

**STEPHENVILLE SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER  
ADVISORY BOARD  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2021  
MINUTES OF CALLED MEETING**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Jan Smith called the Special Called Meeting to order at 12:58 p.m. Meeting was held in the annex meeting room of the Stephenville Senior Citizens Center. Board members present were Chairperson Jan Smith, Acting Secretary Joanna Lay, Sheryl Wells, Debby Watson and Dana Worrell. Secretary Elizabeth Johnson and Marlene Dupus were absent. Also present were City Council members Daron Trussell and Rickey Thurman as well as Staff members Kelli Volypka, C. V. Black, Sandy Morgan, Kara Dingman and Wendy Raffin.
- II. **FACILITY DISCUSSION:** Chairperson Smith asked Daron Trussell, Chair of the Parks & Leisure Services Committee, to begin the discussion. He and Councilman Thurman proceeded to give information on the proposed new senior center, saying the City Council has a One-million-dollar budget and is working with Jim Burgeon of Rocky Creek Builders. An artist's rendition of the front and back of the building as well as a diagram of the floor plan was given to each person in attendance. Councilman Trussell continued by saying steel from a building being torn down at the Airport can be reused for this facility, reducing the cost to the city.

The new building will be located to the right at the end of East Tarleton Street. The back of the building will face the Bosque River Trail and be near the Stephenville Historical Museum on land already owned by the city, the front would face west. There will be parking at the front of the building with other parking area in consideration. The building will be approximately 4500 sq. ft. with a lobby, lounge, office, one large classroom, one smaller classroom, kitchen area, ladies and men's restrooms and storage. Both classrooms will have partition availability to reduce or enlarge their size. The flooring is planned to be polished concrete or luxury vinyl. A fenced back yard and/or a fireplace for the patio are alternate ideas. Board member Debby Watson suggested an outside storage building, which Councilmen said could be considered.

Councilman Trussell said he estimates approximately \$120,000 to \$150,000 soft cost for all new furnishings. He has been in contact with several businesses in the city for possible donations.

The current Center location can be sold, which would put revenue back on the tax rolls and help pay for the new Center.

The City Council will vote on this proposal at 5:30 p.m. October 4, 2021. Bids will be called for to receive the best value. It is hoped construction can begin by the Spring of 2022.

Various Board Members present had input into the conversations regarding the proposed building and were advised by councilmen they would continue to be heard as the process continues.

With sincere thanks to Councilmen Trussell and Thurman the meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.