

City of Durant City Council
Meeting Minutes 12/16/2024

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

Consider Res. 2024-70 Approval of longevity pay for 2024: Member Quiram motioned, seconded by Member Mundt to approve the longevity pay in the total amount of \$2,258.20 for fourteen employees. Ayes: Sterner, Mundt, Ostofi, Quiram Nays: None Motion carried.

Consider Res. 2024-71 approval for Durant Municipal Electric Budget: Member Mundt motioned, seconded by Member Ostofi, to approve Res. 2024-71 for the 2025 Durant Municipal Electric Budget. Ayes: Quiram, Sterner, Mundt, Ostofi Nays: None Motion carried.

Police Report: Consider monthly police report: Chief Randolph reported a Durant Officer was struck by a vehicle December 4th, as he was stopped to take care of a road construction sign that had blown over into the travel portion of the highway at Feldhahn Park. Member Sterner motioned, seconded by Member Mundt to approve the monthly police report. Ayes: Ostofi, Quiram, Sterner, Mundt Nays: None Motion carried. SRO Officer Josh Bujalski gave council a report for the first year of Shop With a Cop program. The community support has been very positive. He reported about \$4500 in donations had been received. The group took nine students (K-6th grades), to Wal-Mart December 6th. Casey's General Store provided pizzas for the wrapping party, and school donated bus and fuel for transportation. About \$2,600 was spent. Also, each child will receive a large gift from the program. Chief Randolph expressed his gratitude and praise for Officer Bujalski for the program and all his work. He presented Officer Bujalski with Certificate of Accommodation. The goal next year is one girl and one boy from grades K-6th will be chosen.

Engineer's Report: Consider approval for pay app#1 for the Feldhahn Wetlands areas project: MSA Engineer Scott Duckett reported the project is on schedule. The contractor will shut down for two weeks during the holidays. He recommended payment of this application. Member Sterner motioned, seconded by Member Mundt, to approve pay application number one to Triple B Construction in the amount of \$184,598.30. Ayes: Quiram, Mundt, Ostofi, Sterner Nays: None Motion carried.

Consider final approval for Durant Action Plan per MSA: With no other changes for the plan Member Mundt motioned, seconded by Member Quiram, to approve the final draft of the Action Plan. Ayes: Sterner, Ostofi, Mundt, Quiram Nays: None Motion carried. The plan will be added to the website.

Public Works Report: Consider approval of 2025 Sealcoat work per square yard and cold patch per ton from LL Pelling Co.: P.W. Dir. Jared Semsch presented the quote from L.L. Pelling for seal coating in 2025 as follows: Type A \$4.25/SY; Type B \$2.90 S/Y and cold patch \$350/ton. These prices would be locked in for the year. Member Sterner motioned, seconded by Member Ostofi, to approve the quoted prices. Ayes: Quiram, Sterner, Mundt, Ostofi Nays: None Motion carried.

Consider approval of fencing quote for community center generator and fencing around Industrial Park lift station. Dir. Semsch presented quotes as follows; Lift Station fencing for industrial park lift station \$4,419.00; community center generator fencing \$6,482.00. Fencing for the generator was required per Homeland security grant. Clerk reported there is money budgeted for both projects. Sampson Fence Ltd was the only company that responded. Member Mundt motioned, seconded by Member Quiram, to approve the fence quotes. Ayes: Sterner, Mundt, Ostofi, Quiram Nays: None Motion carried. Dir. Semsch reported he has met with Amy Bouska of Iowa Department of Ag and Land Stewardship, concerning the pavers at Jeff's Market. They have come up with a plan to replace the pavers with concrete but keeping the underground storm water system. This project was paid for with the refunded interest of the Waste Water Treatment Plant project. At that time, the city was required to do three water quality projects: Ag Land, Bio-Swale, and the pavers. Once Dir. Semsch can draw up a plan for the replacement with concrete, he will get a quote. Pythian Sisters park; the lighted Christmas Train has ceased working after twenty some years. Dir. Semsch also reported he will work with Durant Municipal Electric because the electrical service to the park needs replaced.

Community/Economic Dev. Report: Consider renewal of Eventective : Member Quiram motioned, seconded by Member Mundt, to approve the renewal for the on-line advertising for \$816.00 per year. Dir. Smith stated a lot of bookings from birthday parties to weddings are received from this site. There are a lot of Community Center bookings for 2025-2026 already. Ayes: Ostofi, Mundt, Sterner, Quiram Nays: None Motion carried. Dir. Smith reported she is looking into another grant that does not require matching funds to see if it would provide funding for other city projects. She should hear this week if the city's pre-application qualified to apply for the IDALS grant for 2025 for the Feldhahn Parking Lot.

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

Mayor/Council Report: Update for park shelter concessions: Clerk reported the Park Board had advertised for the concessions operations, but had not received interest from any non-profit or otherwise interests. Pit Crew BBQ has offered to take over operations as they can. Other persons in the past had been interested, are no longer interested.

Consider approval for clerk to enlist consultant for RFP for subdivision: Clerk reported she has been researching the requests for proposals for developers; she will be working with Martin-Whitacre on preparing the RFP. Some of the sample RFPs include information that the housing survey would provide. Therefore, the RFP will be prepared when we have the housing information in January. General Consensus was to work with Martin-Whitacre.

Member Sterner reported Cedar County EMA Director Jodi Freet resigned and will be taking another position at another county. Member Sterner also reported the Ambulance Service has received good support from new volunteers. With no other business before council, meeting was adjourned at 6:35p.m.

Scott Spengler, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deana Cavin, City Operations Officer/Clerk

City of Durant	Claims List 12-16-24	
Vendor Name		
Advocate News	CH-publishing	398.82
Alliant Energy *	Scott Co electric-wa tower, lift station, Feldhahn concession	210.76
Arnold Motor Supply Co	Misc vehicle supplies	138.67
Badger Meter	Monthly user fee November 2024	71.12
Bosch Pest Control Inc	Pest control-city buildings	100.00
Bujalski, Josh *	Reimb shop w/cop purchases	950.55
Capital One Trade Credit	Parks-cordless wet/dry vac	99.00
Central States H & W Funds *	November mthly health & life ins pymt	25320.00
City of Durant	Water	4088.52
City of Durant Petty Cash *	Reimb petty cash-sticker refund	21.00
Dinges Fire Company	Fire-boots (2 pair)	682.00
Durant Municipal Electric	Electric	5530.93
EFTPS *	Fed/FICA tax	9283.86
Electric Pump Inc	WWTP-repaired pumps & install	6220.87
Ervin's	CC bar-freon for cooler, labor	285.00
Gworks *	Support agreement 2025	15400.00

Hawkins Inc	Water chemicals	326.00
Hoekstra Masonry	Concrete patch over sewer	2500.00
Illinois Casualty Company *	CC bar insurance	900.00
Iowa Finance Authority *	Interest & fees-sw bond, 2nd st wa main, 2011 green wa	25874.35
Iowa Interstate RR LLC	Annual RR prop pymt	1.00
Iowa One Call *	Oct one calls	61.10
Iowa Police Chiefs Association	Membership renewal 2024-2025	125.00
IPERS *	IPERS	1309.77
Jeff's Market	CC bar supplies	50.32
Liberty Trust & Savings Bank *	ACH & wire fees, interest on water tower loan	2907.12
Lori's Cleaning Service *	Cleaning service-city offices	120.00
Martin & Whitacre	Eng fees-pickleball	1750.00
Mediacom	PD-static IP	17.17
Menards *	Misc supplies	231.67
MidAmerican Energy	Natural gas	524.91
MSA Professional Services Inc	Engineering fees	15140.34
Oveson Refuse & Recycling LLC *	Dec GB service & stickers	13595.50
Panther Uniforms	Uniform expense-Fisher	16.80
Paper's Lumber & Supply Inc	Shop supplies	10.99
Postmaster *	WA billing postage-stamps Dec & Jan	728.00
RiverStone Group Inc	Roads-1 1/2" (17.21 ton) & 2" clean (16.51 ton)	437.84
Rob Sand, Auditor of State	FY24 annual exam & filing fee	8114.50
Ron Alpen Ford Inc	PD-'23 Explorer srvc	52.75
Sam's Club MC/SYNCB	CC bar liquor	379.27
Spengler Auto Repair	PD-Tahoe srvc & tire rotate	89.00
Staples	Office supplies	265.85
State Hygienic Laboratory	WA testing	50.00
The CTK Group	Interview training-802	550.00
Town & Country Tires	Leaf vac-2 new tires & dispose	412.00
Treasurer of Iowa-IA-WH *	State taxes	201.46
Treasurer State of Iowa *	Sales & WET tax	2094.02
UMB Bank N.A. *	Interest pymt 8th St & 9th Ave loan, 2016 GO bond fees	52768.75
Verizon Wireless *	Telephones, cells, GIS, internet	780.74
WEX Bank *	Fuel	1225.82
Payroll		30,031.66
TOTAL		232,444.80

* Denotes paid early due to invoice due date

Fund Totals

General	95,696.61
Road UseTax	7,099.03
Employee Benefits	16.80
Fire Department	1,178.14
Debt Services	52,768.75
Water	16,929.00

Sewer	26,159.75
Sewer Rev Bond Sinking	19,985.00
Storm Water	12,611.72
Total	232,444.80
November 2024 Revenues	
General	82,082.32
Fire Memorial	260.00
Joey Gehrls Gift	7,796.92
Road Use Tax	22,307.62
Special Levy (Emp Ins)	5,382.61
Durant LOSST (75 % share)	13,300.23
Urban Renewal Fund (TIF)	1049.59
Fire Fund	1,649.34
Debt Service	9,950.29
Water Utility	31,367.48
Water Rev Bond Sinking Fund	13,499.67
Sewer Utility	64,849.35
Sewer Rev Bond Sinking Fund	29,997.50
Storm Water	858.40
Total	284,351.32