



## SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall Council Chambers, 298 West Washington Street  
Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 5:30 PM

### MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Stephenville, Texas, convened on *Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at 5:30 PM*, in the 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 Lon Reisman  
Council Member Bob Newby  
Council Member Maddie Smith  
Council Member David Baskett  
Council Member Brandon Greenhaw  
Council Member Mark McClinton

#### COUNCIL ABSENT:

#### OTHERS ATTENDING:

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

#### CALL TO ORDER

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

#### REGULAR AGENDA

##### 1. Consider Approval of Resolution Renaming FM 988

City Manager Jason King presented this item to the Council during tonight's Special City Council meeting.

MOTION by Justin Haschke, second by LeAnn Durfey, to rename FM 988 after Senator Robert J. Glasgow. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Mayor Doug Svien read Resolution No. 2023-R-08 as follows:

***A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RENAMING OF FM 988 (NORTHWEST LOOP) TO SENATOR ROBERT J. GLASGOW LOOP***

**WHEREAS**, Robert J. “Bob” Glasgow was born and raised in Stephenville, Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1960-1963 he served in the United States Army; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1967, Robert J. Glasgow earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Tarleton State College, where he was elected as Class President and Student Body President; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1970 he received a J.D. from the University of Texas at Austin; and

**WHEREAS**, after graduation Robert J. Glasgow opened his own law firm in Stephenville, Texas and served as the administrative assistant to Texas Governor Preston Smith; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1972, he was the District Attorney for the 29<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, which served Erath, Hood, and Palo Pinto counties, for eight years; and

**WHEREAS**, Glasgow was elected as one of the 31 members of the Texas Senate, serving the 22<sup>nd</sup> District of Texas from 1981 to 1993; and

**WHEREAS**, as senator, he chaired multiple committees including The Rules Committee; Jurisprudence Committee; State Affairs Committee and served President Pro Tem of the Senate during this time period making an impressive political impact on Texas history; and

**WHEREAS**, Robert J. Glasgow has achieved the highest rating for legal ability in Martindale-Hubbell. This ranking means that fellow attorneys and Judges have given Bob the highest ranking for his professional excellence; and

**WHEREAS**, the naming of FM 988 as the “Senator Robert J. Glasgow Loop” will help serve to perpetuate the memory of Senator Robert J. Glasgow for his time-honored legacy of dedication, vision, and service to the State of Texas and City of Stephenville.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STEPHENVILLE, TEXAS:**

1. That the City of Stephenville hereby supports the renaming FM 988 (Northwest Loop) to Senator Robert J. Glasgow Loop. Street placards shall be replaced with the adopted name and notice shall be given to property owners along such streets of the official change.
2. It is hereby found and determined that the meeting at which this resolution was adopted was open to the public as required by law and notice of time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given required by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.
3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED and APPROVED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023.

2. **Consider Approval of an Assessment Resolution for Steering Committee of Cities Served by Atmos Energy**

City Manager Jason King presented this item to the Council during tonight's Special City Council meeting.

Most municipalities have retained original jurisdiction over gas utility rates and services within municipal limits. The Atmos Cities Steering Committee ("ACSC") is composed of 178 municipalities in the service area of Atmos Energy Corporation, Mid-Tex Division that have retained original jurisdiction. Atmos is a monopoly provider of natural gas. Because Atmos has no competitors, regulation of the rates that it charges its customers is the only way that cities can ensure that natural gas rates are fair. Working as a coalition to review the rates charged by Atmos allows cities to accomplish more collectively than each city could do acting alone. Cities have more than 100 years' experience in regulating natural gas rates in Texas.

ACSC is the largest coalition of cities served by Atmos Mid-Tex. There are 178 ACSC member cities, which represent more than 60 percent of the total load served by Atmos-Mid Tex. ACSC protects the authority of municipalities over the monopoly natural gas provider and defends the interests of residential and small commercial customers within the cities. Although many of the activities undertaken by ACSC are connected to rate cases (and therefore expenses are reimbursed by the utility), ACSC also undertakes additional activities on behalf of municipalities for which it needs funding support from its members.

ACSC is actively involved in rate cases, appeals, rulemakings, and legislative efforts impacting the rates charged by Atmos within the City. These activities will continue throughout the calendar year. It is possible that additional efforts will be necessary on new issues that arise during the year, and it is important that ACSC be able to fund its participation on behalf of its member cities. A per capita assessment has historically been used and is a fair method for the members to bear the burdens associated with the benefits received from that membership.

The 2023 Membership Assessment is calculated at \$0.05 per capita for a total amount of \$1,084.35.

MOTION by Mark McClinton, second by David Baskett, to approve the assessment resolution for steering committee of cities served by Atmos as presented. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

3. **Consider Approval of an Assessment Resolution for Steering Committee of Cities Served by Oncor**

City Manager Jason King presented this item to the Council during tonight's Special City Council meeting.

The City of Stephenville is a member of a 162-member city coalition known as the Steering Committee of Cities Served by Oncor (Steering Committee). The resolution approves the assessment of a ten cent (\$0.10) per capita fee to fund the activities of the Steering Committee.

The Steering Committee undertakes activities on behalf of municipalities for which it needs funding support from its members. Municipalities have original jurisdiction over the electric distribution rates and services within the city. The Steering Committee has been in existence since the late 1980s. It took on a formal structure in the early 1990s. Empowered by city resolutions and funded by per capita assessments, the Steering Committee has been the primary public interest advocate before the Public Utility Commission, ERCOT, the courts, and the Legislature on electric utility regulation matters for over three decades.

The Steering Committee is actively involved in rate cases, appeals, rulemakings, and legislative efforts impacting the rates charged by Oncor Electric Delivery Company, LLC within the City. Steering Committee representation is also strong at ERCOT. It is possible that additional efforts will be necessary

on new issues that arise during the year, and it is important that the Steering Committee be able to fund its participation on behalf of its member cities. A per capita assessment has historically been used, and is a fair method for the members to bear the burdens associated with the benefits received from that membership.

The 2023 Membership Assessment is calculated at \$0.10 per capita for a total amount of \$2,168.70.

MOTION by Mark McClinton, second by Justin Haschke, to approve the assessment resolution for steering committee of cities served by Oncor as presented. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

**ADJOURN**

Mayor Doug Svien adjourned the Special City Council meeting at 5:36 PM.

*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.*

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Doug Svien, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sarah Lockenour, City Secretary