



City of Spring Branch

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**Minutes of City Commission Meeting
City of Spring Branch, Texas**

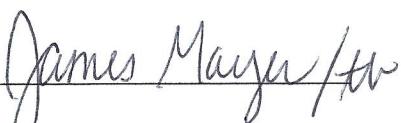
January 13, 2025

Meeting was held at Fire Station #6, 9850 FM 311, Spring Branch

- 1) Call to order at 6:30 PM. Present were Mayor James Mayer, Commissioner Brad Hockman, Commissioner David Dobbins, and City Clerk Terrie Barnes.**
 - a) Pledge of Allegiance.**
- 2) Mayor Mayer asked if anyone had read the minutes from the December Regular Meeting. Commissioner Hockman moved to waive reading aloud the minutes for the December 2024 regular meeting. Second by Commissioner Dobbins. The December meetings minutes were approved. No opposed.**
- 3) The Financial report for the month ending December 2024 was read by Mayor Mayer.**
- 4) Public Comments: No comment on agenda items. New comment from residents regarding the junkyard along 281 that borders a condominium association that is within the ETJ of the City of Spring Branch. Residents of the association have listed several concerning items such as abandoned motors, engines, non-running vehicles, cars, trucks and farm machinery in the back area but are also located along the frontage of 281. Additional items in the back include backhoes, mobile home, boats, trailers, a collection of building materials, roadway rubber, car batteries. Homeowners have also seen feral animals, small and medium sized varmints, foxes, rats, mice, armadillos, opossums that have traveled out from the junkyard fenced area. However, the most troubling is the**

volatile items being stored in the area such as several above ground gas tanks, oil tanks, and petroleum tanks. Those combustible items combined with the undergrowth and summer drought the area could be a potential fire hazard. Residents stated they have forwarded photographs of the area to the mayor. The mayor stated the City has sent two separate correspondences to the property owner, one via USPS and the second by USPS certified mail. While the property owner has not responded to the correspondence there was some item movement around the front of the property. The definition of junkyard would depend somewhat on the content of what is behind the fence and what is the owner's intent of items. The question is whether he is operating a junkyard business for profit or just hoarding things on his property. That question will be brought to our city attorneys to figure out. They will review and advise if there is legal recourse. Further stating the highest concerns that the City could act on is the environmental aspect and that is likely a matter for TECQ to investigate. The mayor will contact our attorney and if needed TECQ. Additional public comments included Smithson Valley Rangers are the football State Champions, they are having congratulatory ceremony at Ranger Stadium on Wednesday this week. Whataburger official opening on February 3rd, for lunch. Ribbon cutting ceremony at breakfast.

There being no further public comment, the meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.



Approved - James Mayer, Mayor



Attest - Terrie Barnes, City Clerk