

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF STEVENSON SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**June 16, 2025**

**6:00 PM, Stevenson City Hall and Remote**

Items with an asterisk (\*) have been added or modified after the  
initial draft publication of the Agenda.

**Attending:**

Elected Officials: **Mayor Scott Anderson; Councilmembers Dave Cox, Michael Johnson, Lucy Lauser, Chuck Oldfield, Pat Rice.**

City Staff: **Robert Muth, City Attorney; Cody Rosander, Stevenson Public Works Director; Ben Shumaker, Community Development Director; Carolyn Sourek, Stevenson Public Works Director.**

Public participants: **Chris Hipgrave, Rick Jessell, Canter Johnson, Dave Prosser, Val Stepanchuk, Bob Wertheimer**

**1. CALL TO ORDER/PRESENTATION TO THE FLAG:** Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- Chris Hipgrave and Canter Johnson speak about the Gorge Downwind Champs, a paddling event hosted in Stevenson each summer. They express their appreciation to the City Council for its support and share details on the economic benefit the event brings to the region.
- Val Stepanchuk discusses the Gorge Canoe Club, and the year-round offerings they bring to the Stevenson Community.
- Rick Jessell, discusses the sewer ordinance and his opinion that the Council needed additional data.
- Bob Wertheimer speaks about the sewer ordinance, the need for data, the need to slow down on a decision, and homeowner cost involved in a connection.
- Dave Prosser speaks about the sewer ordinance, its past lack of enforcement and the impact that had on the wastewater treatment plant and its upgrades.

**3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:**

- Cox moves to amend the agenda and then rescinds his motion.
- Rice moves to remove the potential vote. Oldfield seconds. Motion carries.

**4. COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

**a) \*Sewer Ordinance:** Shumaker leads an exercise to review 26 changes to the draft ordinance which had been suggested by Council members. The exercise involves introducing the potential change and thumbs up (yellow light)/thumbs down (red light)

voting. The exercise ends with 9 of the suggestions receiving a green light for incorporation into the final draft. The discussion concludes with the Council unanimously establishing 2 expectations for next steps:

- Incorporate changes and present the draft ordinance for public comment.
- Present options for the fine amount for consideration.

**5. ADJOURNMENT:** Anderson adjourns the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Minutes by Ben Shumaker

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