motioned to open the application process for the Public Works Director position, Misti McBryde seconded, all else in favor, motion carried.

**g. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council will convene into closed session in accordance with the Government Code 551.087 to deliberate regarding Economic Development

h. Council will reconvene into open session to consider action, if any, on matters discussed in Executive Session

- o Executive Session was not necessary. Kathy Allen reported that the investors are in place and are waiting to see how the tariffs are going to affect moving the project forward. They will be in Stratford in September for a town hall meeting. Additionally, the rendering has been completed.

**City Manager Report**

- o CM Tommy Bogart reported that he will attend a June 5<sup>th</sup> meeting with the Texas Water Development Board. He plans to attend a July 17<sup>th</sup> meeting regarding grant writing. Looking at refurbish vs. replace on ground tanks. The City will apply for CDBG grants when they become available. All roofs have been evaluated. The Police Department needs a roof replacement. CM Bogart also noted that Fire Chief Justin Lanning brought the newest Fire Department vehicle for anyone who would like to see it.

**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
  - o Brad Reed about the new concrete and when it will be opened up. Tracie Bogart said it will be on July 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - o Ray Lerman thanked Tracie for getting the material delivered so the street could be repaired.
  - o Misti McBryde commented about weeds growing in the streets and asked how the weeds get treated. She was advised that they get sprayed with a colored treatment that is visible. She asked Kathy Allen about the progress of the hotel. Kathy said that the incentives agreements are being re-worked. She asked Chief Coborn about his staffing issues. He replied that he has a new employee starting on July 14<sup>th</sup>. He will be working 12-hour shifts. He also has someone interested in attending the academy, but currently there are issues and changes with Amarillo College Academy that need to be addressed. She asked about Primos construction. ACCE Officer reported that they are adding an awning.

**Adjourn**

- There being no further business, Ray Lerman motioned to adjourn at 6:55 pm, Misti McBryde seconded the motion, all else in favor, motion carried.