

City of Durant City Council
Meeting Minutes 01/23/2023

Mayor Scott Spengler called the regular council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with roll call of Members present: Quiram, Mundt, Price, and Daufeldt. Member Sterner was absent. City staff present: Jared Semsch, Public Works Dir., Dawn Smith, Community/Econ. Dir., Orville Randolph, Police Chief, Deana Cavin, City Operations Officer/Clerk, and Julie Sprague, City Attorney.

Consent agenda: Member Mundt motioned, seconded by Member Quiram, to approve agenda, city bills, and minutes from previous council meeting plus moving the police department up on the agenda. Ayes: Daufeldt, Price, Mundt, Quiram Nays: None Motion carried. Public Input: None

Police Report: Consider Res. 2023-11 a resolution for city council approving the hiring of full-time police officer: Chief Randolph introduced Mason Wilson and recommended approval for full time police officer. Member Quiram motioned, seconded by Member Mundt, to approve Res. 2023-11 approving Mason Wilson as the full-time police officer. Ayes: Price, Daufeldt, Quiram, Mundt Nays: None Motion carried. Mayor Spengler performed the swearing for Mason Wilson.

Public Works Report: Jake Dugger Maguire Iron, reviewed the inspection report with council concerning the west legged tower. The city currently has a maintenance contract for both towers with Maguire Iron whereby towers are inspected every other year. With this last inspection the tower showed areas that needed recoating, and some updates to be in compliance with IDNR and OSHA requirements. The quote for repainting the tower interior and exterior, blast and remove paint, update fall protection, and update/replace roof vent; cost \$224,800. Jake also presented the option for colors and design for the tower. The project is scheduled for fiscal year July 1, 2024. Member Price motioned, seconded by Mundt, to approve the water tower contract not to exceed \$228,400 with gold and blue colors, city logo, and school lettering. Ayes: Price, Quiram, Mundt, Daufeldt Nays: None Motion carried.

Discuss Bridge inspection results: Public Works Dir. Jared Semsch explained the bridges are required to be inspected every two years. The inspection report showed several pictures of each bridge; west culvert and Yankee Avenue bridge. Calhoun-Burns performed the inspections, and noted a few areas of concern. The culvert bridge will need the sediment and dirt cleaned out of the culverts, which public works can do. Yankee Bridge will need repairs done in the near future due to exposed rebar, and scouring. After discussing with Cedar County Engineer Rob Fangman and Calhoun-Burns, it was determined the city should plan for these repairs in the 2025 fiscal year budget. Dir. Semsch will meet with a bridge repair company for an idea on costs. Cedar County has recently repaired a bridge with similar issues at a cost of about \$110,000. Both of the bridges inspected are solely the responsibility of the City of Durant.

Park Board: Consider Legat Architecture proposal for pickleball design and estimate for grant: Clerk reported Dawn Smith will assist with grant writing for the proposed pickle ball courts. The proposal from Legat Architecture was for a new tennis court, and four pickleball courts. The estimation was needed so grant work could begin. The project would involve removing the existing tennis courts surface, and installing new tennis court and four pickleball courts. Member Price and Member Mundt, also on council members on the Park Board Committee, both stated the estimated cost of \$350,000 was too much. Member Mundt would like to see the costs for utilizing the existing area of the tennis courts; installing new pickleball courts, and no tennis courts. After discussion, Member Mundt motioned, seconded by Member Quiram, to change the proposal from Legat to reflect, keeping the size of the courts the same as existing, but adding new surface, nets and fencing for pickleball. Ayes: Daufeldt, Quiram, Mundt Nays: Price Motion carried.

Community Center and Economic Dev. Report: Consider approval conference, lodging, and travel for director to attend conference out of state for Economic Development: Dir. Smith presented council with costs to attend Heartland Development Course by University of Northern Iowa, for four-day economic development training plus travel and lodging in April. Member Price motioned, seconded by Member Quiram, to approve the attendance and travel costs for the conference. Ayes: Daufeldt, Price, Quiram, Mundt Nays: None Motion carried.

Dir. Smith reported she is not happy with the dance floor application and a representative will be visiting the center to look at the floor. The city will hold the invoice until the issue is resolved. She reminded council she is still looking for additional help with events at the center.

City Clerk's Report: Member Price motioned, seconded by Member Quiram to the December 2022 financial statements. Ayes: Mundt, Price, Daufeldt, Quiram Nays: None Motion carried.

Consider approval of City Operations Officer/Clerk renewal of contract with changes: Clerk met with Members Daufeldt and Quiram concerning the renewal of the City Operations Officer/Clerk contract. Attorney Sprague reviewed the contract and discussed a change of wording for items N-S. The language should state," the City Operations Officer/Clerk, or their designee" on these items so that if there is a case whereby the clerk or the supervisor of the department is not available there is a direction of who would be responsible. Member Mundt motioned, seconded by Member Price, to approve the contract renewal with the recommended language changes. Contract effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2028.

Ayes: Daufeldt, Quiram, Mundt, Price Nays: None Motion carried.

Mayor/Council Report: Council Member Daufeldt briefed council about new 3-D printed housing program utilized by City of Muscatine, and the grant funding for this project. The construction materials used result in 10-15% cost reduction. Muscatine Mayor Bark would like to set up a meeting with Alquist company, who will be building the homes in Muscatine. Lennox, Iowa, has six of these homes, as well. These homes are to be slab design but the materials can also be used for a home with a basement. The homes are low maintenance and much lower cost than standard stick-built homes. Member Daufeldt will keep council member posted as to the date the meeting will take place for anyone to attend. Member Price inquired if the police department could assist with traffic when The Creamery has their drive-up meal deals, and consider reposting the traffic route should be from 4th Street, so to not block or back up traffic on 5th Street. Chief Randolph will check on the information.

At 7:15p.m. Member Price motioned, seconded by Member Mundt to enter into closed session to discuss and recommend direction for City Attorney Sprague and Dir. Smith to continue negotiations for contract and accepting of land donation for storm water restoration project under Iowa Code 21.5 (j) To discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property or reduce the price the governmental body would receive for that property. The minutes and the audio recording of a session closed under this paragraph shall be available for public examination when the transaction discussed is completed. Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

At 7:50p.m. council reconvened into open session. Member Mundt motioned, seconded by Member Price, to accept the land donation, accept the contract outlining the conditions of the land donation agreement, and approval for Mayor to sign the contract and letter for commitment of matching funds for the storm water grant. Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

With no other business before council, meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Scott Spengler, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deana Cavin, City Operations Officer/Clerk

City of Durant	Claims List 01-23-2023	
Vendor Name		
7G *	CC bar beer-keg	166.00
Advocate News	CH publishing & PD officer ad	671.44

Afangnivo, Adjovi	CC deposit refund	250.00
Airgas USA LLC	CC bar rent CO2 cylinders	69.84
Altorfer Inc	Retainers (15) & pins (15)	136.20
American Water Works Assn	Membership fee 3/23-2/24	90.00
Bosch Pest Control Inc	Fire-pest control mice	40.00
Capital One Trade Credit	Advantage membership	39.99
Cintas Corporation #342 *	CC & CH mats, shop towels	258.96
City of Durant Petty Cash	Reimb petty cash	4.95
Econo Signs	Roads-sign bracket	61.07
EFTPS *	Fed/FICA tax	5795.65
Environmental Res Associates	WWTP testing	387.39
Firefighter Assn of Muscatine	Annual maint for burn trailer	300.00
IA Assn Municipal Utilities	Qrtly safety training Jan-Mar	367.00
Iowa Beverage *	CC bar beer-keg	168.00
Iowa Interstate RR LLC	Norfolk Dr sign/maint/elec	299.58
Iowa Law Enforcement Academy	MMPI's for part time officers	450.00
IPERS *	IPERS	8008.71
John Deere Financial	Misc parts	1055.88
McMaster Carr Supply Co	Misc supplies	450.39
MidAmerican Energy *	Natural gas	3426.37
Midwest Pressure Washers	Misc supplies	168.89
MSA Professional Services	Engineering fees	10920.40
Municipal Emergency Svcs	Fire-service SCBA's	1007.96
Price Oil Co Inc	Fuel	1086.38
Sam's Club MC/SYNCB *	CC supplies	164.62
Spengler Auto Repair	PD 2016 Tahoe battery (pro rated)	156.00
Sprague Law PC	Legal fees-December 2022	860.00
Stanard & Associates Inc	Shipping & handling post test returned	22.00
State Hygienic Laboratory	WA testing	47.00
Toyne Inc	Fire-truck parts	324.88
Treasurer of Iowa-IA-WH *	State taxes	1931.25
Utility Equipment Co *	WA-SS repair clamp	106.99
Zimmer & Francescon Inc	WWTP-scraper comb assembly	1605.00
Payroll		17189.09

Total	58,087.88
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* Denotes paid early due to invoice due date

Fund Totals

General	30,703.25
Road Use Tax	8,663.02
Fire Department	3,136.49
Water	6,777.29
Sewer	8,807.83
Total	58,087.88

