



## SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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City Hall Council Chambers, 298 West Washington Street  
Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at 5:30 PM

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### MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Stephenville, Texas, convened on Tuesday, September 19, 2023, 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 Justin Haschke  
Council Member Lonn Reisman  
Council Member Bob Newby  
Council Member Maddie Smith  
Council Member David Baskettt  
Council Member Brandon Greenhaw  
Council Member Mark McClinton

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** Council Member LeAnn Durfey

**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 5:47 PM.

### REGULAR AGENDA

#### 1. PUBLIC HEARING

##### Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget

Mayor Svien opened the Public Hearing at 5:47 PM. No one spoke on this agenda item and the Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 5:47 PM.

#### 2. Consider Adoption of Ordinance for Annual Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

MOTION by Justin Haschke, second by Bob Newby to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-O-25 approving the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Annual Operating Budget. MOTION CARRIED by the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Justin Haschke, Lonn Reisman, Bob Newby, Maddie Smith, David Baskett, Brandon Greenhaw, Mark McClinton, and Mayor Svien

NOES: none

**3. Consider Ratifying the Property Tax Increase Reflected in the FY 2023-2024 Annual Operating Budget**

City Manager Jason King reviewed the proposed Property Tax Increase.

MOTION by Justin Haschke, second by Bob Newby, to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Annual Operating Budget. MOTION CARRIED by the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Justin Haschke, Lonn Reisman, Bob Newby, Maddie Smith, David Baskett, Brandon Greenhaw, Mark McClinton, and Mayor Svien

NOES: none

**4. Consider Adoption of Ordinance Setting Fee Schedule for Fiscal Year 2023-2024**

MOTION by Justin Haschke, second by Bob Newby, to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-O-26 establishing fees for services and providing an effective date. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

**5. PUBLIC HEARING**

**2023 Tax Rate**

Mayor Svien opened the public hearing at 5:51 PM. No one spoke on this item and the Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 5:51 PM

**6. Consider Adoption of Ordinance Setting Tax Rate for 2023**

MOTION by Justin Haschke, second by David Baskett, to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-O-27 establishing for the property tax rate to be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.382 per \$100, which is effectively a 3.83 percent increase in the tax rate. MOTION CARRIED by the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Justin Haschke, Lonn Reisman, Bob Newby, Maddie Smith, David Baskett, Brandon Greenhaw, Mark McClinton, and Mayor Svien

NOES: none

**7. Consider Approval of HOT Funds Expense for Promotional Opportunity**

City Manager Jason King presented an opportunity for the city to be on PBS series called Viewpoint hosted by Dennis Quaid. This series would include a five-minute promotional video of the City of Stephenville to be aired on PBS forty-five to sixty times per quarter for a year and a one-minute promotional video to be aired on various national channels throughout the year. We would retain access and rights to the one-minute video. This opportunity will cost about \$30,000 and will provide nationwide exposure for the City of Stephenville. The City Manager recommends moving forward with this opportunity.

MOTION by Mayor Doug Svien, second by Bob Newby, to approve the expense of up to \$30,000 in HOT Funds for Viewpoint and give the City Manager and/or the Mayor the ability negotiate and approve a contract with Viewpoint. MOTION CARRIED 6:2 with David Baskett and Brandon Greenhaw opposed.

**ADJOURN**

With no further business, Mayor Svien adjourned the Special City Council Meeting at 6:01 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