

**City of Durant City Council**  
**Meeting Minutes 07/22/2024**

The regular council meeting was called to order by Mayor Scott Spengler at 6:00p.m. with roll call of members present: Sterner, Mundt, Daufeldt, and Ostofi. Member Quiram was absent.

Consent agenda: Clerk reported the resolution 2024-40 can be voided from agenda. Member Sterner motioned, seconded by Member Mundt to approve the agenda with changes, city bills, and minutes from previous council meeting 07/08/2024. Ayes: Ostofi, Daufeldt, Mundt, Sterner Nays: None Motion carried. Public Input: None

Consider approval for American Legion Post 430 transfer of alcohol license for Fire Fighter Festival August 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> 2024. Member Sterner motioned, seconded by Member Ostofi, to approve the transfer of the alcohol license for American Legion Post 430 for Fire Fighter Fest. Ayes: Mundt, Daufeldt, Ostofi, Sterner Nays: None Motion carried.

Consider approval of Idle Hour Lanes alcohol license: Member Sterner motioned, seconded by Member Daufeldt, to approve the Alcohol License for Idle Hour Lanes under ABCW LLC (new owners). Ayes: Ostofi, Sterner, Mundt, Daufeldt Nays: None Motion carried.

Bi-State Regional Commission presentation- Denise Bulat: Ms. Bulat provided information on programs that this commission can assist the City of Durant with. At a previous meeting, council opted to belong to both Councils of Government because Durant occupies three counties. East Central Intergovernmental Association (ECIA) out of Dubuque handles Cedar County, whereas Bi-State handles Scott and Muscatine Counties. The City pays dues to both and that provides grant assistances, planning assistance, and document or plan development assistance. The City currently utilizes Bi-State for drug testing.

Consider Res. 2024-44 adopting the Articles of Agreement of the Bi-State Regional Commission. Member Mundt motioned, seconded by Member Sterner, to approve Res. 2024-44 adopting the Articles of Agreement for Bi State Regional. Ayes: Ostofi, Daufeldt, Mundt, Sterner Nays: None Motion carried.

Engineer's Report: Consider approval for payment to Central Excavating for sanitary sewer line repair on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue separate from 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Water main project.: Clerk explained last fall while working on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street water main project, it was discovered one lateral for a sewer could not be located. This could have been an old hook up that may have emptied south to the creek at one time. In order to correct the issue, the city had Central Excavating connect the lateral to the sewer main on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street as required. Cost was \$9,145.72. Member Mundt motioned, seconded by Member Daufeldt, to approve the payment for the repair. Ayes: Sterner, Mundt, Daufeldt, Ostofi Nays: None Motion carried.

Consider approval to move forward with curb repair, concrete repair for 800 block of 5<sup>th</sup> Street and MSA contract for project: Clerk explained last year representatives from St. David's Church reported to the city they needed to fix the sidewalk along 5<sup>th</sup> Street per their insurance company's requirement. In order to complete this, the curbing in that area needs to be replaced and repaired first. MSA contract for the project is \$6,800 with estimated construction cost of \$26,506. The church group will replace their sidewalk and will need a different material between the sidewalk and curb to meet A.D.A. requirements. Member Sterner motioned, seconded by Member Ostofi, to approve the contract with MSA, and move forward with the project. This project is under the bidding threshold so the city can request quotes. Ayes: Mundt, Daufeldt, Ostofi, Sterner Nays: None Motion carried.

Feldhahn Swale project update: MSA has provided the set of plans for the swale and wetland area to IDALS (Iowa Department of Ag. And Land Stewardship). Once their comments are received the plans will be prepared for bidding in mid-August.

Public Works Report: Consider approval of quote to move Feldhahn concession building to water plant. Tri-County Builders Inc. provided a quote to move the old concessions building \$10,950. PW Dir. Semsch reported previously the thought was to move to the east water tower land for storage. He stated this building could be moved to the water plant for the same price. It would serve as storage for the park equipment and equipment attachments, freeing up room in the shop. After brief discussion, Member Daufeldt motioned, seconded by Member Sterner, to approve the quote to move the building to the water plant by Tri-County Builders, Inc. Ayes: Ostofi, Daufeldt, Mundt, Sterner Nays: None Motion carried.

Consider New furnace and AC unit for Public Works shop building: PW Dir. Semsch presented two quotes to replace and move shop building furnace and replace the AC. The new furnace would be placed inside the office area. Price Heating quote: \$17,222 Ervin's quote: \$18,000. Member Daufeldt motioned, seconded by Member Mundt, to approve the quote for Price Heating/AC/Plumbing in the amount of \$17,222.00. Ayes: Sterner, Ostofi, Daufeldt, Mundt Nays: None Motion carried.

Consider approval for new mechanical convection oven purchase for WWTF: Member Mundt motioned, seconded by Member Daufeldt, to approve purchase of new mechanical convection oven as required by lab certification for \$2,925.00 Ayes: Sterner, Ostofi, Daufeldt, Mundt Nays: None Motion carried.

Consider Res. 2024- 42 to approve the use of Tappendorf Plumbing-BDT Inc. for annual required certification of backflow devices at WWTF. PW Dir. Semsch explained this is an annual certification that tests the backflow preventers so no waste water backflows into potable water used for testing at the plant. Clerk explained this resolution is for transparency that employee Ryan Tappendorf's father owns Tappendorf Plumbing. However, the certification is done by a subcontractor for Tappendorf Plumbing. Member Mundt motioned, seconded by Member Ostofi, to approve Res. 2024-42 approving Tappendorf Plumbing BDT Inc for the annual certifications. Ayes: Daufeldt, Sterner, Mundt, Ostofi Nays: None Motion carried.

Community/Economic Dev. Report: Consider purchase of message board and bench for swale project with grant funds and donated funds: Dir. Smith received a grant from Alliant energy for \$1,000 for a message board required for the swale project, and Tri-County Community Club is donating \$750.00 for a bench at the new playground at Feldhahn Park in honor of Joey Gehrls. The cost for the bench and sign would be \$2,553.00. Member Mundt motioned, seconded by Member Daufeldt, to approve the purchase of the sign and the bench with grant money and donated funds. Ayes: Sterner, Mundt, Daufeldt, Ostofi Nays: None Motion carried.

Consider Res. 2024-45 authorizing the Comm/Econ Director to apply for a Rural Housing Assessment Grant. Dir. Smith explained this grant is through the State of Iowa, and Iowa State University performs the assessment. The grant is for \$20,000: \$10,000 reimburses the city for the assessment costs, and the remainder can be used to offset costs of Community Strategic Plan currently underway with MSA. Member Sterner motioned, seconded by Member Mundt, to approve Res. 2024-45 for the director to apply for the Rural Housing Assessment grant. Ayes: Ostofi, Daufeldt, Mundt, Sterner Nays: None Motion carried.

Dir. Smith reported she is waiting for quotes from contractors on the next three items. Therefore, all were tabled until next meeting: approval of new furnace SE corner for community Center: rooftop AC unit for SW corner, and additional roof vent repairs when new roof is installed.

Police Report: Consider approval of two Radar Speed signs for West and East city entrances: Chief Randolph reported Member Quiram, and himself, received complaints of speeding at Feldhahn Park, and other places along 5<sup>th</sup> Street. He had hoped that under the new legislation the city could get two signs for free, however, that is only for cities that have a state highway within the city limits. He requested two signs in the amount of \$8,035.00 purchased with A.T.E. funds. Member Sterner expressed concerns that there is not enough presence of police department stopping and ticketing people. He also requested data from the current speed signs so the council can review how fast people are coming and going at the entrances to the city. Member Sterner motioned, seconded by Member Mundt to approve the two signs and purchase with A.T.E. funding. Ayes: Daufeldt, Ostofi, Sterner, Mundt Nays: None Motion carried.

City Clerk's report: City Clerk reported the Res. 2024-40 can be voided. There does not need to be a transfer from the local option sales tax to the general fund at this time. She is currently working on year end reports for the auditors that are preparing the annual exam for FY 2024.

Mayor/Council Report: With no other business before council, meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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 Scott Spengler, Mayor

ATTEST:

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 Deana Cavin, City Operations Officer/Clerk

City of Durant	Claims List 07-22-2024	
Vendor Name		
424 Warning Systems LLC	Truck 144-replace lights w/led	517.89
7G Distributing *	CC bar beer	230.95
Alliant Energy *	Scott Co electric-Feldhahn concession	192.27
Altorfer Inc	Service visit WWTP & service generator wa plant	2,121.00
Arnold Motor Supply Co	PD-windshield washer fluid	24.36
Badger Meter	Monthly user fee June 2024	71.05
Bi-State Regional Commission	Member dues 7/1/24 to 9/30/24	283.75
Boland Recreation	Feldhahn rubber surface FY24	31,000.00
Budelier, Richard	CC deposit refund	350.00
Central Excavating *	Final pay app 2nd st wa main & rplc lateral 5th ave/2nd st	65,307.92
City of Durant Petty Cash	Reimb petty cash-ch certified letter	10.40
Culligan-Quad Cities *	Distilled water	40.20
Durant Community Schools	Reimb sro wages per cops grant	26,493.99
EFTPS *	Fed/FICA tax	6,985.87
Electronic Engineering	Stinger spike system squad 802	558.99
Environmental Res Associates	WWTP testing	405.35
Erleben, Nicole	Reimb for rent	150.00
Hi-Line Inc	Misc supplies	448.98
Iowa One Call	May one calls	34.30

Iowa Prison Industries	Park & street signs	246.40
Iowa Rural Water Association	Class registration-Jared	180.00
IPERS *	IPERS	8,884.37
Mediacom *	PD-static IP	25.04
MidAmerican Energy *	Natural gas	105.57
MSA Professional Services Inc	Gen engineering fees 5-5-24 to 6-29-24	3,680.04
Oveson Refuse & Recycling LLC	Feldhahn Park dumpster	450.00
Panther Uniforms	PD uniform expense-Utter	285.89
Paper's Lumber & Supply Inc	PD-keys (4)	9.00
Price Oil Co Inc	Fuel	764.81
Sprague Law PC	Legal fees June 2024	425.50
Staples	Office supplies	1,097.42
State Hygienic Laboratory	WA & WWTP testing	197.50
Sulzco *	Final pay app 9th ave storm wa	40,773.63
Tappendorf Plumbing	Certify backflow & repair device for backflow	3,150.00
Treasurer of Iowa-IA-WH *	State tax	2,228.49
Tri County Builders *	Final pay app Feldhahn concession	28,144.54
Uniform Den	Uniform expense-Bujalski	45.50
Utter, Brian *	Reimb external hard drives (2)	145.52
Wendling Quarries Inc	Parks-3/4" clean washed rock (7.47 ton)	123.26
Payroll		21,239.98
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>247,429.73</b>

\* Denotes paid early due to invoice due date

<b>Fund Totals</b>		
General		122,278.07
Road UseTax		3,376.99
Employee Benefits		331.39
Fire Department		219.73
Capital Project Fund		40,773.63
Water		62,049.40
Sewer		18,400.52
<b>Total</b>		<b>247,429.73</b>