

**City of Seven Points
City Council
Minutes
August 14, 2025**

The City Council of Seven Points, Texas met for a Regular Meeting, Thursday, August 14, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall, 715 South Seven Points Blvd. in Seven Points, Texas to discuss the items listed below. These are the minutes from that meeting:

1. Call to order and Roll Call: Mayor Keith Betts, Mayor Pro-Tem Valerie Bahm, Council Members Charles Longacre, Kevin Reynolds, and Mary Wennerstrom. LaJohnna Wells. A quorum was present.
2. The invocation was led by Chief Raymond Wennerstrom and Mayor Keith Betts led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
Citizen R. Christian spoke and wanted the Mayor and the council to know how much he appreciated our Police Department and that we all need to back the blue.
4. **CONSENT ITEMS**
 - a. Approve Minutes from June 12, 2025 council meetings.
 - b. Approve Financials for June Financials.
5. **STAFF AND COMMITTEE COMMENTS**
 - A. Council member Valeri Bahm gave an update on behalf of the beautification committee.
 - B. Council member Valeri Bahm gave an update on the senior citizen coalition. She stated they had spoken with various churches and citizens in the community. If there is anyone the citizens know of that might want to participate, please encourage them. The city as a whole want to be available to help our seniors and the police will be able to check on them if requested.
 - C. City Secretary introduced Kendra King to be able to help correct the court books and get them in corrected according to what the auditors are requesting. Council Member Mary Wennerstrom ask if this a a doable thing or does she think we're just blowing in the wind. Ms. King stated this can be done but it will take some time. Council member Charles Longacre ask how long she has estimated this taking. She stated until she looked at everything she could not really give us a timeframe. Charles Longacre suggested we give her until the end of December to get this done and all agreed.
 - D. Chief Wennerstrom gave an update on the Ford trucks we are purchasing. They should be at Ennis Ford next week. The uplift will take approximately 30-45 days to complete. It was also discussed that Chief Wennerstrom had already spoken with Tate at Prosperity Bank for financing, When the cars are delivered to Ennis Ford, either Mayor Keith Betts or Chief Raymond Wennerstrom will be able to sign the loan document and pick up the vehicles. Chief

Wennerstrom al stated his officers are making a list of stop signs, missing or needing replacement so maintenance can get them replaced.

6. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

7. Bennie Pate presented Mayor Keith Betts with a proclamation to the City of Seven Points recognizing the City as a Purple Heart City.

8. City Secretary, Charlotte Witherspoon presented Andy Perdue a plaque on behalf of the city for his participation as a city council member for the past 14 years. Chief Wennerstrom presented Andy with a coffee cup with the city logo for his participation as a council member. Andy was given a standing ovation.

9. Contract worker Thom Lauer gave an update on for the "Project Prichett Road Rehabilitation 2025". A request for proposal (RFP) was sent out to 15 small businesses and minority-owned companies and only three (3) came back with a proposal. The proposals ranged from \$650,000.00 to \$1.5 million dollars for approximately 1 ¼ miles of road.

10. **ACTION ITEMS**

11. Council member Mary Wennerstrom made a motion to remove Resolution 192 from the agenda. Second (2nd) by council member LaJohnna Wells. The vote was five (5) for and none were opposed. Motion carried.

12. Council Member Mary Wennerstrom made a motion to approve resolution 193 to close the court account at Simmons Bank and open a new account at Prosperity Bank. Second (2nd) by council member LaJohnna Wells. The vote was five (5) for and none were opposed. Motion carries.

13. Council Member Mary Wennerstrom made a motion to approve resolution 193 to open an account the courts at Prosperity bank and approve Mayor Keith Betts, City Secretary Charlotte Witherspoon, Council Members Kevin Reynolds, and Valeri Bahm to be check signers on that account. Second(2nd) by Council member LaJohnna Wells. The vote was five (5) for and none were opposed. Motion carried.

14. A motion was made by council member Mary Wennerstrom, second (2nd by LaJohnna Wells to approve the contract with Henderson County to collect taxes. The vote was five(5)for and none were opposed. Motion carried.

15. Council Member Mary Wennerstrom made a motion to remove item 15 from the agenda, second (2nd) by Council Member LaJohnna Wells. The vote was five (5) for and none were opposed. Motion carried.

16. Jared Mills, Fire Chief Trinidad spoke regarding the merging of City of Seven Points VFD becoming a part of Henderson County ESD#1. Council Member Mary Wennerstrom is concerned about the additional tax this will put on our citizens. Council Member Charles Longacre made a motion to table this until the September 11th meeting so we would have time to review this and possibly have more citizens at the next meeting that would have questions. Second (2nd) by LaJohnna Wells. The vote was five for and none were opposed. Motion carried.

17. A motion was made by Council Member Charles Longacre to accept Modification #5 from the United States Postal Service and approving Mayor Keith Betts to sign the document. Second by Council Member LaJohnna Wells. The vote was five (5) for and none were opposed. Motion carried.
18. A motion was made by Council member Charles Longacre to approve the purchase of a reclaimer, roller, motor grader and chip sealer for the purpose of road repair in the amount of \$65,000.00. This dollar amount is not for one (1) item, but a combination of these items. Second (2nd) by Council Member LaJohnna Wells. The motion was five (5) for and none were opposed. Motion carried.
19. A motion was made by Council member Charles Longacre to table item #19 until more information could be obtained from Henderson county regarding cost of them dispatching and holding inmates for the city. Second (2nd) by council member Kevin Reynolds. The vote was five (5) for and none were opposed. Motion carried.
20. A motion was made by Council Member Mary Wennerstrom to accept the certified value for 2025 in the amount of \$108,935.014. Second (2nd) by LaJohnna Wells. The vote was five (5) for and none were opposed. Motion carried.
21. A motion was made by Council Member Mary Wennerstrom to set a date of September 26, 2025 to set a budget hearing, adopting and adopting the tax rate for year 2025. Second(2nd) by council member LaJohnna Wells. The vote was five (5) for and none were opposed. Motion carried.
22. A motion was made by council member Valeri Bahm to approve the bid from The Wall Doctor in the amount of \$13,980.00 for the painting of the post office. Second (2nd) by Council Member Mary Wennderstrom. The vote was five (5) for and none were opposed. Motion carried.
23. A motion was made by LaJohnna Wells to adjourn, second (2nd) by council member Mary Wennerstrom.

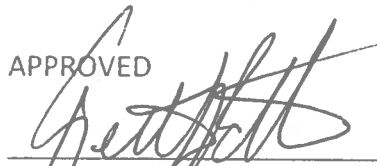
The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Keith Betts.

ATTEST



Charlotte Witherspoon
City Secretary

APPROVED



Keith Betts, Mayor

