



September 2, 2025

1. **Special Meeting called to order** at 6:02 pm by Mayor Gerald Hall
2. **Invocation**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Roll Call:** Mayor Gerald Hall: Present, Councilmember Kim McDonald: Absent, Councilmember Mike Goodman: Present, Councilmember Staci Saunders: Present, Councilmember John Bowen: Present
5. **Consent Items:** None
6. **Citizens Forum:** None
7. **New Business:**
  - a. Consider & Discuss Payroll & Budgets for General Fund Departments and the Water & Sewer Department. The rate increases for water & sewer have helped to combat inflation in that department & their budget this year is balanced. Unfortunately, there is work to be done with our General Fund. General Fund pays for all departments except for street projects and the water & sewer department. James Gouger was mayor for many years and under his leadership the city grew a surplus of funds. That financial surplus has been used for the past 13 plus years to expand the police to, at one point, 275% larger than the annual money collected through property taxes suggest we can afford. An oversized department, coupled with inflation, and the longevity of our staff all contributed to exhausting the surplus at an accelerated rate in the past few years. Last year, under Mayor Tommy Carr, the council started the process of making the appropriate manning and budget cuts to ensure the city did not fully exhaust that past surplus as well as helping combat inflation. This is the second year of working toward getting our budget balanced to ensure we do not have future financial issues. It is currently estimated that the city would have around 12 to 18 months of those funds left without balancing the budget according to City Secretary Kelli D. Casey. As of now, the police force currently takes up 70% of all annual income brought in through our general fund. The police force, combined with the municipal court, consume 88% of all annual income collected through general funds according to our City Secretary; therefore, leaving around 12% for all other departments (except for water & sewer and street projects). The council reviewed and discussed all departments. City Secretary Kelli D. Casey stressed to the council that we are still in the red. Police Chief Goodman presented his needs to the council for the upcoming budget year, and Mayor Gerald Hall presented, on behalf of the Fire Chief, additional numbers for the Frankston Volunteer Fire Department for consideration. Budgets are still a work in progress. Motion to table until the next meeting by Mike Goodman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Bowen, Unanimous
  - b. Consider Using Austin Bank as Lender for New Backhoe for Water & Sewer Department. Motion to approve Austin Bank at 5.9% interest for 72 months by Mike Goodman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Bowen, Unanimous.
8. **Items from Council:**
9. **Staff Reports:**
10. **Announcements:**
11. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned @ 8:19 pm by Gerald Hall, Mayor

  
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 Kelli D. Casey, City Secretary