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Cynthia J. Price, City of Durant

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DURANT CITY COUNCIL
April 8, 2025 AT 6:00 PM
Roscoe J. Hatfield Council Chambers
300 West Evergreen
Durant, Oklahoma

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Mayor Simulescu called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

INVOCATION/FLAG SALUTE

Skip Robinson of Calvary Baptist Church provided the invocation. Vice Mayor Simulescu led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present:

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

Absent:

Mayor Martin Tucker

PRESENTATIONS

1. Present Proclamation for Calvary Baptist Church Centennial Anniversary Celebration
2. Presentation of Check from Auto Spa and Texoma Pit Stop and Announcement of Fundraising Campaign

Vice Mayor Simulescu accepted a donation in the amount of \$2,000.00 towards construction of a new animal shelter. The donation was made by Bobby and Melissa Story on behalf of Auto Spa and Texoma Pit Stop. Mr. and Mrs. Story announced a fundraising campaign for the new animal shelter. Stephanie Gardner encouraged local businesses and the community to join the fundraising campaign and support this project.

3. 2025 First Quarter Employee Service Awards

The following employees received service awards:

5 YEARS

Mark Bellamy (Landfill)
Johnathan Gibson (Solid Waste)
Rebecca Pierce (PW Admin)
Thomas Robertson (Police)

10 YEARS

Joshua Mullins (Police)
Jeffrey Rush (Fire)

15 YEARS

Richard Ezell (Emergency Management)
Cynthia Price (Administration)

20 YEARS

Russell Harkey (Police)

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 Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2025
- b. Consider Approval of Special Called Meeting Minutes of March 14, 2025
- c. Consider Approval of Budget Supplements BA 25-9

Motion To: Approve Consent Items as Presented

Motion By: Lauran Fuller

Seconded By: Humphrey Miller

Ayes: Fuller, Miller, Sherrer, Simulescu

Nays: None

Abstain: None

2. Consider Items Removed from Consent

3. Information Items

- a. February 2025 Financial Reports and March 2025 Sales Tax Reports

4. Administration

- a. Consider Approval of Resolution Authorizing Application for Choctaw Development Funds for Matching Funds in the Amount of \$35,000 for the Durant Trails and Open Spaces Project (R-2025-02)

Motion To: Approve Resolution Authorizing Application for Choctaw Development Funds for Matching Funds in the Amount of \$35,000 for the Durant Trails and Open Spaces Project (R-2025-02)

Motion By: Danny Sherrer

Seconded By: Mike Simulescu

Ayes: Fuller, Miller, Sherrer, Simulescu

Nays: None

Abstain: None

- b. Discuss and Consider Approval of Durant Animal Shelter Project Estimate from Theorem, LLC in the Amount of \$1,676,006.07

Motion To: Approve Professional Services and Surveying with Theorem, LLC in the Amount of \$144,664.07 for the Durant Animal Shelter Project

Motion By: Lauran Fuller

Seconded By: Humphrey Miller

Ayes: Fuller, Miller, Sherrer

Nays: Simulescu

Abstain: None

5. New Business

There was no new business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Consider Entering Into Executive Session to Discuss Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Durant and Local 3061, International Association of Firefighters, Union, AFL-CIO/CLC, Bargaining Agent for Fiscal Year 2025-2027. This Executive Session Permitted Under 25 O.S. 307(B)(2).

Motion To: Enter Into Executive Session

Motion By: Mike Simulescu

Seconded By: Humphrey Miller

Ayes: Fuller, Miller, Sherrer, Simulescu

Nays: None

Abstain: None

2. Consider Action Pursuant to Executive Session Item 1.

Motion To: Approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Durant and Local 3061, International Association of Firefighters

Motion By: Mike Simulescu

Seconded By: Lauran Fuller

Ayes: Fuller, Miller, Sherrer, Simulescu

Nays: None

Abstain: None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion To: Adjourn Meeting

Motion By: Mike Simulescu

Seconded By: Humphrey Miller

Ayes: Fuller, Miller, Sherrer, Simulescu

Nays: None

Abstain: None