

City of Durant City Council
Meeting Minutes 09/23/2024

Mayor Scott Spengler called meeting to order at 6:00p.m. Roll call of members: Quiram, Sterner, Mundt, Daufeldt, and Ostofi. Consent agenda: Member Sterner motioned, seconded by Member Quiram to approve agenda, city bills and minutes from 09/09/2024 council meeting. Ayes: Ostofi, Daufeldt, Mundt, Sterner, Quiram Nays: None Motion carried. Public Input: None.

Engineer's Report: Consider approval of quote from Hoekstra Masonry for installation and repairs of curb and parking area 900 block of 5th Street: Clerk reported Hoekstra will be working with Triple B on the project but was still waiting for costs of asphalt. They provided a "not to exceed" amount of \$30,000. Member Mundt motioned, seconded by Member Sterner, to approve the quote not to exceed \$30,000. Ayes: Quiram, Sterner, Mundt, Daufeldt, Ostofi Nays: None Motion carried. Member Daufeldt inquired about the curb repair in Swanson addition, PW Dir. Semsch stated he has spoken to the contractor that it takes priority. We are waiting for the contractor to be in town.

Consider approval of contract for donation of tennis court demolition by Hawkins Construction with only hauling and dumping fees payable. Hawkins Construction will donate the labor and equipment to remove the old tennis court asphalt, and only charge the city for the trucking and dumping fees. Estimate cost of \$3,960.00. Member Quiram motioned, seconded by Member Ostofi, to approve the contract. Ayes: Sterner, Mundt, Daufeldt, Ostofi, Quiram Nays: None Motion carried. Member Daufeldt reported the park board has organized donation campaign for the pickleball courts, and Tri-County Community Club has donated \$2,500 to the project.

Public Works Report: PW Dir. Jared Semsch reported there was water main break last week on the 8-inch line on 7th Street. With the new valves installed last year, not as many people had low pressure and it did not affect the school. They were able to repair the break with a clamp. Council thank Semsch for coming in from his vacation to assist with the repair. New motors have been installed at the water plant; there are some issues with well#4 that are currently under repairs.

Community/Economic Dev. Report: Consider MSA Survey results for Community Action Plan-Emily Huston presented a summary of the survey results. Some of the highlighted areas were sidewalk conditions, improving the downtown area, attracting more restaurants, need for more residential and commercial spaces. Affordable housing was also mentioned. People really want more recreational trails and street improvements. People want the bandshell to either be repaired or something similar in its' place. People do not use the skate board park. More stop signs was also mentioned. MSA will come back to council with the recommended goals for review in late October.

Consider Res. 2024-61 approving authorization for mayor to sign agreement for the IDOT Living Roadway Trust Fund Grant Agreement: This grant was awarded for \$15,000 and requires council approval of agreement and mayor's signature. Member Mundt motioned, seconded by Member Sterner, to approve Res. 2024-61 authorizing the mayor to sign the IDOT agreement. Ayes: Quiram, Ostofi, Daufeldt, Mundt, Sterner Nays: None Motion carried.

Consider Res. 2024-62 a resolution rescinding resolution 2024-45 being resolution authorizing the community/economic director to apply for a rural housing assessment grant with the Iowa Economic Development Authority- Dir. Smith explained we had previously applied for the ten-thousand-dollar grant and we would match five thousand dollars of that. Recently, after discussing options with IEDA, it was recommended that the city re-apply for twenty thousand dollars and match ten thousand dollars. That is why this needs to be rescinded and a new resolution passed. Member Sterner motioned, seconded by Member Mundt, to approve Res. 2024-63 to rescind former resolution 2024-45. Ayes: Ostofi, Daufeldt, Mundt, Sterner, Quiram Nays: None Motion carried.

Consider Res. 2024-63 authorizing the community/economic director to apply for a rural housing assessment grant with the Iowa Economic Development Authority: Member Quiram motioned, seconded by Member Mundt, to approve the grant application for ten-thousand-dollar match. Ayes: Daufeldt, Ostofi, Quiram, Sterner, Mundt Nays: None Motion carried. Dir. Smith explained this will cover any platting costs for the housing sub-division and the housing study already budgeted.

Police Report: Consider Resolution 2024-60 setting fees charged for requested services at the Durant Police Department: Chief Randolph explained the fee for serving civil papers or warrants needed to be updated in the resolution, other fees would not change. The service fee would be \$30 plus mileage per the current IRS rate. Member Mundt motioned, seconded by Daufeldt, to approve Res, 2024-60 fees as stated. Ayes: Quiram, Ostofi, Daufeldt, Mundt, Sterner Nays: None Motion carried. Chief Randolph reminded everyone the drive through Flu Clinic would be October 1, 2pm to 5:30p.m. at the department by Cedar County Health. Drug Take Back program will be October 26th from 10a.m. to 2p.m. at the department. The police department will take any medications all year round at the station from the public as well. Two bikes recovered at the water plant have been placed on Police Facebook page if anyone is missing bikes.

Consider approval for GTSB grant and authorizing Chief to sign: Member Mundt motioned, seconded by Member Daufeldt, to approve the GTSB grant application for the amount of \$12,000 and Chief's signature. Ayes: Sterner, Quiram Mundt, Daufeldt, Ostofi Nays: None Motion carried.

City Clerk's report: Consider approval for August 2024 financial statements: Member Sterner motioned, seconded by Member Ostofi, to approve the August 2024 financial statements. Ayes: Quiram, Sterner, Mundt, Daufeldt, Ostofi Nays: None Motion carried.

Consider approval for travel, attendance and lodging for City Clerk to Iowa Municipal Finance Officers Association training October 16-18th, 2024 (IMFOA): Member Mundt motioned, seconded by Member Quiram to approve the travel, attendance, and lodging for the clerk for IMFOA. Ayes: Ostofi, Daufeldt, Mundt, Sterner, Quiram Nays: None Motion carried.

Consider approval for 1st Council meeting in November to be moved to November 12th and to set December council meeting for December 16th. Clerk reported November 11th is a holiday for all employees and to avoid holiday overtime, meeting should be moved to November 12th. Durant Municipal Electric will meet December 11th, and finalize the budget for council approval on December 16th. Member Sterner motioned, seconded by Member Daufeldt, to approve the changes for the November and December council meetings. Ayes: Quiram, Sterner, Mundt, Daufeldt, Ostofi Nays: None Motion carried.

Mayor/Council Report: Consider ordinance amendment 2024-05 Amending the Code of Ordinances by amending provisions pertaining to pedestrians right-of-way. Clerk reported per change at the legislative level, the city code must be amended to reflect that change. Member Sterner motioned, seconded by Member Ostofi, to approve the first reading of Ord. Amendment 2024-05. Ayes: Mundt, Daufeldt, Ostofi, Quiram, Sterner, Nays: None Motion carried.

Consider ordinance amendment 2024-06 Amending the Code of Ordinances by amending provisions pertaining to sidewalk liability: Clerk reported, as discussed at the last meeting, the Iowa Supreme Court has decided cities can be held liable in conjunction with property owners for injuries obtained on a sidewalk. Member Sterner motioned, seconded by Member Daufeldt, to approve the first reading of Ord. Amendment 2024-06. Ayes: Sterner, Quiram, Mundt, Daufeldt, Ostofi Nays: None Motion carried.

Consider ordinance amendment 2024-07 Amending the Code of Ordinances by amending provisions for no parking zones within the city. Clerk reported as discussed at the last meeting this will update the city code to reflect the requested no parking from the school, on 6th Ave between a private drive and alley for buses to maneuver turn. Member Mundt motioned, seconded by Member Quiram to approve 2024-07 Ordinance Amendment. Ayes: Mundt, Sterner, Quiram, Ostofi, Daufeldt Nays: None Motion carried. Mayor Spengler appointed Member Sterner and Member Daufeldt for the 2-person committee for union negotiations. These will start closer to December. Current contract expires June 30th, 2025. Clerk explained, in order to meet budget deadlines, hopefully will be wrapped up by March 1, 2025. Member Sterner reminded council the 50th Celebration of Durant Ambulance from 2pm to 4pm at the Ambulance building. Public is welcomed.

With no other business before council, meeting was adjourned at 6:46p.m.

ATTEST:

Deana Cavin, City Operations Officer/Clerk

City of Durant	Claims List 09-23-2024	
Vendor Name		
7G Distributing *	CC bar beer	346.30
Advocate News	Yr subscription	40.00
Alliant Energy *	Scott Co electric-Feldhahn	101.27
ARB Companies	WA plant-gutters & downspouts	1510.00
Badger Meter	Monthly user fee Aug 2024, srvc agreement mobile (12)	971.05
Becker Trucking	1" clean rock (30.39 ton), 1" road rock (30.01 ton)	1655.41
Bosch Pest Control Inc	Fire-pest control mice	40.00
CCE Services LLC	WA twr-rplc bulbs, main break,photocell, WWTP-photocell	412.78
Iowa Ducks Unlimited	CC deposit refund	350.00
Durant Community Schools	City ROW and inlet for parking lot	2568.00
Eastern Iowa Landscape Service	CH & CC-fall cleanup & pruning	1281.25
EFTPS	Fed/FICA tax	7873.27
Images in Ink	Delinquent notices (1000) & business cards-Deana & Jared	280.00
Iowa Beverage *	CC bar beer	248.55
Iowa League of Cities	Grant finder subscription	100.00
Johnson, Trisha *	3rd qtr website maint & update	500.00
Latta Well & Pump	WA plant-rplc motors(2) pump #2, service calls(2)	12,150.00
Lincoln, Adela Vargas	CC deposit refund	250.00
Mainstay Systems of Iowa LLC	12 months rmm for 3 servers	162.00
Midwest Radar & Equip	PD-radar certifications (6)	246.00
MSA Professional Services Inc	Engineering fees	1,285.74
Municipal Emergency Srvcs	Fire-shutoff, matex attack hose & custom hose	1,422.27
Paper's Lumber & Supply Inc	Misc supplies	146.97
Price Oil Co Inc	Fuel	955.91
River Cities Engineering *	WWTP-engineering services	462.00
River City Cutting & Coring	Street cut-water line rpr 5th St	475.00
Sam's Club MC/SYNCB *	Misc supplies	626.11
Simmering-Cory IA Codification	Updated/codified ordinance chg	453.00
Spengler Auto Repair	2023 Tahoe oil change	74.00
Staples *	Office supplies	170.40
State Hygienic Laboratory	WA testing	50.00
Turkle Tree Service Inc	St & park tree trim, st tree remove (1)	1,060.00
Visu-Sewer Inc	Sanitary sw cleaning & install 10" liner 482 LF	52,057.80
Wilton Fine Arts Guild	CC deposit refund	350.00
Payroll		24,060.79
TOTAL		114,735.87

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

Fund Totals

General	29,770.10
Road UseTax	6,284.40
Fire Department	1,881.91
Water	18,555.93
Sewer	57,643.53
Storm Water	600.00
Total	114,735.87
