

COUNCIL MINUTES

November 25, 2025

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

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

City Manager: Tommy Bogart

City Secretary: Kathy Rendon

Police Chief: Richard Coborn

PW Supv: Tracie Bogart

ACCE Officer: Kristin Elam

Guests: Kathy Allen, Fire Chief Justin Lanning, Flor Miranda, Manuel Chavroya, Cipriano Rueda, Suzanne Bellsnyder

Swearing In & Taking of Oaths, Call Meeting to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Prayer

The meeting opened at 6 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer. Following the prayer, Council members were sworn in. Brad Reed was first to take the oath of office for council member, followed by Michael Hood and Ray Lermon. All three officials swore to faithfully execute their duties, preserve, protect, and defend the constitution and laws of the United States and the State of Texas.

Consent Agenda Items

The consent agenda included minutes from October 28, 2025, and accounts payable for October 2025.

Motion to approve the consent agenda made by Councilmember Joe Zak, seconded by Councilmember Misti McBryde. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Business

Discuss and consider action re: mobile home permit for 107 S. Maple

The Council considered a mobile home permit application for 107 South Maple. The presenter explained this was the third trailer purchased from Reeder Cattle. The applicant purchased the property where Jesse's Gun Shop was located and planned to move the mobile home to that site. It was noted that required measurements had been taken, and the entire property had been cleaned up. The applicant also owns apartments by the city barn and had cleaned up that area as well. The property had all signatures required except for one, as Mr. Asher refused to sign.

Motion to approve the mobile home permit made by Councilmember Joe Zak, seconded by Councilmember Ray Lermon. Motion carried unanimously.

Discuss and consider action re: RESOLUTION NO. 2025-1125(R)

The Council considered a resolution authorizing submission of a FY 2026 Regional Solid Waste Grants program application to the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission. City staff explained that PRPC runs this program annually through the state, allowing the city to apply for grants. Previous grant awards had funded two compactors and green dumpsters for the city. The plan was to submit another grant application for green

dumpsters this year. It was noted that while the city could purchase green dumpsters directly at approximately \$600 each, the grant would provide 100% funding.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 2025-1125(R) made by Councilmember Joe Zak, seconded by Councilmember Michael Hood. Motion carried unanimously.

Discuss and consider action re: possibly award bid for financing for the purchase of two (2) 2026 Chevy Silverado Trucks for Public Works

The Council reviewed two financing bids for the purchase of two 2026 Chevy Silverado trucks for Public Works:

1. Happy State Bank: 6% interest rate for 5 years with quarterly payments
2. First State Bank: 4.4% APR for 5 years with quarterly payments

Council confirmed that the 4.4% was an annual percentage rate with quarterly payment schedule, not 4.4% per quarter.

Motion to accept First State Bank's financing offer at 4.4% APR made by Councilmember Brad Reed, seconded by Councilmember Misty McBryde. Motion carried unanimously.

Discuss and consider action re: a RESOLUTION authorizing the City of Stratford to obtain financing for the vehicles listed in Item C

Motion to approve the resolution authorizing financing for the vehicles made by Councilmember Brad Reed, seconded by Councilmember Misti McBryde. Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Report

The City Manager reported that City Hall would close at noon on November 26th for the Thanksgiving holiday. Additionally, a Christmas city dinner is scheduled for December 23rd at 1:00 PM at Biddy's. All council members, city employees, and their families are invited, with a headcount to be gathered in the coming weeks. The City Manager also noted that information about "Where Your Ad Valorem Taxes Go" had been published on the front page of the Gazette.

Citizen Comment Period

No citizens offered comments.

Items from the Council

Councilmember Ray Lermon raised concerns about a stop sign/yield sign by the General Store being in poor condition. He also inquired about the PRPC 1, 3, and 5 year plan, to which the response was that they would discuss ideas and prepare for the January 8th meeting. Ray additionally requested sandbags for barricades instead of bag patch.

Comment was made on the successful opening of Fifth Street, expressing excitement about being able to drive all the way to the Dollar General.

Councilmember Michael Hood inquired about the possibility of installing flashing lights on the yellow sign indicating a 4-way stop ahead near Express Lane. It was noted this would require coordination with the Texas Department of Transportation since it involves their roadway.

Mayor announced his resignation effective immediately, reading a formal resignation letter expressing gratitude to City Manager Tommy Bogart, city staff, Fire Chief Justin Lanning, Police Chief Richard Coborn, and Kathy Allen of the Sherman County Economic Development Committee. The Mayor explained he was moving to a new city to begin a business venture but would always consider Stratford home.

The City Manager reminded everyone that the council typically does not meet in December unless urgent matters arise and noted that the next meeting's agenda would include an item to formally accept the Mayor's resignation and determine next steps.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Councilmember Ray Lermon, seconded by Councilmember Misti McBryde. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:17 PM.