

City of Durant

City Council meeting minutes 05/27/2025

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

Engineer's Report: Consider Pay application # 4 for Feldhahn Wetland project to Triple B Construction. MSA Engineer Scott Duckett reported seeding and plantings are in progress and recommends approval of the pay application. Member Mundt motioned, seconded by Member Daufeldt, to approve pay application #4 in the amount of \$136,935.37. Ayes: Ostofi, Quiram, Mundt, Daufeldt Nays: None Motion carried.

Consider change order #1 for Feldhahn Wetland/project: Mr. Duckett explained the reason for the change order is the method of mulching for the seed from straw to hydro-mulching for the park area. Straw would blow around more and the hydro-mulch would cover better. Member Mundt motioned, seconded by Member Quiram, to approve Change Order #1 in the amount of \$12,477.80. Ayes: Daufeldt, Ostofi, Quiram, Mundt Nays: None Motion carried. Scott reported the project should be wrapping up within a couple weeks weather permitting.

Public Works Report: Dir. Semsch reported the crews will be spraying curb lines this week, and using the street sweeper on 2nd street. He explained after a street has been seal coated, they wait one year before sweeping so that they do not tear up the new seal coat and it allows the rocks to adhere to the surface. The crews have been resodding at the community center because the lack of moisture had ruined the grass south of the center.

Police Report: Chief Randolph reported the department is working on nuisances concerning junk vehicles, and lawn mowing.

Community/Economic Dev. Report: Dir. Smith reported she has been keeping tabs on the empty business fronts down town. One has a new occupant, opening soon, and there is interest in the second one. She will be working on the final grant report for Feldhahn when the punch list is available. Member Mundt inquired about the status of the land to the west of the city, if Durant Development now owns the land. Dir. Smith reported yes, they are in the process of a request for proposal for engineering firms so they can get an idea on costs for infrastructure. It has been recommended two council members meet with D.D.C. to discuss future plans and infrastructure design. Mayor Spengler explained the city will not allow the Yankee Ave Lift Station to be utilized. The land will need its' own lift station that will send the matter to the sewer plant. Dir. Semsch stated that will require upsizing the main on 3rd Street to the sewer plant. Semsch reported on conversation he had with D.D.C. Member Willey about the sewer; there also may need to be a pump station for water. Dir. Smith stated the decisions involve if it would be more economical for the land to develop in the county or connected to city infrastructure. Clerk clarified if the city were to annex more highway/streets; that does not increase road use tax revenue. That revenue is based on population only. Therefore, increased road maintenance must be considered as added expense. A meeting will be organized in the future with D.D.C.

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

Consider approval to renew Main Stay Systems IT contract.: Member Mundt motioned, seconded by Member Ostofi, to approve the renewal of the IT contract with Main Stay systems of Iowa in the amount of \$8,688.00 Ayes: Quiram, Daufeldt, Mundt, Ostofi Nays: None Motion carried.

Consider new incident reports and emergency contact forms for employees, ambulance and fire personnel. Clerk introduced new forms for worker compensation claims required by the new underwriters. Member Mundt motioned, seconded by Member Daufeldt, to approve the new forms to be used. Ayes: Ostofi, Quiram, Mundt, Daufeldt Nays: None Motion carried.

Mayor/Council Report: Consider Ordinance Amendment #2025-01 amending the code of ordinances of the City of Durant Iowa Chapter 41 Fireworks per Iowa state law Change SF 303 F

Clerk explained the SF 303 law changed the times the fireworks can be set off in Iowa. Therefore, the city needs to amend the current ordinance to reflect the change. Member Quiram motioned, seconded by Member Mundt, to approve the first reading of the ordinance amendment. SECTION 1. SECTION MODIFIED. Section 41.14 (10) (E):Discharge of Fireworks. No person shall discharge a consumer fireworks device outside the following dates and hours:(1) July 3rd thru July 4th from the hours of 9AM until 11:00 pm.(2) December 31st thru January 1st from the hours of 9AM until 12:30AM (on January 1st.) Ayes: Daufeldt, Ostofi, Quiram, Mundt Nays: None Motion carried.

Consider Res. 2025-2024 adopting security camera policy for the City of Durant in public places.:

Member Mundt motioned, seconded by Member Daufeldt, to approve adopting the security camera policy for public places. Ayes: Quiram, Mundt, Daufeldt, Ostofi. Nays: None Motion carried.

Clerk reported June 3rd at 2PM will be the bid opening for the sub-division RFPs at city hall. Current new software projected start dates are July 1 for new website; Aug. 1 for payroll and financial; Sept. 1 for utility billing, and Oct. 1st for permitting. Mayor reported there are some complaints of vehicles being scratched with rocks or something sharp at the Feldhahn parking lot during games. The public is asked to please report any issues to the police department.

With no other business before council, meeting adjourned at 6:26p.m.

Scott Spengler, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deana Cavin, City Operations Officer/Clerk

City of Durant		Claims List 05-27-2025
Vendor Name		
Accident Fund Ins Co America *	Work comp insurance	43578.27
Advanced Business Systems	Copier maint & copies 1 mth	98.33
All American Concrete Inc *	JC Park pickleball pay app #1	8355.96
Alliant Energy *	Scott Co electric-Feldhahn & street lights	100.49
American Industrial Door Co	CH-repair rear door	340.00
Bosch Pest Control Inc	Fire-pest control mice	43.00
C.C.E. Services LLC	JC Park rplc LED women's rr	409.90
City of Durant	GehrIs reimb parks for band shell expenses	31129.00
Danko Emergency Equip Co *	Fire-air cleaner lids	68.34
EFTPS *	Fed/FICA tax	6788.60
Hilltop Greenhouses LTD	Tri Co Comm Club garden flowers	500.00
Iowa Downtown Resource Center	Downtown conference registration	175.00
Iowa Interstate RR LLC	Norfolk Dr sign/maint/elec	255.93
Iowa League of Cities	Grant finder subscription	100.00
Iowa Prison Industries	Roads-rr cross warning sign	68.90
John Deere Financial	Parks-mower blades (6)	144.48
Liberty Insurance Agency *	Annual insurance with addition of CH cyber	147497.42
LL Pelling Co Inc	Roads-cold patch (17.88 ton)	2353.16
MacQueen	Road-rpr sonetics headset	729.39
MES Service Company LLC	Fire-helmet lights & replacement batteries	457.72

Postmaster	WA billing postage-stamps	392.00
Price Oil Co Inc	Fuel	896.77
Schneider Farms *	2024 farmer's market entertainment	560.00
Scott Co Library System *	Plant discovery bus on site	200.00
Sprague Law PC	Legal fees Oct, Nov, Dec 2024	3246.50
Staples *	PD-supplies	427.94
Sunbury Sod Inc	WA-600 sq ft sod	198.00
T & W Grinding & Compost Service	Grind brush pile	1950.00
Utility Equipment Co	WA-curb box rpr sleeves (4)	154.38
VISA *	Misc supplies, hotels for conferences, PDF exchange, snag-it	2422.43
Payroll		21,336.81
TOTAL		274,978.72

* Denotes paid early due to invoice due date

Fund Totals		
General	144,816.32	
J Gehrls Gift	31,129.00	
Road UseTax	24,047.98	
Fire Department	31,713.09	
Water	12,750.43	
Sewer	30,521.90	
Total	274,978.72	