

City of Durant City Council Meeting
Minutes 06/23/2025

The regular council meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. Roll call of members present: Sterner, Daufeldt, and Ostofi. Mundt and Quiram were absent. Consent agenda: Approval of agenda, city bills and minutes from 06/09/2025 council meeting. Member Sterner motioned, seconded by Member Daufeldt, to approve the agenda, city bills, and minutes from previous council meeting. Ayes: Ostofi, Daufeldt, Sterner Nays: None Motion carried. Public Input: None. Consider Res. 2025-25 formally approving wage increase for employees for FY 26 that are not under contract. Member Sterner motioned, seconded by Member Ostofi, to approve Resolution 2025-25 for the wages increases for Deputy Clerk Keese (6%) ; Dir. Smith (6%); and community center part time employees and bartenders (\$0.75 per hours) effective July 1, 2025 Ayes: Daufeldt, Sterner, Ostofi Nays: None Motion carried.

Consider Res. 2025-26 authorizing wage increase for City Operations Officer/Clerk per employment contract. Member Sterner motioned, seconded by Member Daufeldt to approve the wage increase and approve Res. 2025-26 for City Operations Officer/Clerk Deana Cavin (3%). Ayes: Sterner, Daufeldt, Ostofi Nays: None Motion carried.

Consider Res. 2025-27 acknowledging pay increases for public works employees as listed and police officers as listed as specified in the union contract effective July 1 2025: Member Sterner motioned, seconded by Member Daufeldt, to approve Res. 2025-27 for the wage increases per the union contract at 7% increase. Ayes: Ostofi, Sterner, Daufeldt Nays: None Motion carried. Engineer's Report: Consider Change Order #2 for pickle ball court changes -change order # 1 was voided per contractor: Clerk explained the change order was to add re-bar under the concrete; change the concrete material to no ash; add a vapor barrier at the request of the acrylic install contractor for the court top; total amount \$5,659.15. The sidewalk has been removed from the project for the city to install at a later date. Member Ostofi inquired if there is a schedule to pour concrete; clerk was told they would pour last week but are blaming the weather conditions; the project must be completed August 1st. It will be one month overdue. Member Sterner motioned. Seconded by Member Ostofi, to approve change order #2. Ayes: Daufeldt, Ostofi, Sterner Nays: None Motion carried.

Public Works Report: Member Sterner inquired about the walk through at the Feldhahn project. Dir. Jared Semsch reported, it went okay. Dir. Semsch asked if the wetland part could be mowed to cut down the weeds, but Amy Bouska with I.D.A.L.S explained no. No plants can be driven over. The weeds will grow but the area can be burned off in three years. MSA Scott Duckett will have a meeting with the city and contractors July 1, to go over the seeding amounts to close out the project. The east water tower has been taken out of service to be cleaned and inspected this week per the annual contract. After bacteria samples are approved after cleaning, it should be ready to go back into service at the end of the week. Visu-Sewer will be providing an additional price for two lines to televise, and provide a heavy clean; water plant had some issues with VFDs, but everything is running smoothly so far. Two public works employees will be at class this week for two days and next month for required continuing education classes.

Police Report: Consider approval of contract with Muscatine Humane Society for dogs: The contract contains the cost for city authorized personnel to relinquish a stray at \$100.00 . Member Ostofi motioned, seconded by Member Sterner, to approve the annual contract. Ayes: Daufeldt, Sterner, Ostofi Nays: None Motion carried.

Community/Economic Dev. Report: It was reported a petting zoo will be at the Fall Fest on a trailer-same one as Fire Fighter's Fest; the DNR has a tree grant available Dir. Smith will work

on and will require the help of students to plant trees in order to qualify; she continues to work on close out grant documents for Feldhahn Storm water project.

City Clerk's report: Consider Res.2025-28 year-end transfers for water fund. Member Sterner motioned, seconded by Member Daufeldt, to approve Res. 2025-28 transferring from water sinking fund to water fund, \$161,996.04 to reimburse water fund for loan payments. Ayes: Ostofi, Daufeldt, Sterner Nays: None Motion carried.

Consider approval of May 2025 financial statements: Member Sterner motioned, seconded by Member Ostofi, to approve the May Financial Statements. Ayes: Daufeldt, Sterner, Ostofi Nays: None Motion carried.

Clerk reported Iowa Interstate Railroad has recommended the city participate in a grant through the railroad to improve the roadway and crossing at 14th Avenue. This is at no cost to the city. More information will be available July 14th meeting. No other crossings in Durant qualified for improvements.

Mayor/Council Report: Consider Res. 2025-29 closing roads for Durant Dusk Hustle: Member Ostofi motioned, seconded by Member Sterner, to approve Res. 2025-29 road closure for Dusk Hustle August 8th, 2025 as follows: Kids Block Run at 6:30PM; 1-Mile Family Walk/run at 6:45PM; and Dusk Hustle 5K walk/run that begins at 7PM: Starting at 1000 block of 6th Street (Southwest corner of Jaycee Park) going North on 10th Avenue to 8th Street: Turning right on to 8th Street, then right onto 12th Avenue to left on 7th Street; Right on 13th Avenue and right onto 6th Street; continue to 3rd Avenue; take a right on 3rd Avenue to 7th Street. Turn left on 7th Street to Yankee Avenue turn around to head east; Continue on 7th Street to 6th Avenue, take left toward 8th Street turn right on 8th Street to 9th Avenue, follow curve to 9th Street, continue west on 9th Street, take a right on 7th Avenue, and right on 10th Street; turn right on 8th Avenue, and left on 9th Street, following curve to 9th Avenue, and then left on 8th Street to 10th Avenue; Turn right on 10th Avenue to finish line past 7th Street at Jaycee Park. Ayes: Sterner, Daufeldt, Ostofi Nays: None Motion carried.

Consider reimbursement to Chamber of Commerce for Fireworks or News & Views: Clerk provided the option if council was not in favor of taxpayer dollars for the fireworks, the council could recommend using it for reimbursement of News and Views costs. After discussion, Member Sterner motioned, seconded by Member Ostofi, to approve \$500 for the fireworks to the Durant Chamber of Commerce. Ayes: Daufeldt, Ostofi, Sterner Nays: None Motion carried. With no other business before council, meeting adjourned at 6:25p.m.

Scott Spengler, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deana Cavin, City Operations Officer/Clerk

City of Durant		Claims List 06-23-2025	
Vendor Name			
Advanced Business Systems	Copier maint & copies 1 mth		108.92
Alliance Electric Services	Retrofit light fixtures LED (12)		900.32
Alliant Energy *	Scott Co electric-Feldhahn		101.64

Bosch Pest Control Inc	Fire-pest control mice	43.00
Cove Equipment	Batwing mower blades	392.56
Dell Marketing LP	WWTP-laptop & dock	2131.73
Eastern Iowa Landscape Service	Landscape maint-summer visit	646.40
EFTPS *	Fed/FICA tax	7570.25
Eric's Mowinator Service	Mowing-909 8th Street	374.50
Fick, Brent	CC deposit refund	350.00
Iowa Prison Industries	Signs-Feldhahn storm basin	3214.80
IPERS *	IPERS	10783.55
Mediacom *	PD-static IP	17.17
Menards	CC supplies	149.79
MidAmerican Energy *	Natural gas	293.48
Price Oil Co Inc	Fuel	526.07
Sprague Law PC	Legal fees Jan 2025	400.00
Staples *	Office supplies	415.40
State Hygienic Laboratory	WA testing	50.00
Treasurer of Iowa-IA-WH *	State taxes	1779.18
UMB Bank N. A.	2016 GO bond fees	250.00
USA Blue Book	WA-60 gpd 100 psi pump, gloves, chemicals	2065.19
Utter, Brian	GTSB reimb mileage, hotel, meals	611.82
VISA *	Misc supplies, cloudflare, wa & sw operator certificates	1750.78
Payroll		25,313.36
TOTAL		60,239.91

* Denotes paid early due to invoice due date

Fund Totals		
General	36,236.41	
Road Use Tax	3,697.04	
Fire Department	259.20	
Debt Services	250.00	
Water	9,826.47	
Sewer	6,755.99	
Storm Water	3,214.80	
Total	60,239.91	