

City of Durant City Council  
Meeting Minutes 11/25/2024

Mayor Scott Spengler called meeting to order at 6:00p.m. Roll call of members present: Quiram, Mundt, Daufeldt, and Ostofi. Member Sterner was absent. Consent agenda: Approval of agenda, city bills and minutes from 11/12/2024 council meeting. Member Quiram motioned, seconded by Member Mundt, to approve the consent agenda. Ayes: Ostofi, Daufeldt, Mundt, Quiram Nays: None Motion carried. Public Input: None. Emily Huston with MSA provided a demonstration of the community action plan. Council will be asked for final approval in December. Emily showed the plans links to the comprehensive plans, and park plans; the summary of strengths and weaknesses; it is a working plan and will need updating quarterly and annually. She will provide the link to council for review and corrections.

Consider approval renewal of Jeff's Market Alcohol license. Member Ostofi motioned, seconded by Member Daufeldt, to approve the renewal of the alcohol license. Ayes: Quiram, Mundt, Daufeldt, Ostofi Nays: None Motion carried.

Consider approval Res. 2024-69 approving and confirming plans, form of contract for the Durant Jaycee/Dutton Park Pickleball Courts. Member Quiram motioned, seconded by Member Mundt, to approve Res. 2024-69 and directing mayor to sign contract for the project. Ayes: Daufeldt, Ostofi, Quiram, Mundt Nays: None Motion carried.

Fire Dept Report: Consider approval to purchase 2 sets of turn out gear for new firefighters: Member Mundt motioned, seconded by Member Ostofi, to approve the purchase of two sets of turn out gear for the new fire fighters, at cost of \$10,972.00 Ayes: Quiram, Ostofi, Daufeldt, Mundt Nays: None Motion carried.

Consider approval nine speaker mics for fire departments: Fire Chief Jared Semsch provided the council with a new speaker mic to show how much louder the new ones are compared to the mics purchased at the time the radios purchased by the county. This was a safety concern that on site of an incident, fire fighters could not hear the radio traffic or communications with existing mics. The cost is \$4,826.25. This equipment would stay with the department. Member Quiram motioned, seconded by Member Ostofi, to approve the mics purchase for \$4,826.25. Ayes: Daufeldt, Mundt, Quiram, Ostofi Nays: None Motion carried.

Public Works Report: Dir. Semsch reported this will be the last week for leaves; company should be coming before Christmas to chip the branch pile. They will also rescreen the chips so that the material can be spread on the field. It is getting harder to dispose of the tree waste. The city cannot burn the material due to IDNR regulations.

Community/Economic Dev. Report: Dir. Smith reported she and Member Daufeldt will attend the Durant Development Corporation meeting tomorrow to discuss closing on the property DDC has been working to buy west of Durant. Community center leaks have been repaired; construction started on the Feldhahn Swale.

Police Report: Chief Randolph reported the Shop with a Cop program could use some Christmas wrapping paper if anyone wants to donate; please drop off at police station. The event will be December 6<sup>th</sup>, and end with wrapping presents and pizza party at the community center. He thanks Officer Bujalski for all his hard work putting this program together.

City Clerk's report : Consider approval of 2025 GWorks annual renewal licensing contract for city's financial, billing and payroll software. City Clerk Deana Cavin presented the invoice from GWorks software for the upcoming calendar year for licensing and support, \$15,400. She explained this was almost triple the amount the city was invoiced for last year. The company is claiming the current version of the software is costing more to support, urging the city to go to a cloud-based version. Estimate for future costs could rise to \$25,000 per year. The city is looking at other software options for billing, accounting and payroll. By paying this invoice now, it provide the city with ability to continue through December 31, 2025. Clerk explained there is no way around it because there is no software that can have the city on boarded by January 1, 2025. Many cities across the state are experiencing similar increases and lack of support calls, among other issues. Member Mundt motioned, seconded by Member Quiram,

to approve the payment of the invoice for \$15,400 for one year. Ayes: Daufeldt, Ostofi, Quiram, Mundt  
 Nays: None Motion carried. Staff will continue to seek other software options.

Consider approval of October 2024 financial statements.: Member Mundt motioned, seconded by  
 Member Ostofi, to approve the October financial statements. Ayes: Quiram, Ostofi, Daufeldt, Mundt.  
 Nays: None Motion carried.

Mayor/Council Report: Budget timeline: clerk included a time line of deadlines for the budget process;  
 clerk reminded council the city will have to budget for new software and an added position for the city for  
 fiscal year 2026; and union negotiations meetings have been set for January 9<sup>th</sup> and January 23<sup>rd</sup> at  
 5:30p.m. at city hall. Clerk reminded council December 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00p.m. will be the work session with  
 financial advisor and bond counsel. Regular council meeting will be December 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:00p.m. With no  
 other business before council, meeting adjourned at 6:33p.m.

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Scott Spengler, Mayor

Attest:

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Deana Cavin, City Operations Officer/Clerk

City of Durant		Claims List 11-25-2024	
Vendor Name			
Advanced Business Systems	Copier maint & copies 1 mth		98.33
Alliant Energy *	Scott Co electric-feldhahn & st lights		119.85
Arnold's Motor Supply Co	Parks-antifreeze (8)		59.12
Bosch Pest Control Inc	Fire-pest control mice		40.00
Capital One Trade Credit	Minor equipment		352.99
EFTPS	Fed/FICA tax		7623.91
Ervin's	CC-inspect ductwork, flashings, rplc furnace SE corner		6000.00
Iowa Interstate RR LLC	Norfolk Dr sign/maint/elec		225.38
IPERS	IPERS		9665.85
Menards	PD-bins & seat cover		222.95
Midwest Pressure Washers	Roads-fleet kleen & A salt		165.50
Municipal Emergency Services	Fire-helmets (2)		880.78
Polydyne Inc	WWTP-polymer clarifloc		1537.02
Price Oil Co Inc	Fuel		1369.26
QC Analytical Services LLC	WWTP testing		1026.00
Racom Corporation	Fire-speaker mic (6)		3264.31
Sam's Club MC/SYNCB *	Misc supplies		416.40
Sprague Law PC	Legal fees July 2024		408.50
Staples *	Office supplies		351.19
State Hygienic Laboratory	WA testing-lead & copper		320.00
Streicher's	Uniform pants-Utter		174.00
Toyne Inc	Fire-truck ladder, srvc & pump test trucks		3498.23
Treasurer of Iowa-IA-WH	State tax		2407.45
Turkle Tree Service Inc	Street tree removal & stump		1350.00

UnityPoint at Work	Drug testing Semsch & Paarman	130.00
Urban Forest *	Transplant 6 trees-storm wa project	1500.00
USA Blue Book	Fire-brass gate valve & water supplies	624.28
VISA	Misc supplies & training	1194.05
Wisdom, Johnny *	Reimb clothing allowance	85.58
Payroll		23,418.78
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>68,529.71</b>

\* Denotes paid early due to invoice due date

<b>Fund Totals</b>		
General		37,840.23
Memorial-Library		296.61
Road UseTax		5,755.15
Employee Benefits		174.00
Fire Department		8,318.50
Water		5,453.13
Sewer		9,192.09
Storm Water		1,500.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>68,529.71</b>