

City of Durant City Council
Meeting Minutes 03/11/2024

Mayor Scott Spengler called meeting to order at 6:00p.m.. Roll Call of members present: Quiram, Sterner, Mundt, Daufeldt, and Ostofi. Consent agenda: Member Sterner motioned, seconded by Member Quiram to approve the agenda, city bills and minutes from 02/26/2024 council meeting. Ayes: Ostofi, Daufeldt, Mundt, Sterner, Quiram Nays: None Motion carried. Public Input: None

Requested concessions contract discussion-Joel Carter, Idle Hour Lanes, was present and explained he has operated the concessions the last two years, and was not provided the opportunity this year. He felt like he was pushed out. He would have preferred a phone call to give them an opportunity. The contract for the rental of concessions for the season is first come, first serve. Mendim Alimoski, resident of Durant and his wife, Dita, were present. They had provided the payment, contract and insurance (Feb. 26th) before Idle Hour contacted city hall (Feb. 27th). They had applied the previous year, but Idle Hour had already submitted a contract. Member Ostofi inquired if several vendors could pass the calendar around and take different dates, however, that would not work with the required food licenses. Food licenses are required if the vendor is going to prep food on sight. Mrs. Alimoski inquired if the city advertises for the stands each year, and recommended a due date for contracts. Mr. Alimoski understands the frustration when two vendors are interested. He explained he lives in Durant, pays property taxes, and supports the school district. He does not feel he is an outside business. He thought nonprofits should have first chance. Member Sterner stated for years the city struggled to get anyone to man the concession stands, and he thanked Idle our for stepping up for two years. He continued now, that now council have to make some changes. Member Daufeldt clarified at this time there is a binding contract, and once that expires council should determine a plan. Member Daufeldt also inquired if the town ball leagues have any say in the vendor and clerk responded no it falls under council. Town ball leagues have no authority over city parks. Mrs. Alimoski stated the contract is only for Monday through Friday games. Any weekend tournaments are up to the organizers to get the license and vendor. They would like consideration and will get the word out to the leagues. Mayor Spengler stated in the future their may have to be a designated date for contracts and if there are more than one, it's a draw out of the hat, or some procedure to determine the vendor. Member Sterner stated the council with assistance from Park Board will need to come up with a better procedure for it. Council thanked both parties for coming. Engineer's Report: Consider amendment for 9th Avenue MSA Contract : Scott Duckett explained the need for the amendment is because when first calculated for on-site hours, it was assumed the contractor would quit around the holidays in December and not be able to start in again until March. However, with the warmer winter and less snow events, the contractor was back in late January. While 9th Avenue is short on-site hours, 2nd Street Project will require less as the finishes of streets, right of ways, and drive ways begin in April. After discussion, Member Mundt motioned, seconded by Member Quiram, to approve the amendment to the contract for 9th Avenue in the amount of \$17,250.00. Ayes: Quiram, Sterner, Mundt, Daufeldt, Ostofi. Nays: None Motion carried.

City Clerk informed council the school is planning to install a parking lot at 510 7th St, where the superintendent house was torn down. The school would like it finished before school begins August 2024. City is working with MSA on preliminary plans. Storm water runoff is a concern because the storm water piping small in size. Pushing to much water all at once will cause potential flooding down the Avenue. Therefore, plans are calling for some sort of French drain or

swale to slow down the release from the parking lot. Clerk explained if the city had more time, perhaps more could have been done with the storm water system however, that is a very large expense and not something that can be budgeted for. It takes a lot of planning and funding. Member Sterner inquired if the city can no to the parking lot, Clerk clarified the city can say no to taking the storm water; the school would then have to retain the water on site. Preliminary plans will hopefully find a solution to the storm water concern.

Public Works: Dir. Semsch explained with one person on medical leave, the department is trying to stay on top of duties such as weed spraying; concrete will be poured on 3rd Street where the water main broke last fall. The department will be prepping the ground for playground installation on April 6th by volunteers.

Fire Dept: Consider approval of quote for new door frames at fire station: Chief Semsch explained the doors at the station have been replaced in the past, but the frames all rusting and need replaced. Member Sterner motioned, seconded by Member Quiram, to approve the quote from Doors Inc. for \$3,340.00 for new frames. Ayes: Mundt, Daufeldt, Ostofi, Quiram, Sterner Nays: None Motion carried.

Community Center/Economic Dir: Consider waiving rent for Durant Chamber of Commerce Pancake breakfast and consider formal approval for waiving rent for job fair with schools districts. Member Sterner motioned, seconded by Member Mundt, to waive the rental fee for the Durant Chamber pancake breakfast and the job fair for the school district. Ayes: Quiram, Sterner, Mundt, Daufeldt, Ostofi Nays: None Motion carried. Dir. Smith reported the job fair was a great success. Students from Durant and Wilton attended and spoke with thirty-two businesses. Next year the job fair may be open in the afternoon to the public. There will also be an industry tour again, where students are taken to several area businesses, provided a tour, and can see what each business does. Dir. Smith reported the City has received the \$500,000 IDALS grant for the Feldhahn East side storm water project. The newspaper editor will be printing a story with the information about the grant and project. City staff will meet with IDALS soon.

Consider changes/discontinue community center board and/or setting up new committee. (tabled from previous council meeting 02/26/2024): As requested by Mayor Spengler, Dir. Smith provided council with names of people that may be good choices to serve on the new board, should council go that direction. The proposed names are a mix of several boards and age groups. Member Quiram recommended there be an application process for the committee so anyone has a chance. (Members of the board must be residents, but sub committees could be a mix of nonresidents interested) Clerk reported after conferring with Iowa League of Cities, the council would follow Iowa Code 392.7 (whereby the council may by ordinance reduce or increase an administrative agency's power and duties, or may transfer powers and duties from agency to another. The council may discontinue an administrative agency by adopting a resolution proposing the action and publishing notice of public hearing.) Therefore, if the council wishes to dissolve the current community center board to create a new board, this should happen first. Then council will need to draw up the duties and responsibilities of the new board and committee, adopt per ordinance and then appoint board members. General consensus of council was for the clerk to prepare the resolution for the next council meeting,

Police report: Consider approval for monthly police report.: Member Mundt motioned, seconded by Member Sterner, to approve the monthly police report. Ayes: Quiram, Ostofi, Daufeldt, Mundt, Sterner Nays: None Motion carried. Chief Randolph called attention to several upcoming dates: March 27th Cedar County EMA Dir. Jodi Freet and law enforcement will tour Cedar County schools, Durant is first on the list; March 28th local law enforcement, fire

department and school staff will do an emergency table top exercise.; Operation Prom with Mock drunk driving accident is currently being planned; April 27th 10AM to 2PM is National Drug Take Back day at the Durant Police Department; June 2024, the Durant PD and school district will sponsor ALICE Instructor Training.

City Clerk's report : Consider Res. 2024-19 setting public hearing for levy for Fiscal Year 2025 for April 8 2024 at 5:30PM Clerk explained the new HF 718 requires a separate public hearing that must be a meeting until itself whereby no other action or items may be discussed. Once the meeting is adjourned there must be fifteen minutes passed until the council meeting can start. Member Sterner motioned, seconded by Member Ostofi, to approve Res. 2024-19 setting the public hearing for April 8, 2024 at 5:30p.m. at city hall. Ayes: Mundt, Daufeldt, Ostofi, Quiram, Sterner Nays: None Motion carried.

Consider approval for second reading of Ordinance Amendment 2024-03 changing Chapter 78 of the Durant City Code for Golf Carts Operational Hours: Member Sterner motioned, seconded by Member Quiram, to waive the second reading of the ordinance amendment and approve the third, final reading of ordinance amendment # 2024-03. Ayes: Ostofi, Quiram, Sterner, Mundt, Daufeldt Nays: None Motion carried.

City Clerk informed council that there have been complaints of a couple individuals in town that walk their dogs off leash. A city Face Book post was published with the City's leash law. All dogs must be on a leash. First offense is \$100 plus \$95.00 court costs. Further offenses will result in substantial increase in penalties. Chief Randolph was also made aware of the issues.

With no other business before council, meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Scott Spengler, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deana Cavin, City Operations Officer/Clerk

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT #2024-03

AN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT CHANGING CHAPTER 78 OF THE DURANT CITY CODE FOR GOLF CARTS OPERATIONAL HOURS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DURANT IOWA has

Reviewed the current Chapter 78 and chooses to amend;

Section 1. Chapter 78 of the Durant City Code is hereby amended as follows:

78.05 HOURS. Golf carts may be operated on City streets only from sunrise to sunset. (Iowa Code 321.247) Golf carts used for snowplowing, equipped with blade, can be used for plowing only, on private property, from November 1 to April 1.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall be in effect from and after its final passage , approval, and publication as provided by law. Any part of this Ordinance found invalid shall not affect the remainder of the Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, The city of Durant, Iowa, City Council approves, passes and adopts this ordinance amendment effective immediately upon legal publication, on this 11th day of March, 2024.

Scott Spengler, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deana Cavin, City Operations Officer/Clerk

1st Reading: 02/26/2024

2nd Reading: waived

3rd Reading: 03/11/2024 passed

| City of Durant | | Claims List 03-11-2024 |
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| Vendor Name | | |
| Alliant Energy * | Scott co electric-st lights, wa tower, lift station, concess | 531.25 |
| Amazon Capital Services | Fire-safety light bars & mount | 671.15 |
| Badger Meter | Monthly user fee Feb 2024 | 70.63 |
| C.C.E Services LLC | PD-Retrofit light fixture to LED | 164.14 |
| Central State H & W Funds * | Health & life insurance Feb | 19292.00 |
| City of Durant | Water | 3832.31 |
| Crescent Electric Supply Co | PD-light bulbs | 215.05 |
| Culligan-Quad Cities | Distilled water | 38.70 |
| Dinges Fire Company | Fire-boots | 360.94 |
| Durant Ambulance Service Inc | PD-cpr instruction for staff | 140.00 |
| Durant Muncpal Electric | Electric | 5083.85 |
| EFTPS * | Fed/FICA tax | 6582.90 |
| Hale Printing Inc | PD-decals 803 squad after rprs | 116.00 |
| Hawkins Inc | WA chemicals | 497.22 |
| Hi-Line Inc | Misc supplies | 439.77 |
| Hoekstra Masonry | Labor, materials ADA sidewalks (2) | 2400.00 |
| IPERS * | IPERS | 12899.70 |
| John Deere Financial * | Radios (2) & napa battery | 403.63 |
| Johnson, Trisha * | 1st qtr website maint & update | 500.00 |
| Liberty Trust & Savings Bank * | ACH & wire fees | 76.36 |
| Lori's Cleaning Service * | City office cleaning service | 210.00 |
| Mainstay Systems of Iowa LLC | PD-'23 Explorer antenna & install | 391.00 |
| Mediacom | PD-static IP | 25.04 |
| Menards | Misc supplies | 359.48 |
| Metering & Technology solutions | Water meters (12) | 2880.54 |
| MSA Professional Services Inc | Eng fees-2nd st watermain replace crs | 7184.42 |
| Municipal Emergency Services | Fire-helmet | 1090.49 |
| NICUSA Inc-Iowa Division | CH-credit card swipe device | 100.00 |
| Oveson Refuse & Recycling LLC | Mar GB service & stickers | 13500.50 |
| Paper's Lumber & Supply Inc | Misc supplies | 131.00 |
| Postmaster | Annual box fee | 120.00 |
| Price Oil Co Inc | Fuel | 558.79 |
| River Cities Engineering | WWTP-install sampler switches | 1607.00 |
| Sam's Club | Yr membership | 110.00 |

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| Sulzco LLC * | Pay app #4 9th ave storm sw replace | 58640.65 |
| Town & Country Tires | Backhoe-disposal & new tires (2) | 720.00 |
| Treasurer of Iowa-IA-WH * | State tax | 3118.03 |
| Treasurer State of Iowa * | Sales & WET tax | 1963.52 |
| Verizon Wireless * | Telephones, internet, cells, gis | 737.57 |
| Walt Lambach Fire Protection * | Fire extinguisher inspections | 517.36 |
| Wendling Quarries Inc | Rock 2" clean (15.58 ton), 1" cleaned screened (8.22 ton) | 374.86 |
| WEX Bank * | Fuel | 688.39 |
| Payroll | | 20405.24 |
| TOTAL | | 169,749.48 |

*** Denotes paid early due to invoice due date**

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| Fund Totals | | |
| General | 63,711.31 | |
| Road UseTax | 7,193.95 | |
| Fire Department | 3,029.91 | |
| Capital Project Fund | 58,640.65 | |
| Water | 19,836.18 | |
| Sewer | 17,337.48 | |
| Total | 169,749.48 | |

February 2024 Revenues

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| General | 67606.49 |
| Joey Gehrls Gift | 4656.74 |
| Road Use Tax | 19268.20 |
| Special Levy (Emp Ins) | 2471.69 |
| Durant LOSST (75% Share) | 16250.25 |
| Urban Renewal Fund (TIF) | 626.88 |
| Fire Fund | 985.07 |
| Debt Service | 4803.58 |
| Water Utility | 28505.83 |
| Water Rev Bond Sinking Fund | 13196.19 |
| Sewer Utility | 60202.05 |
| Sewer Rev Bond Sinking Fund | 29112.92 |
| | 247685.89 |