

City of Durant

City Council Meeting Minutes 11/14/2022

Mayor Scott Spengler called meeting to order at 6:00p.m. with roll call of members present: Quiram, Sterner, Mundt, Price and Daufeldt. City staff present: City Operations Officer/Clerk Deana Cavin, Community & Economic Director Dir. Dawn Smith, Public Works Dir. Jared Semsch, and Police Chief Orville Randolph. Consent agenda: Member Sterner motioned, seconded by Member Quiram, to approve the consent items with change to moving police report up on agenda. Ayes: Daufeldt, Price, Mundt, Sterner, Quiram Nays: None Motion carried. Public Input: None

Consider matching grant for up to \$500 for Tri-County Community Club for garden: Carol Schlueter was present to request council consider contributing \$500 to match a grant for the club for the flower gardens. She explained the donations they used to receive were from people that have passed, organizations that no longer exist, and memorial monies that have been depleted. TCC donates annually to the Community Chest, food pantry, Back pack program, Angel Tree and fireworks. Discussion followed concerning ideas for fund raising for the group. Member Mundt suggested letters to the community and ads in News and Views to explain how the group donates, to whom, and what it costs for upkeep for the flowers every year. He thought many community people may donate if asked. It was general consensus of council they could not donate to the club directly but would like to see how fundraising goes.

Police Report: Consider approval of Monthly Police Report: Member Price motioned, seconded by Member Mundt, to approve the police report. Ayes: Quiram, Sterner, Mundt, Price, Daufeldt Nays: None Motion carried. Speed camera signs have been installed at each entrance into Durant. It was general consensus warning period would begin December 2, 2022 for thirty days, and tickets would start on January 1, 2023.

Presentation for Police Officers: Chief Randolph presented Officer Brian Utter with a Certificate of Commendation for administering NARCAN on July 4, 2022, saving the life of an unresponsive subject at Casey's. Chief Randolph presented Sgt. Mike Meier with Certificate of Commendation in show of appreciation for the behind the scenes work he does for the department.

Consider approval for renewal of Community Center Alcohol License: Member Price motioned, seconded by Member Mundt, to approve the renewal of the license for the Durant Community Center Bar. Ayes: Quiram, Daufeldt, Price, Mundt, Sterner Nays: None Motion carried.

Consider approval for renewal of Jeff's Market Alcohol License: Member Sterner motioned, seconded by Member Price, to approve the renewal for the license for Jeff's Market. Ayes: Daufeldt, Quiram, Sterner, Mundt, Price Nays: None Motion carried.

Community Center and Economic Dev. Report: Update for BRIC grant and State grant: Dawn Smith reported after taking the classes for the grant, it was determined that Durant would not qualify for federal funding because we do not meet poverty levels nor diversity requirements. She is now working with Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship concerning storm water, and water quality project for the east side of Durant. The grant could pay for fifty percent of the project. Public Information Officer training: Smith reported she has completed this training through Cedar County Emergency Management; Public transportation by River Bend Transit: Smith reported this organization will be attending a future meeting to explain their plans to make stops in Durant for people to utilize River Bend to attend appointments. Early Childhood Education: there are funds available for new and current childcare providers to start up or continue childcare services, people interested should contact Dawn. Student Work fair: Smith has been working with area employers to set up a fair whereby ten to twelve students can tour facilities and receive an up-close look at the jobs; Ingleby land: closing should take place soon; the city attorney is reviewing abstract of today. Community Center Board: will be using the memorial funds from Joey Gehrls to purchase one hundred new heavy-duty chairs, five round tables, storage rack, and 4 additional pub tables. They will be discussing the Farmer's Market as well in January. Chamber of Commerce: Smith reported she has been visiting businesses and asking people to get involved with chamber. At this time there are no funds for fireworks. The Chamber will host Rock and Roll Bingo in February to raise money for Junior Achievement. Chamber needs more active people for different

projects. It needs to be supported to stay afloat. Chamber meetings are every second Monday from noon to 1:00p.m. at the Community Center.

Engineer's Report: Consider approval of contract for 2nd Street Water Main: Kevin Bailey explained the contract and updated council that since the city will apply for State Revolving Fund Loan, that will require a Preliminary Engineer's Report. This will be included in the Intended Use Plan for Drinking Water State Revolving Fund preparation. The contract includes topographic Survey, base map, project design and planning and application. There is a Planning and Design loan at zero interest through the SRF program. Member Price motioned, seconded by Member Quiram, to approve the contract with MSA Professional Services at \$65,000. Ayes: Daufeldt, Sterner, Mundt, Price, Quiram Nays: None Motion carried. Consider approval of contract for 9th Avenue Storm Water project: Kevin explained this contract is to upsize the storm sewer going toward the creek from 9th Avenue south side of railroad. This project would be a General Obligation Bond, and contract is set at \$73,500 for survey, design and bid package by MSA. Member Sterner motioned, seconded by Member Daufeldt to approve the contract with MSA Professional Services. Ayes: Quiram, Daufeldt, Price, Mundt, Sterner Nays: None Motion carried.

Public Works Report: Consider approval of compost cameras and wiring: Two estimates were provided to council to consider adding cameras to the brush and yard waste site. The total cost would be \$6,705.70. It was general consensus to hold off on this upgrade at this time.

Consider if ordinance update is needed for City Yard Waste Site: Member Sterner motioned, seconded by Member Price, to instruct clerk to start ordinance amendment for Chapter 105 in the City Code concerning the limitation on size of brush, tree limbs, at yard waste, and no commercial waste will be accepted. Ayes: Quiram, Daufeldt, Price, Mundt, Sterner Nays: None Motion carried.

Update council about Water Tower painting and inspections: Council was provided a copy of the inspection report from Maguire Iron for the south water tower. Rep. Jake Dugger will attend the next council meeting to explain the findings and to explain finance options for painting of the tower.

City Clerk's Report: Consider approval of October Financial Statements: Member Quiram motioned, seconded by Member Mundt, to approve the October Financial Statements. Ayes: Price, Daufeldt, Quiram, Sterner, Mundt Nays: None Motion carried. Consider approval for reinvestment of CD#11471

into money market account: Clerk represented Certificate of Deposit rates taken from websites, and informed council the money market account currently has a much higher interest rate. Member Mundt motioned, seconded by Member Price, to transfer the CD #11471 to the money market account. Ayes: Sterner, Mundt, Price, Daufeldt, Quiram Nays: None Motion carried. Consider setting December council

meeting date: Clerk reported the council normally has one council meeting in December, and that is the meeting the council approves Durant Municipal Electric's Budget. Due to publication requirements, DME would not have their budget ready council until after December 14th. It was general consensus to set December council meeting for December 19, 2022 at 6:00pm to accommodate the budget requirements.

Discuss council opinion about tennis courts and pickle ball courts : City Clerk provided recent Park Board minutes and drawing of proposed Pickle Ball courts over the tennis courts at Jaycee Park. The court needs to be torn out and new installed; the question is whether to keep it as a tennis court or allow new pickleball courts to be constructed. Mayor Spengler stated he has heard from some players that the existing court is not in good shape for playing on. Dir. Semsch questioned if the court would still be allowed to be used during the annual Fire Fighter Festival. Fence height was discussed. There were no strong opinions either way as to keep the tennis courts or not. Clerk will report back to Park Board. With the no other business before council, meeting adjourned at 7:22p.m.

Scott Spengler, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deana Cavin, City Operations Officer/Clerk

City of Durant		
Claims List 11-14-2022		
Vendor Name		
Accu Steel Inc	WWTP-replace hoop bldg	7475.00
Airgas USA LLC	CC bar rent CO2 cylinders	69.84
Alliant Energy *	Scott Co electric-st lights, wa tower, & lift station	291.98
Arnold Supply Co *	Parks-antifreeze (6 gals)	44.94
Badger Meter	Monthly user fee Oct 2022	60.06
CDW Government	CH IT-palmrest	79.79
Central States H & W Funds *	Health & Life Insurance	25021.71
Cintas Corporation #342	CC & CH mats, shop towels	222.98
City of Durant	Water	3427.12
Culligan-Quad Cities *	Distilled water	26.95
Durant Muncpal Electric	Electric & repair security light yankee lift	5524.40
Eastern Iowa Landscape Service	CH-fall cleanup & pruning	760.09
EFTPS *	Fed/FICA tax	27831.18
Global Security Services	Remaining balance CC cameras	2848.17
Grainger Inc *	Misc supplies	403.90
Gworks	Support agreement 2023	6512.00
Hoekstra Masonry	Repair 7th St from water main break	21520.00
Holiday Inn Des Moines Airport	WWTP-education Kyle hotel	122.08
Hopkins & Huebner P.C.	Legal fees-police	2925.00
IA Dept of Inspections & Appeals *	CC-food safety license renewal	150.00
Images in Ink	CH-letterhead 250 rerun no chg	97.50
Iowa One Call	September one calls	27.00
Iowa Rural Water Association	2023 water membership	275.00
IPERS *	IPERS	7693.42
Jeff's Market	CC bar supplies & liquor	209.54
John Deere Financial *	Misc parts	2116.73
Kiesler's Police Supply Inc *	Police ammuniton	689.40
Liberty Trust & Savings Bank	ACH fees	58.24
Lori's Cleaning Service *	City offices cleaning service	300.00
MacQueen Equipment	Roads-foam ear seals (4)	234.68
Mayberry, Brian	Severance pkg insurance cobra	7280.00
Mediacom *	Police-static ip	23.38
MidAmerican Energy	Natural gas	452.43
Midwest Wheel	Roads-LED signals (3)	56.46
MSA Professional Services Inc	Engineering fees 2021-22	33329.63
Municipal Emergency Services	Fire-minor equipment	2682.39
Night Owl Wireless LLC	Parks-JC Park internet	296.00
Olderog, Kyle	Reimb for microsoft license renewal	27.21
Oveson Refuse & Recycling LLC	November GB service & stickers	13876.00
Paper's Lumber & Supply Inc	Misc supplies	134.77
Postmaster *	Wa billing postage-stamps	308.00

QC Analytical Services LLC	WWTP testing	845.00
Smith, Dawn	Reimb for coat hangers	32.07
Sprague Law PC	Legal fees-Oct 2022	420.00
Stamp Man Specialities	CH supplies-city pens	508.85
Team Services Inc	Soil survey & boring-new Feldhahn concession stand	4300.00
Treasurer of Iowa-IA-WH *	State tax	4730.00
Treasurer State of Iowa *	Sales & WET tax	6145.43
Triple B Construction	Replace outfall pipe at creek	57300.00
Toyne Inc	Fire-service trucks	2034.50
Turkle Tree Service Inc	St tree trimming (2)	250.00
UMB Bank N.A. *	Interest pymt 2015 & 2016 GO Bond	23847.50
US Postal Service	Stamped personalized envelopes	350.75
USA Blue Book	Marking flags	343.61
Utility Equipment Co	WA-4" gate valve parts & minor equipment	1044.50
Verizon Wireless *	Telephones, internet, cells, GIS, lift	771.62
VISA *	Misc supplies	1161.64
Visu-Sewer Inc	Televise 4 sanitary lines	2283.75
Wendling Quarries Inc	WA-3/4" road stone (63.64 ton)	712.77
Wex Bank *	Fuel	1138.07
Payroll		51080.53
Total		334,785.56

* Denotes paid early due to invoice due date

Fund Totals		
General		164,039.94
Road Use Tax		20,701.52
Employee Benefits		7,280.00
Fire Department		5,264.75
Debt Services		23,847.50
Water		24,753.01
Sewer		88,898.84
Total		334,785.56

October 2022 Revenues

General	350,569.14
Road Use Tax	21550.53
Special Levy (Emp Ins)	56344.55
Durant LOSST (75% share)	9222.18
Urban Renewal Fund (TIF)	1836.21
Fire Fund	9537.26
Debt Service	172421.02
Water Utility	30444.62

Water Rev Bond Sinking Fund	7528.33
Sewer Utility	64486.18
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