

City of Durant City Council  
Meeting Minutes 04/14/2025

Mayor Scott Spengler called meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call of members present: Quiram, Sterner, Mundt, Daufeldt, and Ostofi. Consent agenda: Approval of agenda, city bills and minutes from 03/24/2025 council meeting. Clerk reported a new claims list was provided due to her absence for training. Member Sterner motioned, seconded by Member Quiram, to approve the consent agenda items with the change of the claims list. Ayes: Quiram, Sterner, Ostofi, Mundt, Quiram Nays: None Motion carried. Public Input: None. Member Mundt motioned, seconded by Member Sterner to open the public hearing for the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget. Ayes: All Nays None Motion carried. Clerk reported no comments, or questions received from the public. No other comments or questions were presented. Member Sterner motioned, seconded by Member Sterner, to close the public hearing. Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

Consider Res. 2025-13 approval for FY26 Budget: Member Quiram motioned, seconded by Member Daufeldt, to approve Res. 2025-13 approving the Fiscal Year 2026 budget. Ayes: Mundt, Sterner, Quiram, Ostofi, Daufeldt Nays: None Motion carried.

Consider approval of VFW installing flag and pole at Feldhahn Park. ( Mike Stigers ): Mike Stigers with the local VFW requested permission to install a flag and pole on the east side of parking lot at Feldhahn Park near the batting cage. He explained the town ball league requested a flag pole more central to all the diamonds. Member Sterner motioned, seconded by Member Mundt, to approve the location; flag and pole paid for by the VFW. Ayes: Daufeldt, Ostofi, Quiram, Sterner, Mundt Nays: None Motion carried.

Discussion with Ron Oveson, Oveson Refuse and Recycle – recycle and garbage collection: Mayor Spengler explained he invited Ron for discussion about some concerns with service. Ron reported he invested in three brand new trucks in 2024. Recently, they have been trying to train new employees, and asked for patience while they train people. The contract states garbage and recycling should be out the night before, however, Ron has been acceptable to totes set out by 6AM on Tuesdays. Member Quiram inquired if there could be a way to alert the public after hours if they will be late or delayed. Ron discussed he does have a mass texting that people can sign up for and he would put the information out in a text. The city will post that on the city website. Member Sterner added to be transparent the city can also post something on Facebook. Ron explained the ASL-automatic side loader, had been in for repairs for quite a while, and they have it back now. They do as much preventive maintenance as possible on equipment but there are no guarantees nothing will break down. As much as the trucks are used. He would rather have more recycling and less garbage. He will look into a lock for a lid for the recycling totes, to keep debris from flying around. Recommendation was to keep recycling inside when it's a windy day. No one can control that. Member Sterner inquired about a central location to drop off recyclables in the future. In order to provide new totes with lids on wheels, it would be a significant cost of around \$60,000. He does have larger recycling totes available for sale that citizens can buy: 65g at \$45 and 95g at a higher cost. Ron explained it is very important that only recyclables are in these totes-no garbage, otherwise the recycling plant will not take the load. Typically, it takes four to five hours to do the north side of the city for garbage with leaving to dump; and about two to three hours for the south side. Recycling pick up takes five hours for the city. Council thanked Ron for coming and updating council on the issues.

Consider approval of request from Shanna Schneiter to have booth at Pythian Sisters Park: Shanna of Schneiter Farms, requested to have a booth set up at the park on Wednesdays to sell

fresh produce and flowers. She is fully insured, and has participated in the Farmer's Market. It had been decided due to lack of interest, there would not be a Farmer's Market this year. Member Quiram was not in favor of approving the request because it goes against the ordinance that there cannot be private sales on city property (parks) unless approved by council for events. Member Daufeldt agreed, it could cause more issues. No action was taken as council will uphold the ordinance. It was recommended she could ask private property owners to set up on their space.

Engineer: Consider approval of RFP draft for subdivision : Member Daufeldt motioned, seconded by Member Quiram, to approve the Request for Proposal prepared by Martin-Whitacre. They will publish and post. Ayes: Ostofi, Daufeldt, Mundt, Sterner, Quiram Nays: None Motion carried.

Public Works Report: Consider approval 2025 Seal Coat work: Member Mundt motioned, seconded by Member Sterner, approved the 2025 seal coat by LL Pelling Co. in the amount of \$44,419.40 to begin late summer on certain streets. Ayes: Quiram, Ostofi, Daufeldt, Mundt, Sterner Nays: None Motion carried.

Consider approval of site plan for DHS gym replacement as recommended by P & Z: Member Daufeldt motioned, seconded by Member Mundt, to approve Planning and Zoning recommendation of approval of the site plan. Ayes: Sterner, Quiram, Ostofi, Daufeldt, Mundt Nays: None Motion carried.

Consider Res. 2025-17 approving placing delinquent utilities on property at 909 8<sup>th</sup> St.: Member Quiram motioned, seconded by Member Sterner, to approve Res. 2025-17 placing delinquent utilities on property taxes for 909 8<sup>th</sup> Street. Ayes: Mundt, Daufeldt, Ostofi, Quiram, Sterner Nays: None Motion carried. Dir. Semsch reported the city discovered a water leak that had not risen to the surface, at the site of 9<sup>th</sup> Ave Storm Water project whereby a fitting had been tightened too much; SulzCo returned and repaired the connection at no cost to the city. The city was losing 46,000 gal/day for about three weeks. Member Sterner reiterated when public works employees are seen driving the streets, they are not wasting time they were looking for leaks.

Police Report: Sgt. Utter reported the Durant Prom went very well; officers will be attending mandatory training at the school with school staff this week; drug take back is April 26<sup>th</sup> from 10AM to 2PM. Member Sterner motioned, seconded by Member Daufeldt, to approve the monthly police report. Ayes: Quiram, Sterner, Mundt, Daufeldt, Ostofi Nays: None Motion carried.

Community/Economic Dev. Report: Consider approval for renewing landscape maintenance contract with Eastern Iowa Landscape for community center/city hall/library: The contract is for four visits for community center and city hall/library. The cost is \$3,725.58, split between the two entities. Member Mundt motioned, seconded by Member Quiram, to approve the renewal of the contract. Ayes: Daufeldt, Ostofi, Mundt, Sterner, Quiram Nays: None Motion carried. Dir. Smith reported the Chamber noon meeting was combined with Durant Development Corporation Annual meeting today. The Chamber has some changes for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July- Scouts will not be selling food this year, so the Chamber is inviting local food trucks to come. The Ice Cream Social, by Tri-County Community Club will take place. Corporate sponsorship for fireworks will also be in News and Views.

City Clerk's report: Consider Res. 2025-16 establish policy for receiving payments in cash and coin.; Clerk explained this resolution caps any one paying in change at \$5.00 for mixed coins and \$100 dollar bill, at any city building such as city hall, community center, and police department. Member Mundt motioned, seconded by Member Ostofi, to approve Res. 2025-16 establishing

receiving payments in cash and coin. Ayes: Quiram, Sterner, Mundt, Daufeldt, Ostofi Nays: None Motion carried.

Consider new website design agreement for July 1 2025.: Clerk presented two companies to design and set up a new city website. Catilis is recommended by Blue Grass, Iowa. The cities of Dysart and Guttenberg both use this company. Victory Enterprises was recommended by City of Walcott, Iowa. Both companies offer an updated and A.D.A. compliant form. The goal is to design the website with more icons, less tabs and searching. This will also combine with the new financial software for utility payments. Both companies had demonstrated their designs and set ups to the City Clerk. Catilis Company for a three-year contract; \$2500 year 1, \$2100 yr. 2, and increase third year of 6%. They also offer website update in year three free of charge. Victory Enterprises cost is \$6,000. They also offer hourly hosting, and assistance once the website is up and running.

After discussion Member Quiram motioned, seconded by Member Mundt, to approve the Catilis Company. Ayes: Daufeldt, Ostofi, Quiram, Sterner, Mundt Nays: None Motion carried.

Consider Res. 2025-12 authorizing transfer of funds from Joey Gehrls funding to reimburse general fund for improvements at band shell. Member Sterner motioned, seconded by Member Mundt, to approve Res. 2025-12 approving the transfer \$18,260.00 from Gehrls funding to reimburse general park fund. Ayes: Quiram, Sterner, Mundt, Daufeldt, Ostofi Nays: None Motion carried.

Consider Res. 2025-14 Setting public hearing for FY 2025 Budget Amendment: Member Sterner motioned, seconded by Member Daufeldt, to approve Res. 2025-14 setting the public hearing for April 28, 2025 at 6:00p.m. council meeting. Ayes: Ostofi, Quiram, Sterner, Mundt, Daufeldt Nays: None Motion carried.

Mayor/Council Report: Consider approval of Agreement between City of Durant and Local Union 238: Clerk reported the last page should reflect dates effective July 1 2025 through June 30 2028. Member Sterner motioned, seconded by Member Daufeldt, to approve the contract agreement with Local 238 for Police and Public Works Departments. Ayes: Quiram, Ostofi, Daufeldt, Mundt, Sterner Nays: None Motion carried.

Discuss/Consider approval for Res. 2025-15 approving the water and sewer rate changes as specified in the Durant City Code of Ordinances. Member Mundt motioned, seconded by Member Quiram, to approve Res. 2025-15 approving the annual rate increases effective July 1, 2025, as specified in the City of Durant City Code of Ordinances. Ayes: Sterner, Mundt, Daufeldt, Ostofi, Quiram Nays: None Motion carried. The water flat rate will increase \$0.40 per month; the sewer flat rate will increase \$1.00 per month.

Member Sterner reported Cedar County 911/EMS Director has been hired and is onboarding now. Duane Brown, Jr. has been hired for Cedar County EMA Director, and will start July 1, 2025. With no other business before council, meeting adjourned at 7:03p.m.

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Scott Spengler, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Deana Cavin, City Operations Officer/Clerk

Vendor Name		
Advocate News	CH publishing	653.43
Airgas USA LLC	Misc supplies	74.81
Alliant Energy *	Scott Co electric-st lights, wa tower, lift station, Feldhahn	220.41
Amazon Capital Services	CH-apc backup & fire-tie down kit for UTV	210.29
Badger Meter	Annual license & monthly March 2025	431.12
Bi State Regional Commission	Member dues 4/1/25-6/30/25	283.75
Blue Knights of Iowa	CC deposit refund	350.00
Bosch Pest Control Inc	Fire-pest control	20.00
Bujalski, Joshua *	Reimb notary stamp renewal	30.00
Central States Health & Welfare*	Mthly health ins April	25320.00
City of Durant	Water	3868.71
Culligan-Quad Cities	Distilled water	51.95
Devilbliss, Joshua	CC deposit refund	350.00
Des Moines Stamp	PD-notary stamp Bujalski	34.00
Dinges Fire Company	Fire-pant repair	245.35
Durant Cemetery Association	Annual payment	3000.00
Durant Municipal Electric	Electric	5771.96
Edmunds Govtech	Software implementation	7375.00
EFTPS *	Fed/FICA tax	13377.04
Goerdts Inspection & Consultation	Monthly contract pymt March 25	1322.00
Goldstar Products Inc	Roads-rust converter	577.19
Grainger Inc	Park supplies	424.24
Hawkins Construction & Trucking *	Disposal of tennis court material	3960.00
IA Assn Municipal Utilities	Safety training Apr-June 2025	405.00
IAWEA	WWTP-class registration (4)	360.00
IPERS *	IPERS	4427.95
Jeff's Market	Supplies-housing study meeting	9.26
John Deere Financial *	Parks-backpack blower	569.99
Liberty Insurance Agency	Fire-add ins for side by side	26.00
Liberty Trust & Savings Bank*	ACH & wire fees	77.88
Lori's Cleaning Service *	Cleaning service-city offices	160.00
Lynch Dallas P. C.	Union negotiations	2922.50
Martin & Whitacre	Eng fees-pickleball bidding	550.00
Mediacom	PD-static IP	17.17
Menards	CC cleaning supplies	44.83
MES Service Company LLC	Fire-helmets & shields	2047.15
MidAmerican Energy	Natural gas	1427.40
MSA Professional Services Inc	Engineering fees	13562.40
NCCI *	Deposit for work comp ins	16602.00
Oveson Refuse & Recycling LLC	April GB service & stickers	13614.50
Paper's Construction Co	CC-paint cabinets, new hardware, rplc ceiling tile	3006.00
Paper's Lumber & Supply Inc	Misc supplies	420.40
Paarman, Preston *	Reimb for WW grade 2 test & clothing allowance	122.10

Robinson-Batteries Plus	Water plant battery	38.55
Ron Alpen Ford Inc	PD-service '23 explorer	55.75
Sampson Fence LTD	Generator & lift station fence	10901.00
Sprague Law PC	Legal fees Sept 2024	903.00
State Hygienic Laboratory	WA testing	50.00
Sterner, Dan	Reimb for fire trailer hitch	205.99
Terry and Sons, Inc	CC-interior painting	9700.00
Town & Country Tires *	Parks-mower tires & disposal	490.00
Treasurer of Iowa-IA-WH *	State tax	757.08
Treasurer State of Iowa	Sales & WET tax	2062.25
Tri County Heritage & Genealogy	Annual payment	1500.00
Triple B Construction *	Pay app 3 Feldhahn storm basin	69407.48
Uline	Parks-picnic tables (2)	537.79
Utter, Brian	Reimb for postage	11.50
Verizon Wireless *	Telephones, cells, internet, GIS	781.55
Visu-Sewer LLC	SW-install 8" liner 2402 LF	103476.10
Voelker's Plumbing Inc	CC-service call	65.00
Wendling Quarries Inc	Parks-ag lime (74.01 ton)	333.06
WEX Bank *	Fuel	914.09
Zimmer & Francescon Inc	WWTP-fine screen repair parts	449.50
Payroll		41,887.72
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>372,851.19</b>

\* Denotes paid early due to invoice due date

**Fund Totals**

General	131,809.86
Road UseTax	10,820.41
Fire Department	6,007.05
Water	10,510.42
Sewer	131,513.57
Storm Water	82,189.88

**Total** 372,851.19

**March 2025 Revenues**

General	145,778.40
Memorial-Fire Dept	1,399.00
J Gehrls Gift	6,725.19
Road Use Tax	16,994.56
Emply Benefits	22,735.30
LOST Ced Co 75%	14937.63
Tax Increment Financing	905.31
Fire Department	8,070.63
Debt Services	39,448.38
Water	30,192.90
Water Rev Bond Sinking	13,499.67
Sewer	63,704.83

Sewer Rev Bond Sinking

29,997.50

Storm Water

181,840.41

**Total**

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**576,229.71**