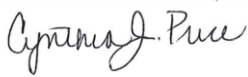


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Cynthia J. Price, City of Durant

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DURANT CITY COUNCIL
May 14, 2024 AT 6:00 PM
Roscoe J. Hatfield Council Chambers
300 West Evergreen
Durant, Oklahoma**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION/FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Tucker provided the invocation and led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present:
Council Member Lauran Fuller
Council Member Humphrey Miller
Council Member Danny Sherrer
Vice Mayor Mike Simulescu
Mayor Martin Tucker
City Attorney Tom Marcum
City Manager Pam Polk
City Clerk Cynthia J. Price

Absent:
None

PRESENTATIONS

- 1. Presentation of Proclamation Declaring May 2024 as National Cities, Towns and Villages Month**

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1. Consent Items**

To help streamline meetings and allow the focus to be on other items requiring strategic thought, the "Consent Items" portion of the agenda groups the routine, procedural, and self-explanatory non-controversial items together. These items are voted on in a single motion (one vote). However, any

Council member requesting further information on a specific item thus removes it from the "Consent Items" section for individual attention and separate vote.

- a. Consider Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of April 9, 2024
- b. Consider Approval of Special Called Meeting Minutes of May 6, 2024
- c. Consider Approval of Budget Supplements BA 24-11
- d. Consider Approval of Service Agreement with Crawford & Associates, P. C. for Accounting and Consulting Services (C-2024-16)
- e. Consider Approval of Mayoral Recommendation to Appoint Scott DeWald to the Durant Industrial Authority Board
- f. Consider Approval of Mayoral Recommendation of Two Nominees to Oklahoma Municipal Assurance Group Board of Trustees

Vice Mayor Simulescu requested Item 1(e) be removed for further discussion.

Motion To: Approve Consent Items 1(a)(b)(c)(d)(f) as Presented

Motion By: Humphrey Miller

Seconded By: Lauran Fuller

Ayes: Fuller, Miller, Sherrer, Simulescu, Tucker

Nays: None

Abstain: None

2. Consider Items Removed from Consent

Item 2 is formerly Item 1(e) which was removed from Consent.

Motion To: Approve Item as Presented

Motion By: Martin Tucker

Seconded By: Danny Sherrer

Ayes: Miller, Sherrer, Tucker

Nays: Fuller, Simulescu,

Abstain: None

3. Information Items

- a. Financial Statements March 2024 and Sales Tax Report April 2024

4. Administration

- a. 1. Consider Award of Bid for 2024 Street Improvement Project
2. Consider Approval of Contract C-2024-21 Between City of Durant and J & L Paving LLC for 2024 Street Improvement Project

Motion To: Award Bid for 2024 Street Improvement Project to J & L Paving LLC for the Project Total Amount of \$456,089.20

Motion By: Humphrey Miller

Seconded By: Mike Simulescu

Ayes: Fuller, Miller, Sherrer, Simulescu, Tucker

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion To: Approve Contract Between City of Durant and J & L Paving LLC for 2024 Street Improvement Project (C-2024-21)

Motion By: Martin Tucker

Seconded By: Lauran Fuller

Ayes: Fuller, Miller, Sherrer, Simulescu, Tucker

Nays: None

Abstain: None

- b. Consider Offer from Oklahoma Department of Transportation In the Amount of \$18,280.00 to Purchase Property for Highway 78 Project and Take Possible Action

Motion To: Approve Offer from the Oklahoma Department of Transportation in the Amount of \$18,280.00 to Purchase Property for Highway 78 Project

Motion By: Martin Tucker

Seconded By: Lauran Fuller

Ayes: Fuller, Miller, Sherrer, Simulescu, Tucker

Nays: None

Abstain: None

- c. Consider Approval of Amendment to the City of Durant Employee Handbook to Include Hiring, Training, and Educational Reimbursements

Motion To: Approve Amendment to the City of Durant Employee Handbook to Include Hiring, Training, and Educational Reimbursements

Motion By: Humphrey Miller

Seconded By: Lauran Fuller

Ayes: Fuller, Miller, Sherrer, Simulescu, Tucker

Nays: None

Abstain: None

- d. Consider Approval of Amendment to the City of Durant Employee Handbook to Include a Cell Phone Policy

Motion To: Approval of Amendment to the City of Durant Employee Handbook to Include a Cell Phone Policy

Motion By: Lauran Fuller

Seconded By: Humphrey Miller

Ayes: Fuller, Miller, Sherrer, Simulescu, Tucker

Nays: None

Abstain: None

- e. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action for Approval of Resolution R-2024-07 Authorizing City Manager to Represent the City as an Authorized Representative for Grant Related Matters

Motion To: Approve Resolution R-2024-07 Authorizing the City Manager to Represent the City as an Authorized Representative for Grant Related Matters

Motion By: Martin Tucker

Seconded By: Mike Simulescu

Ayes: Fuller, Miller, Sherrer, Simulescu, Tucker

Nays: None

Abstain: None

- f. The US Department of Transportation (DOT) 2024 Safe Streets and Roads For All (SS4A) Grant Program Funding Request to Develop a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan to Identify Roadway and Safety Deficiencies, Including all Necessary Items to Improve Safe Transportation Throughout Durant, with the Intent to Prevent Deaths and Serious Injuries on Roads and Streets Involving all Roadway Users

- 1. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action to Consider Approval and Support of a 2024 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Application for Funding to Develop a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan

2. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action to Consider Approval of Resolution R-2024-08 in Support of the Grant Application to Develop a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan and Commitment for the Required 20% Project Match

3. Authorization for the Mayor / Vice-Mayor / City Manager to Sign all Related Application Documents for the 2024 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Submission

Item 4(f)(1)

Motion To: Approve and Support 2024 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Application for Funding to Develop a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan

Motion By: Danny Sherrer

Seconded By: Humphrey Miller

Ayes: Fuller, Miller, Sherrer, Simulescu, Tucker

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Item 4(f)(2)

Motion To: Approve Resolution R-2024-08 in Support of the Grant Application to Develop a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan and Commitment for the Required 20% Project Match

Motion By: Martin Tucker

Seconded By: Danny Sherrer

Ayes: Fuller, Miller, Sherrer, Simulescu, Tucker

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Item 4(f)(3)

Motion To: Authorize the Mayor/Vice-Mayor/City Manager to Sign All Related Application Documents for the 2024 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Submission

Motion By: Martin Tucker

Seconded By: Lauran Fuller

Ayes: Fuller, Miller, Sherrer, Simulescu, Tucker

Nays: None

Abstain: None

- g. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Approval of Amendments to City Code Section 158 Sign Regulations Sub Section 158.06 Temporary Signs and Sub Section 158.07 Permanent Signs

No action taken.

- h. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Approval for Amendments to City Code Section 155 Community General Sub Section 155.065 Lots & 156 Zoning Code Sub Section 156.035 District Regulations Chart

No action taken.

- i. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action on Rezone Request for Property Located at 301 N. 16th Avenue

Motion To: Approve Rezone Request for Property Located at 301 N. 16th Avenue

Motion By: Martin Tucker

Seconded By: Humphrey Miller

Ayes: Fuller, Miller, Sherrer, Simulescu, Tucker

Nays: None

Abstain: None

- j. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action on Rezone and Replat Request for Property Located at 4332 N. Washington Avenue

Motion To: Approve Rezone and Replat Request for Property Located at 4332 N. Washington Avenue

Motion By: Martin Tucker

Seconded By: Danny Sherrer

Ayes: Fuller, Miller, Sherrer, Simulescu, Tucker

Nays: None

Abstain: None

- k. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action on a Replat Request for Property Located 175ft North of Intersection at San Angelo Lane and N Washington Avenue

Motion To: Approve Replat Request for Property Located 175 Feet North of Intersection at San Angelo Lane and N. Washington Avenue Contingent Upon Removal of 30 Foot Access Easement

Motion By: Martin Tucker

Seconded By: Lauran Fuller

Ayes: Fuller, Miller, Sherrer, Simulescu, Tucker

Nays: None

Abstain: None

- I. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action on a Rezone Request for Property Located at 3820 W. University Boulevard

No action taken.

- m. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action on a Rezone Request for Property Located at 199 S 18th Avenue

No action taken.

- n. Consider Approval of Ordinance O-2024-01 Amending Title III, Administration, Competitive Bidding Requirements; Section 37.021 Bidding Requirements, Section 37.022 Bidding Procedures, and Section 37.023 Emergency Purchases; Declaring an Emergency

Motion To: Approve Ordinance O-2024-01 Amending Title III, Administration, Competitive Bidding Requirements; Section 37.021 Bidding Requirements, Section 37.022 Bidding Procedures, and Section 37.023 Emergency Purchases; Declaring an Emergency

Motion By: Martin Tucker

Seconded By: Mike Simulescu

Ayes: Fuller, Miller, Sherrer, Simulescu, Tucker

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion To: Approve Emergency Clause

Motion By: Martin Tucker

Seconded By: Mike Simulescu

Ayes: Fuller, Miller, Sherrer, Simulescu, Tucker

Nays: None

Abstain: None

5. New Business

There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion To: Adjourn Meeting

Motion By: Martin Tucker

Seconded By: Humphrey Miller

Ayes: Fuller, Miller, Sherrer, Simulescu, Tucker

Nays: None

Abstain: None