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Cynthia J. Price, City of Durant

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DURANT CITY COUNCIL  
March 10, 2026 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 Humphrey Miller

Council Member Clint Morrison

Council Member Danny Sherrer

Vice Mayor Mike Simulescu

Mayor Martin Tucker

City Attorney Doug Elliott

City Manager Pam Polk

City Clerk Cynthia J. Price

Absent:

None

**PRESENTATION**

- 1. Proclamation Naming the Month of April 2026 as Autism Awareness & Acceptance Month**
- 2. Proclamation Recognizing April 2026 as Fair Housing 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 February 10, 2026
- b. Consider Approval of Special Called Meeting Minutes of February 23, 2026
- c. Consider Approval of Special Called Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2026
- d. Consider Approval of Special Called Meeting Minutes of March 5, 2026
- e. Consider Approval of Budget Supplements BA 26-7
- f. Consider Approval of Mayoral Recommendation of Teddy Gabbart and Nik Patel for Appointment to the Durant Tourism Economic Development Authority

Motion To: Approve Consent Items 1(a) to 1(e) as Presented. There will be no action taken as to Consent Item 4(f).

Motion By: Humphrey Miller

Seconded By: Mike Simulescu

Ayes: Miller, Morrison, Sherrer, Simulescu, Tucker

Nays: None

Abstain: None

## **2. Consider Items Removed from Consent**

## **3. Information Items**

- a. January 2026 Financial Reports and February 2026 Sales Tax Report

## **4. Administration**

- a. 1) Consider Award of Bid for Oil and Gas Mining Leases;  
2) Consider Approval of Oil and Gas Mining Leases.

Brett Hudson addressed council on behalf of Freedom Oil and Gas Corporation.

Bretty Lowry addressed council on behalf of Lowry Land Co. Inc.

Elizabeth Calliccoat spoke in opposition to the oil and gas mining leases.

Motion To: Award of Bid for Oil and Gas Mining Leases Not Including Tract 5 to Bidder Number 2 Freedom Oil and Gas Corporation in the Amount of \$569,820.51

Motion By: Humphrey Miller

Seconded By: Mike Simulescu

Ayes: Miller, Morrison, Sherrer, Simulescu, Tucker

Nays: None

Abstain: None

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Motion To: Approval of Oil and Gas Mining Leases

Motion By: Mike Simulescu

Seconded By: Humphrey Miller

Ayes: Miller, Morrison, Sherrer, Simulescu, Tucker

Nays: None

Abstain: None

- b. Consider and Vote to Approve/Reject Publication of Notice to Request Bids to Lease Oil and Gas Interests of approximately 181.87 Acres Owned by the City of Durant

Motion To: Approve Publication of Notice to Request Bids to Lease Oil and Gas Interests of Approximately 181.87 Acres Owned by the City of Durant

Motion By: Martin Tucker

Seconded By: Humphrey Miller

Ayes: Miller, Morrison, Sherrer, Simulescu, Tucker

Nays: None

Abstain: None

- c. 1) Consider Award of Bid for Demolition of 300 Foot Guyed Tower;  
2) Consider Approval of Contract for Demolition of 300 Foot Guyed Tower

No action taken.

- d. Consider Approval of Resolution Establishing Fees and Costs Charged by the City of

Durant for Durant Services (R-2026-03)

Motion To: Approval of Resolution Establishing Fees and Costs Charged by the City of Durant for Durant Services Conditioned Upon the Increase of the Market Square Cafe Day Security Deposit from \$25.00 to \$100.00 (R-2026-03)

Motion By: Mike Simulescu

Seconded By: Clint Morrison

Ayes: Miller, Morrison, 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: Miller, Morrison, Sherrer, Simulescu, Tucker

Nays: None

Abstain: None