

**CITY OF SEVEN POINTS
MINUTES
SEVEN POINTS CITY SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 28, 2026, AT 7:00 PM
SEVEN POINTS CITY HALL**

1. The special council meeting of Seven Points City Council was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Raymond Wennerstrom. Mayor Pro-Tem Valeri Bahm, Council Member Mary Wennerstrom, Council Member Charles Longacre, and Council Member LaJohnna Wells were present to make a quorum.

2. Charles Longacre gave the invocation, and Mayor Raymond Wennerstrom led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **CONSENT ITEMS**
 - A. A motion was made by Council Member Valerie Bahm to approve the April 9, 2026, minutes, and with the amendment of removing the highlighted area on the April 9, 2026, minutes (discussion items don't need items?), second (2nd) by LaJohnna Wells. The vote was four (4) for, zero (0) opposed. Motion carried.
 - B, C, & E, below: A motion was made by Council Member LaJohnna Wells to approve consent items B,C, & E, second (2nd) by Charles Longacre. The vote was four (4) for, zero (0) opposed. Motion carried.
 - B. Approve Shelly DeGarmo to serve as a member of the Economic Development Board (from cancelled special meeting 4/30/26).*
 - C. Approve JD Jennings to serve as a member of the Economic Development Board (from cancelled special meeting 4/30/26).*
 - E. Approve EDC grant for new building/remodel at Castillo Tire Shop (from cancelled special meeting 4/30/26).*
 - D. A motion was made by Council Member Charles Longacre to approve the EDC grant for new LED Signage for Cedar Creek Plowboys (from cancelled 4/30/26), second by Valerie Bahm. The vote was four (4) for, zero (0) opposed. Motion carried.
 - F. A motion was made by Council Member LaJohnna Wells to table approving the EDC budget for FY 2025-2026, to the regular June meeting, second (2nd) by Valerie Bahm. The vote was four (4) for, zero (0) opposed. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

4. Discussion with Auditors regarding update to City Audits.

City Attorney Joe Gorfida provided an update stating that the auditors still needed information from the court financials and the EDC financials to complete the audit. No action was taken.

5. Discuss, consider, and/or take action to approve FY 2025-2026 Budget Amendments, **Ordinance #388**. Council Member Mary Wennerstrom stated that the Budget recently adopted in the April meeting needed to be amended to identify and segregate the Police Department as an exhibit to the entire budget, and that the budget adopted in April included a subtotal for general office expenses of

\$14,300 that was included as its own line item and included in the total expense. Wennerstrom stated that this line item would need to be amended to be included or added to a designated account; the change would not affect the total amount of expenses for the general fund. Wennerstrom further suggested amending the \$14,300 to be allocated to cover equipment purchases and equipment maintenance within the police department that had already been spent for fiscal year 2026. A motion was made by Valerie Bahm to approve Ordinance #388 FY2025-2026 Budget Amendments as presented by Mary Wennerstrom, second (2nd) by LaJohnna Wells. The vote was four (4) for, zero (0) opposed. Motion carried.

6. Discuss, consider, and/or take action on options of a new website company developing and maintaining the city website (tabled from last month's regular meeting 4/9/26).

Presentation was made by Ty Thompson, owner of Creative Relic, and links were provided to Council and public to pull up a demo via mobile device to view a website example for the future city website. Thompson explained how the website would work and what all could be included to assist the city in developing a new, better-manageable website that would be ADA compliant as well as compliant with Local Government Code and State Law. Next, a presentation was made by Todd Cave, owner of GforGov, a demo link was also provided and shown on a laptop to the Council for viewing of an example city website developed and managed by GforGov. A motion was made by Valerie Bahm to appoint a committee consisting of LaJohnna Wells and Charles Longacre to review the quotes provided in the packet and bring back a suggestion for approval at the next meeting, second (2nd) by Mary Wennerstrom. The vote was four (4) for, zero (0) opposed. Motion carried.

7. Discuss, consider, and/or take action on appointing a new Mayor Pro-Tem for a 1 year term.

Motion was made by LaJohnna Wells to appoint Valerie Bahm as the Mayor Pro-Tem for a 1 year term, second (2nd) by Charles Longacre. The vote was four (4) for, zero (0) opposed. Motion carried.

8. Discuss, consider, and/or take action on setting a date and time for a budget workshop for FY 2027.

Motion was made by Mary Wennerstrom to set a budget workshop for FY2027 for Thursday, June 4th, 2026, at 6 p.m., with the special-called meeting to follow, and another budget workshop for FY 2027 for Thursday, June 11th, 2026, at 6 p.m., with the regular council meeting to follow, second (2nd) by LaJohnna Wells. The vote was four (4) for, zero (0) opposed. Motion carried.

9. Discuss, consider, and/or take action on approving August 2025 through April 2026 financials.

Motion was made by LaJohnna Wells to table the approval of the August 2025 through April 2026 financials to the June 11th, 2026 regular meeting, second (2nd) by Valerie Bahm. The vote was four (4) for, zero (0) opposed. Motion carried.

10. Discuss, consider, and/or take action on **Resolution #_197_**, approving changing bank signers on the City operating account.

Motion was made by Mary Wennerstrom to approve Resolution 197 removing Council Member Kevin Reynolds and former Mayor James Keith Betts from the City operating account; and adding Council Member LaJohnna Wells and Jennifer Thompson, second (2nd) by Valerie Bahm. The vote was four (4) for, zero (0) opposed. Motion carried.

11. Discuss, consider, and/or take action on **Resolution #_198_** approving changing bank signers on the Court account.

Motion was made by Mary Wennerstrom to approve Resolution 198 removing Council Member Kevin Reynolds and former Mayor James Keith Betts as signers from the Court account, and adding Council Member LaJohnna Wells and Jennifer Thompson, second (2nd) by Valerie Bahm. The vote was four (4) for, zero (0) opposed. Motion carried.

12. Discussion, consider, and/or take action on accepting a new agenda policy and council rules and procedures by **Ordinance #_389_**.

Discussion by Charles asking for clarification on where the policy came from, City Attorney Joe Gorfida explained the content of the policy and that Mary Wennerstrom and himself had put the policy together in November of 2024. It had been previously presented to a previous Council in 2024 at a workshop, but had not been placed on an agenda for action or approval since that time. Motion was made by Valerie Bahm to approve Ordinance #389, second (2nd) by LaJohnna Wells. The vote was four (4) for, zero (0) opposed. Motion carried.

13. Discuss, consider, and/or take action on **Resolution #_199_** approving opening a new bank account at Prosperity Bank for funds being held as evidence. This was recommended by Buddy Hill with Henderson County District Attorney's Office.

Discussion by Mayor Raymond Wennerstrom explaining the District Attorney's office recommended opening the new account for the purpose of properly securing funds held for evidence. Motion was made by LaJohnna Wells to approve Resolution #199, opening the new account for the purpose of securing funds held for evidence with a log kept, and assigning Valerie Bahm, Charlotte Witherspoon, LaJohnna Wells, and Jennifer Thompson as check signers, second (2nd) Valerie Bahm. The vote was four (4) for, zero (0) opposed. Motion carried.

14. Discuss, consider, and/or take action on the invoice from Cedar Creek Storage regarding cleaning of the building.

Discussion by Mayor Raymond Wennerstrom explaining the amount was \$2,925, but Charlotte had the manager discount the invoice for (\$1,000) for a new total to be paid of \$1,925. Motion was made by Charles Longacre to approve the payment of the Cedar Creek Storage invoice for cleaning in the amount of \$1,925, second (2nd) LaJohnna Wells. The vote was four (4) for, zero (0) opposed. Motion carried.

15. Discuss, consider, and/or take action on Henderson County 2026 - 2027 Collections Contract and review any other contracts coming up for renewal.

Discussion by Mayor Raymond Wennerstrom that he had requested all contracts to be included in the packet for review. The only contract included in the packet was the contract for the Henderson County 2026-2027 Property Tax Collections Contract, and he was aware that the trash contract was up for renewal, but he would make sure to have it on the next regular meeting agenda.. Motion was made by Mary Wennerstrom to approve the Henderson County 2026-2027 Collections contract, authorizing Mayor Raymond Wennerstrom to execute the contract, second (2nd) LaJohnna Wells. The vote was four (4) for, zero (0) opposed. Motion carried.

16. Discuss, consider, and/or take action on going out for bids on having proper work done on old city hall building.

Discussion by Charles Longacre that we are supposed to be getting bids and we will talk about this on the June 4th, 2026 special meeting, because City Attorney Joe Gorfida would need to gather more information from TML on detailed specifics. Motion was made by LaJohnna Wells

to table this until June 4th, 2026 special meeting, second (2nd) by Valerie Bahm. The vote was four (4) for, zero (0) opposed. Motion carried.

As authorized by Section 551.071(2) of the Texas Government Code, the City Council may convene into a closed executive session for the purpose of seeking confidential legal advice from the City Attorney on any agenda item listed herein. (Closed to the public as provided in the Texas Government Code).

17. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

The City Council shall convene into Executive Session pursuant to the following:

- a. Texas Government Code, Section 551.071, (1)(A) consulting with the City Attorney regarding pending litigation with Justin Shaffer vs. City of Seven Points, et al. Cause No. CV26-0126-173; in the 173rd District Court of Henderson County, Texas.
- b. Texas Government Code, Section 551.071, (2) consulting with the City Attorney, legal advice regarding a letter received from the Henderson County District Attorney's office pertaining to police department matters.

Council went into executive session at 8:55 p.m. and reconvened into open session at 10:03 p.m. No action was taken.

18. **STAFF AND COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

- A. **Beautification**
- B. **Senior Citizen Coalition**
- C. **Administrative Staff**
- D. **Police Staff**
- E. **EDC**

No staff and committee comments were received.

19. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Pursuant to Texas Government Code section 551.007, members of the public may speak on an agenda item during the public comments section of the meeting or at the time the agenda item is called for discussion by the mayor. Speakers shall be given three (3) minutes to speak and must address their comments to the mayor rather than to individual council members or staff. Speakers making personal, impertinent, profane or slanderous remarks may be removed from the meeting. Unauthorized remarks from the audience, stamping of feet, whistles, yells, clapping, and similar demonstrations will not be permitted. In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, the City Council is restricted from discussing or taking action on items not listed on the agenda. The Council may refer the item to city staff for research and resolution or refer the matter to a future meeting.

Anthony Stewart mentioned that there was a no-truck ordinance regarding the cut-through on Kelly Lane, and he was frustrated with the number of trucks consistently using Kelly Lane despite the ordinance and would like Council to address the issue. He also requested Council to look at the Flea Market being able to be open on Fridays and holidays.

Donna Schultz asked if the money was found that was missing. Charles Longacre and Raymond Wennerstrom both responded that the money had been located where it should have been and that the evidence had been correctly logged.

Logan Wells asked that Council look into having recorded meetings available for citizens who could not attend the meetings, and asked Council to look into purchasing microphones for Council for the meetings.

Breanna Stephens commented that the elections this year were disgusting on both sides and has seen good and bad on both sides. She mentioned that she did not like it, but did like the new people. She asked for accountability from here on out.

Presentation by T.J. Vineyard, T.C.O.L.E. agent, regarding police department issues and the future.

20. **Agenda item suggestions for next meeting.**

Valerie Bahm requested to add:

Flea Market additional days to be open for discussion and action, and to add discussion and action for the recording of future meetings.

21. **Adjourn.**

Motion made by Charles Longacre to adjourn, second (2nd) by LaJohnna Wells. The vote was four (4) for, zero (0) opposed. Motion carried.

ATTEST:



Jennifer Thompson, Finance Clerk

APPROVED:



Raymond Wennerstrom, Mayor