MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 21, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Mayor Jeff Pogatshnik Mayor Pro tem Lori Shierry Councilwomen Sherrie Williams and Stephanie Wooten Councilmen Randall Barker and Clint Downs
MEMBERS ABSENT:	None
PERSONNEL:	Jerry Flemming, City Manager Steve Davis, Chief of Police Mike McCarty, Public Works Director Jason Griffin, Parks and Recreation Director David Owen, Economic Development Director Becky Ferguson, Director of Finance Amie Schultz, Library Director Janice Newman, City Secretary
VISITORS:	None

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:41 p.m.

The City Manager gave the invocation.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: City Council Vision Workshop.

The Mayor suggested taking the money that would be used for remodeling the former First Christian Church into City Hall and put it into the City's infrastructure. The Public Works Director stated there are approximately fifty blocks in the City that need the water mains replaced. He has contacted contractors to put in bids but has yet to receive any.

Councilwoman Wooten suggested using the old police/fire department to house the Parks Department or any other department that needs it. The Parks and Recreation Director stated the Parks Department's office located at 106 West Texas is fine. They do store some of their equipment at the Maintenance Barn on East Washington, which is falling apart. The Maintenance Barn has been identified as the next building that needs attention. It is located in the flood plain. The building needs to be torn down and rebuilt.

Both Councilwomen Shierry and Williams felt too much money has already been spent at the former church to not use it as the new City Hall.

Councilwoman Wooten noticed the exterior of the Library is looking worn. The Library Director has tried to get contractors to bid and/or work at replacing a lot of the wood, including the shutters, which are rotting and falling off, but has not been able to find anyone to work.

Councilwoman Williams wanted to make sure the Council takes care of the employees and equipment. She noted the Council worked hard to bring salaries up to be more competitive and does not want to lose focus and fall behind.

The Director of Finance asked the Council for guidance on non-profit organizations' sewer bill. Currently, their sewer bill is based on water consumption. The cemetery, baseball and football organizations water consumption are primarily used for outdoor watering. It was the consensus of the Council to just use the base rate for their monthly sewer bill.

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 28th day of April, 2025.

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Mayor Jeff Pogatshnik

ATTEST:

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City Secretary Janice Newman