

City of Durant
Council Meeting Minutes 10/28/2024

Mayor Pro-Tem Dan Sterner called meeting to order at 6:00p.m. Mayor Spengler was absent. Roll call of council members: Quiram, Mundt, Ostofi and Daufeldt. Consent agenda: City Clerk noted a new revised agenda had been posted with two items added. Member Quiram motioned, seconded by Member Daufeldt to approve the revised agenda, city bills and minutes. Ayes: Mundt, Daufeldt, Ostofi, Quiram Nays: None Motion carried. Public Input: None Fire Dept.: Consider approval for Johnny Wisdom and Kerrigan Johnson as fire fighters for Durant Volunteer Fire Department & Swearing in: Member Mundt motioned, seconded by Member Ostofi to approve the two new fire fighters as listed. Ayes: Daufeldt, Ostofi, Quiram, Mundt, Sterner Nays: None Motion carried. Mayor Pro-Tem Sterner swore them in.

Presentation to Durant Fire Department from Fall Fest Committee: Pit Crew BBQ (Marcus and Ashly Ostofi) and Vixen Creations (Joe and Stephanie Honts), presented a check to Durant Fire Fighters Inc. from proceeds of the Fall Fest. Accepting the donation was Fire Chief Jared Semsch. Fall Fest 2025 will be November 1st.

Consider proposed Eagle Scout Project -Nolan Williams with Scout Pack 153 presented council with proposed plans for a solar powered cellular phone charging station. He would like to install it near the Durant Community Center but exact location is yet to be determined. He explained the tower is nine feet tall with electrical components at the top. He is fundraising for the expenses that are estimated at \$1,000 for the project. He and his family have volunteered to provide the maintenance for the tower as long as possible. The life of the batteries are anywhere from 3 years to 20 years. Installation would be late spring of 2025. After discussion, Member Mundt motioned, seconded by Member Quiram, to approve the Eagle Scout project. Ayes: Mundt, Quiram, Ostofi, Daufeldt, Sterner Nays: None Motion carried.

Consider citizen request to allow chickens in back yards in town: The resident that asked for consideration of change in the ordinance to allow chickens in Durant was not present for the request. General consensus of council was not in favor of allowing chickens and not in favor of changes to the ordinance. Ordinance stands as is.

Engineer's Report: Consider approval of contract with Triple B Construction for Feldhahn and authorizing mayor's or mayor pro-tem signature. Member Mundt motioned, seconded by Member Ostofi, to approve the contract with Triple B for the project and direct the mayor pro-tem to sign the contract. Ayes: Daufeldt, Ostofi, Quiram, Mundt Nays: None Motion carried.

Consider approval of Notice to Proceed for Feldhahn project: Member Quiram motioned, seconded by Member Mundt, to approve the notice to proceed. Ayes: Ostofi, Quiram, Mundt, Daufeldt, Sterner Nays: None Motion carried.

Consider approval of professional services agreement with MSA for platting sub-division known as Sunset Farms for the City of Durant. Member Mundt motioned, seconded by Member Daufeldt, to approve the service agreement for the amount of \$4,500 for the platting of the subdivision. Ayes: Quiram, Daufeldt, Mundt, Ostofi Nays: None Motion carried.

Public Works Report: Consider approval for Res. No. 2024-68 wage increase for Preston Paarman passing WD 2: Member Mundt motioned, seconded by Member Daufeldt, to approve Res. 2024-68 approving the wage increase per union contract and certification for water distribution 2. This is a \$0.33/hour increase. Ayes: Mundt, Quiram, Ostofi, Daufeldt Nays: None Motion carried.

Community/Economic Dev. Report: Consider approval to renew Community Center Alcohol License: Member Quiram motioned, seconded by Member Mundt, to approve the renewal of the

license for the community center bar. Ayes: Ostofi, Daufeldt, Quiram, Mundt Nays: None Motion carried.

Consider estimate for painting interior ceiling and walls of community center and designating funds to pay for it. : Upon prior request by council, Dir. Smith presented a quote for painting of the ceiling and/or interior walls of the center. This is a result of the roofing screws showing through, similar to past conditions. The estimate for ceiling is \$5,800; interior walls except for bar and kitchen \$3,900. It would take one week for the ceiling. After discussion Member Mundt motioned, seconded by Member Ostofi to approve the quote from Terry & Sons, Inc. for a total of \$9,700 with transfer from local option sales tax fund to pay for the project after snow season is over. Ayes: Quiram, Daufeldt, Mundt, Ostofi Nays: None Motion carried.

The reason the painting would be done after snow season is the new roof has been installed however, there was a leak detected after the recent rain. Roofing company has repaired the issue and recommends watching that area with wet weather to make sure the issue has been resolved. Dir. Smith informed council she will be working with a senior student who can assist with preparing and developing brochures for the center, and doing minor cleaning/set up work. This position is as needed basis. City staff will be meeting with IDALS tomorrow concerning the pre-grant application for the Feldhahn Park parking lot. Dir. Smith also reported the center could use a part time assistant director. Adverting and applications will take place in the future after consideration of budget.

Police Report: Chief Randolph reported on the drug take back program. He reminded the public the police station will take unused prescription meds all year at the department. The department normally averages about 20-30 pounds twice a year. Since the program started they have taken in around four hundred pounds. This keeps the water safe; keeps abuse and misuse cases down.

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

Mayor/Council Report: Consider Res. 2024-67 authorizing Economic Development Grant to Durant Development Corporation: Clerk explained legal counsel John Danos provided the resolution for the city's appropriation for Durant Development Group. Member Daufeldt motioned, seconded by Member Mundt, to approve Res. 2024-67 in the amount of \$15,000. Ayes: Quiram, Mundt, Ostofi, Daufeldt Nays: None Motion carried.

Discuss purpose and proposed members of special committee for future resolution preparation: City Clerk requested clarification for required resolution language in appointing the committee to study the ambulance service. Is the committee to look into all options? Member Sterner explained the committee purpose would be to study the city's taking on the ambulance service only. However, he requested this be put on hold until the ambulance November meeting because there have been some additional volunteers applying and may help out the situation. City clerk requested the union negotiations committee consider any information they may want to set a date in December. Member Sterner requested the percentages of increases on the insurance premiums for the city. With no other business, meeting was adjourned at 6:47p.m.

Dan Sterner, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:

Deana Cavin, City Operations Officer/Clerk

City of Durant	Claims List 10-28-24	
Vendor Name		
Advanced Business Systems	Copier maint & copies 1 mth	98.33
AED Brands	Ch & cc AED pads, batteries	556.00
Alliant Energy *	Scott Co electric-Feldhahn & st lights	110.71
Arnold Motor Supply Co	Parks-old F150 post terminal	2.08
Badger Meter	Monthly user fee Sept 2024	71.12
Beckwith Commercial Roofing	Remain balance-cc roof	41609.50
Bosch Pest Control Inc	Fire-pest control mice	40.00
Cavin, Deana	Reimb mileage IMFOA	211.72
Durant Collision Repair Inc	Pd-repair hail damage 19 F150	8674.60
EFTPS *	Fed/FICA tax	7206.28
Electric Pump Inc	Wwtp-flowmeter calibration	457.00
Electronic Engineering	Fire-radio repair	314.95
Hawkins Inc	Water chemicals	327.00
Hoekstra Masonry	Replace curb 93 8th St	10,400.00
IDALS Pesticide Bureau *	Semsch pesticide license renew	15.00
IMFOA *	Fall IMFOA-Deana	175.00
Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division *	Renew cc bar alcohol license	715.00
Iowa Interstate RR LLC	Norfolk Dr sign/maint/elec	229.81
Iowa League of Cities *	Budget workshop-Daufeldt	50.00
Iowa One Call	Jul Aug Sept one calls	29.60
Iowa Prison Industries	Roads-signs & 2025 utv/golf cart permits	664.01
IPERS	IPERS	9172.51
Jensen-Washington, Carlee	Cc deposit refund	350.00
John Deere Financial	Parks & road supplies	272.97
Martin & Whitacre	Eng fees-pickleball crt design	750.00
MSA Professional Services Inc	Engineering fees	11490.41
	Fire-adapter, replacement shield, SCBA flow test,	
Municipal Emergency Svcs	batteries	1255.97
Postmaster	Wa billing postage-stamps	392.00
Price Oil Co Inc	Fuel	738.18
Raynor Door	Wwtp-rpr gate into plant	255.00
Sam's Club MC/SYNCB *	Misc supplies	922.82
Schumacher Company LLC	TIF rebate yr 6 pymt 1	12563.00
Scott Co Library System	Lib 1st pymt FY25	35706.00
Scott Co Secondary Roads *	Utility const Scott Co ROW app	1000.00
Staples *	Office supplies	195.10
Tactical Supply International	Weapons expense	144.84
Treasurer of Iowa-IA-WH	State tax	2289.88
Tri County Builders	Feldhahn shed-closed in doors	568.01
USA Blue Book	Wa-4" hymax 2 coupling	663.18
VISA	Misc supplies	317.50
Voelker's Plumbing Inc	Delta cartridges, seats & spring	129.55

WEX Bank	Fuel	948.21
Payroll		22,171.68
TOTAL		174,254.52

* Denotes paid early due to invoice due date

Fund Totals		
General		122,687.37
Road UseTax		14,442.47
Tax Increment Financing		12,563.00
Fire Department		1,978.18
Water		13,997.65
Sewer		7,585.85
Storm Water		1,000.00
Total		174,254.52