



SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall Council Chambers, 298 West Washington Street
Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 5:30 PM

MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Stephenville, Texas, convened on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, City Hall Council Chambers, 298 West Washington Street, for the purpose of a Special City Council Meeting, with the meeting being open to the public and notice of said meeting, giving the date, time, place and subject thereof, having been posted as prescribed by Chapter 551, Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated, with the following members present, to wit:

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Doug Svien
Council Member LeAnn Durfey
Council Member Justin Haschke
Council Member Bob Newby
Council Member Ricky Thurman
Council Member David Baskett
Council Member Gerald Cook
Council Member Mark McClinton

COUNCIL ABSENT: Council Member Lon Reisman

OTHERS ATTENDING: Jason M. King, City Manager
Randy Thomas, City Attorney
Sarah Lockenour, City Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Svien called the Special City Council Meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Mayor Svien recessed the Special City Council Meeting at 5:30 PM to the Council Committee Meeting.

Mayor Svien reconvened the Special City Council Meeting at 5:42 PM.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Bob Newby, chair; LeAnn Durfey, Lon Reisman, Ricky Thurman

1. Consider Approval of Utilization and Expenditure of Federal Asset Forfeiture Funding to Create the SPD Motorcycle Unit

Stephenville Police Chief Dan Harris presented this item at the Public Health and Safety Committee Meeting on April 18, 2023.

Traffic Safety is one of the top priorities of the Stephenville Police Department (SPD). SPD is focused on reducing motor vehicle crashes. Not only will this new unit save lives, reduce injuries, and reduce property damage but this unit will also allow for additional proactive policing to help reduce crime. High Visibility Engagement (HVE) yields valuable results, making Stephenville safer. According to the Texas

Department of Transportation, for every seven traffic stops, traffic collisions are reduced by one. SPD currently has \$46,934.60 in federal asset forfeiture funding that can be utilized and approval is being requested to create the SPD Motorcycle Unit. Working with the Southlake, Texas Department of Public Safety, Longhorn Harley Davidson Police Dealership and several equipment vendors, the total cost will be approximately \$40,000.00. This amount reflects substantial savings in comparison to normally creating a new motorcycle unit.

MOTION by Bob Newby, second by LeAnn Durfey, to recommend to full council to approve the utilization and expenditure of federal asset forfeiture funding to create the SPD Motorcycle Unit. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

MOTION by Bob Newby, second by LeAnn Durfey, to approve the utilization and expenditure of federal asset forfeiture funding to create the SPD Motorcycle Unit. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

ADJOURN

Mayor Svien adjourned the Special City Council Meeting at 5:43PM.

Note: The Stephenville City Council may convene into Executive Session on any matter related to any of the above agenda items for a purpose, such closed session allowed under Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

Doug Svien, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sarah Lockenour, City Secretary