

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

The Town Council of the Town of Weber City met in a special called meeting at **6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 21, 2025**. The meeting was held in the assembly room of the Weber City Town Hall.

PRESENT:

Mayor: Justin Addington
 Vice Mayor: Wendell Tipton
 Council Member: Jeff Flanary
 Council Member: Teresa Tilson
 Council Member: Eileen Deckard (by phone via Zackary Salyer's device)
 Council Member: Keltie Kerney (by phone from a remote location with limited access – Town Hall office device)
 Council Member: Zackary Salyer

Others: Rhonda Neeley – Treasurer, Penney Capps – Clerk, and Donald Harding, III – Police Chief

ABSENT:

Town Attorney: Michael Carrico
 Public Works: Frank Tittle

Mayor Justin Addington called the Special Called Meeting to order at **6:00 p.m.**, opened with prayer by **Mayor Addington**. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Mayor and joined by all in attendance. ***The purpose of the meeting was to vote on an accepted Preliminary Budget for FY25-26.***

Wendell Tipton, Vice Mayor, asked to address the Council before any motions were made. Mayor Justin Addington granted permission. This is the full statement, delivered with one brief interruption by the Moderator, Mayor Justin Addington (as noted):

The members of this Council and Staff are not enemies. We are colleagues. We have a common goal. That is to discuss issues and projects of the town, bringing out the pros and cons of each and making a decision by a majority vote and respecting and carrying out those decisions. Keeping the best interest of the town and its citizens at the forefront of all decisions. We are here tonight to get a vote on a town budget to present to the public at next annual public budget meeting. Tonight is a special called meeting because we didn't finish our regular meeting two nights ago when we didn't even vote to approve or turn down the proposed budget. We let emotions and tempers get in the way of our duty as public servants to dismiss with no proposals of any kind. This is unacceptable. The Town deserves better from us and I ask that we do our jobs with professionalism and mutual respect.

Mayor Addington interrupted Vice Mayor Tipton's statement to ask the members joining by phone to mute their devices to eliminate background noise, and to unmute them when they wished to speak.

The Vice Mayor, Wendell Tipton, resumed with a review of budget instructions for all members to keep in mind. Expenses must have an equal source of income. The Finance Committee, Treasurer, and Town Clerk work together to ensure the accuracy of those numbers presented.

Mayor Addington asked if there were any motions from the Council.

A motion was made by Teresa Tilson, seconded by Jeff Flanary to accept FY25-26 Budget Revision #1 reflecting some changes made to the Preliminary Budget previously presented, per the Council discussion on Monday night, as the version to be sent to the Virginia Star for two weeks publishing before the Public Hearing to take place on Tuesday, June 10, 2025. It is also understood that suggestions and changes can be made before the final budget revision is voted upon on June 24, 2025.

Before the vote, Council member, Eileen Deckard, asked to have the motion clarified. Council member, Zackary Salyer, clarified the current motion on the floor to council members (Deckard and Kerney) that were joining the meeting by phone. Council member, Teresa Tilson, further clarified one change noted was regarding the 5% increase for Public Works Department employees.

Council member, Eileen Deckard, stated that she was still confused, regarding the revisions made, since Budget #1 did not include some changes that she had personally requested for the Police Department budget.

Mayor Addington then asked for members voting "AYE" to raise their hand. Let the record reflect that the following members raised their hands: Jeff Flanary, Teresa Tilson, Wendell Tipton, and Zackary Salyer. Mayor Addington then addressed council member Eileen Deckard on the phone, regarding her vote. She voted "NAY". He then addressed council member Keltie Kerney on the phone, regarding her vote, and discovered that she was no longer connected to the proceedings. With 4 AYES, and 1 NAY confirmed, the motion passes.

Motion passed with 4 voting AYE, 1 voting NAY, 1 Absent, 0 Vacant, 0 Abstentions.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Teresa Tilson, seconded by Wendell Tipton. Motion passed with 4 voting AYE, 0 voting NAY, 2 Absent, 0 Vacant, and 0 Abstentions

Mayor – Justin Addington

Town Clerk – Penney C. Capps