

COUNCIL MINUTES

May 27, 2025

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

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

City Manager: Tommy Bogart

City Secretary: Kathy Rendon

Police Chief: Richard Coborn

PW: Tracie Bogart

ACCE Officer: Kristin Elam

Guests: Kathy Allen, Bryan Mungia, Jennifer Hamilton, Jeff Crippin, Alicia Law, Terry Mathews, Justin Lanning, Gina Chambers

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Prayer

- Mayor Wright called the meeting to order at 6 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance, Michael Hood offered the prayer.

Consent Agenda Items

- a. Minutes from April 22, 2025
- b. Budget Amendment for Fire Dept 2024 Chevrolet Silverado
- c. Accounts Payable for April 2025
 - Joe Zak motioned to approve as presented, Ray Lermon seconded, all else in favor, motion carried.

Council Business

- a. Discussion: Joint meeting between the City and Sherman County regarding Stratford Fire Department
 - Mayor Wright thanked the County for their presence at the meeting. Bryan Mungia expressed his concern that both entities give approval for Fire Department expenses before payment(s) are issued, with focus on unbudgeted and/or expensive items. Judge Law stated that she feels everything is going great between the City and the County. No action was necessary or taken.
- b. Discuss and consider action re: Haile Subdivision dba Star of Texas RV Park
 - CM Bogart stated that the plat was presented. When the hotel is ready, construction can begin immediately. Once Council approves the plat, it will need to be filed with the Clerk's office. Brad Reed motioned to approve, Misti McBryde seconded, all else in favor, motion carried.
- c. **PUBLIC HEARING**
 - Public Hearing on the adoption of the Sherman County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan
 - The public hearing opened at 6:14 pm and closed at 6:19 pm.
- d. Discuss and consider action re: **RESOLUTION #2025-0527(R)** adopting the 2025 Sherman County Hazard Mitigation Plan
 - Mayor Wright stated that this plan must be re-considered every two (2) years. The HMP is a requirement to qualify for FEMA assistance if ever needed and to help identify other entities that might also need assistance during a time of need. It is a mutual aid agreement for Federal funding in the event of an emergency. Ray Lermon motioned to approve, Joe Zak seconded, all else in favor, motion carried.
- e. Discuss and consider action re: leasing vehicles for fleet management
 - CM Bogart reported that he spoke with Duncan Chevrolet, and it was determined by their staff that leasing vehicles would be expensive, but they would be willing to sell 3-4 vehicles to the City. CM Bogart contacted Hart Chevrolet for the same inquiry – has not received a quote yet. Council thinks that the owner of Duncan Chevrolet should be contacted for a definitive answer regarding leasing vehicles. No action was taken.

f. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

- g. Council will reconvene into open session to consider action, if any, on matters discussed in Executive Session
- Executive Session was not needed as there are no updates. The company has separated from Rockafeller and the office sign will be updated. Council was advised that the land for this project is available until a contract has been signed for purchase.

City Manager Report

- CM Bogart wanted to offer information regarding the backflow requirements. The City water is certified by TCEQ and the current ordinance states that all residences with livestock, all new construction and maybe even some older homes must meet this requirement. It keeps all “bad” water from entering back into the City water system.
- Will be attending a meeting June 5th regarding water and sewer funding and will attend a meeting July 17th for government services summit funding.
- Cactus has offered to allow us to use their cameras and see how far the collapsed sewer line on the South side actually goes.
- Councilmember McBryde asked CM Bogart if there is a summer street repair plan. He responded that two areas need immediate improvement: 1st and N. Wall with major intersection repairs to the entire intersection and the draining issue at S. Wall/S. Spruce.
- 51 bags of patching were worked in one (1) day.

Citizen Comment Period

- Gina Chambers was present to discuss the requirements for a livestock permit and a backflow device. Previous owners told her that one was installed but has not been able to locate it. She was advised that it is usually near the water meter.
- Council was advised by Chief Coborn and ACCE Officer Kristin Elam that any fence request for 501 S. Chestnut will be denied until this property has been cleaned up.

Items from the Council

- Discussion of policies, complaints, or any matter of urgent necessity arising subsequent to the posting of this notice
 - ADDENDUM ITEM:
 - The property owner at 621 S. Fulton has requested a zoning variance for a carport. This property is on a corner lot and requires a variance. Brad Reed motioned to approve, Michael Hood seconded, all else in favor, motion carried.
 - Joe Zak said he appreciates the weed spraying and would like to see the street sweeper run the sprayed streets to clean up afterwards. He stated that the east side of Bain Tire property looks very good.
 - Michael Hood reported that N. Chestnut and 7th Street needs repairs and would also like to request consideration for any necessary repairs needed on all four (4) streets surrounding the school.
 - Misti McBryde wanted to give her appreciation to employee Alex Spurlock for his attention to follow-up at her residence due to a recent utility issue. She also commented on the “no show” report by the auditor. CM Bogart replied that this has never happened before, and the auditor had a previously scheduled report on the night of Stratford’s Council meeting. It was discussed with the Mayor and the decision was made to request a summary of what the auditor would have presented in person if the schedule had been available.
 - Ray Lerman asked if there was a specific type of backflow device or “number” that needed to be installed. PD Chief advised that code enforcement is focusing on backflow devices for livestock as the first priority. Sprinkler systems and irrigation systems will be addressed at a later date. Justin Lanning and Kristin Elam will be the employees who will get the certification for the required inspections. He reported that the patching up to the Cemetery looks good, but patching is also needed up to the curve. He offered to take care of the blading for cold mix as a courtesy to help get this repair

- taken care of. He also commented that cleaning out the highway ditch for the drainage problem will not help. All of the culverts are too high. This will always be an on-going problem.
- Brad Reed wanted to express his appreciation to the City employees for their hard work.
 - Mayor Wright stated that the City still has no representation on the Appraisal Board. An RFP will be advertised, and bids will be requested. He also reported that all elected officials are required to complete NIMS training to qualify for Emergency Management funds and/or services if ever needed.

Adjourn

- Joe Zak motioned to adjourn at 7 pm, Ray Lermom seconded, all else in favor, motion carried.