

City Council Minutes
May 27, 2025
6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

The Special Meeting of the Crestview City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor JB Whitten. Board members present: Mayor Pro-Tem Doug Capps. Council members: Ryan Bullard, Brandon Frost, Dusty Allison, and Shannon Hayes. Also present: Interim City Manager Jessica Leavins, City Clerk Maryanne Girard, City Attorney Jonathan Holloway, and various staff members.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor JB Whitten.

3. Open Policy Making and Legislative Session

Mayor JB Whitten declared a quorum was present.

4. Approve Agenda

Mayor JB Whitten called for action.

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Doug Capps and seconded by Councilmember Brandon Frost to approve the agenda, as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Doug Capps, Ryan Bullard, Shannon Hayes, Brandon Frost, Dusty Allison. All ayes. Motion carried.

5. Ordinances on First Reading

5.1. Reconsideration of Ordinance 2001 - 1-10/Fallen Heroes Corridor

CDS Planning Administrator Nicholas Schwendt presented Ordinance 2001, 1-10/Fallen Heroes Corridor to the City Council for reconsideration. He explained that the ordinance was discussed by the City Council on May 12th, 2025, however, due to concerns, the ordinance was modified. The modification includes the expanded area for allowed signs, a spacing requirement between signs that are placed, and a more consistent maximum sign height. He then asked the City Clerk to read Ordinance 2001 by title.

City Clerk Maryanne Girard read Ordinance 2001 aloud: An Ordinance Amending Section 7.02.05 of the City of Crestview Land Development Code; Providing For Authority; Providing For Severability; Providing For Scrivener's Errors; Providing For Liberal Interpretation; Providing For Repeal of Conflicting Codes and Ordinances; and Providing For An Effective Date.

Mayor JB Whitten called for comment from the Council.

In response to Councilmember S. Hayes regarding the height of the signs, CDS Planning Administrator N. Schwendt replied that it was derived from the existing regulations. He added signs will be placed 85 feet from the ground.

Mayor Pro-Tem D. Capps thanked staff for addressing the three concerns he had on the density, height, and using a much smaller map by capping at Fallen Heroes Way.

Mayor JB Whitten called for comment from the public. In hearing none, he called for action.

Motion by Councilmember Dusty Allison and seconded by Councilmember Shannon Hayes to approve Ordinance 2001 on first reading and move to second reading for adoption.

Roll Call: Ayes: Doug Capps, Ryan Bullard, Shannon Hayes, Brandon Frost, Dusty Allison. All ayes. Motion carried.

6. Action Items

6.1. Discussion/Action on Handling of Public Records Requests

Mayor JB Whitten stated he has received emails and complaints about the handling of public records requests. He explained the City Council oversees the person handling the requests. He suggested a performance improvement plan and asked for a decision whether the plan should be done or not.

Mayor Pro-Tem D. Capps said it is a way to go, as he has concerns.

Councilmember S. Hayes asked if he could receive copies of complaints from the citizens. Interim City Manager replied that she would provide any documentation or emails.

Motion by Councilmember R. Bullard seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Doug Capps to complete the performance plan and bring it back to the next Council meeting.

Roll Call: Ayes: Doug Capps, Ryan Bullard, Shannon Hayes, Brandon Frost, Dusty Allison. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor JB Whitten asked the City Council to complete the Performance Improvement plan and send it back to HR for review for the next City Council meeting.

7. City Manager Report

Interim City Manager Jessica Leavins made no additional comments.

8. Comments from the Mayor and Council

Mayor JB Whitten called for comment from the Council.

9. Comments from the Audience

Mayor JB Whitten called for comment from the public.

Ken Siler asked for clarification on how the information is given to Mr. Hayes. City Manager J. Leavins clarified that she will meet with Mr. Hayes to review the emails in case he is missing any emails sent to the entire City Council.

A number of representatives came forward to voice their concerns about the police presence on May Day last Saturday. A few of the issues mentioned were the need to work together, a better way to ensure everyone can park closer to the event, and that participation was impeded because the streets were blocked off.

The City Council heard everyone's concerns and agreed that a committee will be put together to form a plan for next year's event.

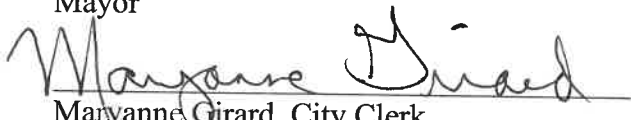
10. Adjournment

Mayor JB Whitten adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

Minutes approved this 9th day of June 2025.



JB Whitten
Mayor



Maryanne Girard, City Clerk
Proper Notice having been duly given

