

City of Durant City Council Meeting
Minutes 06/09/2025

The regular council meeting was called to order by Mayor Scott Spengler. Roll call of members; Quiram, Sterner, Mundt, Daufeldt, and Ostofi. Member Sterner motioned, seconded by Member Quiram, to approve the agenda, city bills and minutes. Ayes: Ostofi, Daufeldt, Mundt, Sterner, and Quiram. Nays: None Motion carried. There was no public input.

Engineer's Report: No engineers in attendance; the walk through with Amy Bouska of IDALS, will be 8:00 a.m. Friday, at Feldhahn Park for the Storm water project. There are issues at the pickle ball court with sidewalk location. Public Works Dir. Semsch is waiting to meet with the contractor to move the sidewalk to a better location for A.D.A compliance.

Public Works Report: Consider approval for new public works building addition as budgeted: Dir. Semsch provided council with the quote for the shop addition; Two quotes were received. Custom Builders was \$54,400, but doors were not included (add \$19,918 for all doors) and electric is \$8,411.00. Total cost \$82,730.00 Rise Up Builders (Jeff Geurink) quote for Wick building is \$52,300 with doors included, adding the same price for electric provided by Central City Electric, total cost is \$76,711.00. The clerk reported \$83,000 was budgeted for the building. The ceiling of the addition would be insulated but the department would budget in the future for spray foam insulation for the walls. The addition is needed for improved salt storage environment. Member Mundt motioned, seconded by Member Sterner, to approve the quotes for \$76,711.00 for Rise Up Construction and Central City Electric. Ayes: Quiram, Sterner, Mundt, Daufeldt, Ostofi. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Consider approval for electrical improvements at water plant: Dir. Semsch reported a quote for electrical work at the water plant from Central City Electric for \$3,261.00. Member Mundt motioned, seconded by Member Ostofi to approve the quote. Ayes: Daufeldt, Mundt, Sterner, Quiram, Ostofi Nays: None Motion carried.

Consider approval for motors at water plant: Member Quiram motioned, seconded by Member Sterner, to approve the quote for a new motor for the water plant for \$13,400 from Latta Well and Pump. This will be a replacement pump for when other pumps need maintained, the plant will still run on two motors or if one pump goes bad. Ayes: Daufeldt, Ostofi, Mundt, Sterner, Quiram Nays: None Motion carried.

Consider approval for new laptop quote from Dell for Waste Water Treatment Facility: Member Mundt motioned, seconded by Member Sterner, to approve a new Dell laptop for \$2,131.73. Ayes: Quiram, Ostofi, Daufeldt, Mundt, Sterner Nays: None Motion carried.

Police Report: Consider approval for monthly police report: Member Sterner motioned, seconded by Member Daufeldt, to approve the monthly police reports. Ayes: Ostofi, Quiram, Sterner, Mundt, Daufeldt. Members Sterner and Daufeldt, thanked and commended, on behalf of compliments received from the public, for officers being out on patrol so much and have been very active. Chief Randolph reported two officers will be attending trainings over the next two weeks.

Community/Economic Dev. Report: Dir. Smith was absent but clerk reported Dir. Smith has begun work on closing out all the grants for the Feldhahn project.

City Clerk's report: Consider approval for Durant Ambulance Service Renewal: Member Mundt motioned, seconded by Member Ostofi, to approve renewal of the contract in the amount of \$1,452.00. Ayes: Daufeldt, Ostofi, Quiram, Sterner, Mundt Nays: None

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 :

Member Sterner motioned, seconded by Member Mundt, to waive the seconded reading and approve the third reading of the amended ordinance 2025-01 changes to Fireworks discharging times. Ayes: Ostofi, Daufeldt, Mundt, Sterner, Quiram Nays: None Motion carried.

Consider options for modifications to RFP for sub-division: Clerk reported the bid opening for the sub-division was scheduled for last Tuesday. While there were several contractors interested and had contacted the engineer, none bid yet. Council discussed options after the engineer had researched some concerns of which, the instability of the economy going into fall, and the costs of infrastructure materials. There may be a possibility of partnership however, the TIF would then be split. It was general consensus to direct the engineer to extend the RFP date 60-90 days, have a pre-bid meeting for the developers/contractors interested, and see what results are received.

Member Daufeldt reported he attended a Durant Development Corp meeting (DDC), last Friday. They are preparing for the RFP process for the land they purchased west of Durant. Because there are many unknowns, it will take continued discussions. He questioned if land was annexed does the city automatically take over the highway maintenance. Clerk and Dir. Semsch both have been told in the past, yes, the county would expect that.

Clerk reported she has also discussed using more detailed capital planning for budgeting large projects in the future years, and utilizing the CIP planning sheets to prioritize projects and debt. The 4th Street and 5th Street projects are high on the list, but still a few years out. With no other business before council, meeting adjourned at 6:47p.m.

Scott Spengler, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deana Cavin, City Operations Officer/Clerk

| City of Durant | | Claims List 06-09-2025 |
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| Vendor Name | | |
| 7G Distributing * | CC bar beer | 535.84 |
| Advocate News | CH publishing | 342.42 |
| Alliant Energy * | Scott Co electric-lift station & wa tower | 145.90 |
| Alpen, Heather | CC deposit refund | 350.00 |
| Amazon Capital Services | Shop-hitch receiver new F150 | 196.49 |
| Arnold Motor Supply Co | Parks-mower fuel filter | 3.11 |
| Badger Meter | Monthly user fee May 2025 | 71.12 |
| Bosch Pest Control Inc | City buildings pest control | 110.00 |
| Central States H & W Funds * | Health & life insurance | 25320.00 |
| City of Durant | Water | 3902.37 |
| Culligan Quad Cities | Distilled water | 40.50 |
| Durant Municipal Electric | Electric, JC Park new LED lights (2) | 6397.71 |
| EFTPS * | Fed/FICA tax | 8827.87 |
| Environmental Systems Research | ARC GIS online system | 1100.00 |

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| Feuerbach, Kim | CC deposit refund | 350.00 |
| Flack, Teresa | CC deposit refund | 350.00 |
| Goerdts Inspections | Monthly contract pymt May 25 | 1322.00 |
| Grainger Inc | Misc supplies | 144.72 |
| Hawkins Inc | Water chemicals | 444.63 |
| Iowa Beverage * | CC bar beer | 291.00 |
| Iowa Finance Authority * | WWTF, 2nd St WA main and meter, loan payments | 379915.71 |
| Iowa One Call | April one calls | 54.70 |
| Jeff's Market | CC bar supplies & liquor | 208.67 |
| Keese, Kathy | Reimb flowers Feldhahn graves | 14.37 |
| Liberty Trust & Savings Bank * | WA tower loan pymt & int, ACH & wire fees | 78886.84 |
| Lori's Cleaning Service | City offices cleaning service | 240.00 |
| Mainstay Systems of Iowa LLC | Fire-MS 365 license | 48.00 |
| McMaster Carr Supply Co | Misc supplies | 140.44 |
| MSA Professional Services Inc | Feldhahn Park storm water basin | 9995.34 |
| NCL of Wisconsin Inc | WWTP lab supplies | 709.14 |
| Oveson Refuse & Recycling LLC | June GB service & stickers | 14073.50 |
| Paper's Lumber & Supply Inc | Misc supplies | 250.69 |
| Postmaster | WA billing postage-stamps | 280.00 |
| Riedell, Jamie | CC refund-wedding cancelled | 1425.00 |
| Semsch, Jared * | Reimb for partial F&F purchase | 29.07 |
| Seward, Angela | CC deposit refund | 350.00 |
| Smith, Dawn | CC deposit refund | 350.00 |
| Sunbury Sod Inc | CC-sod 4980 sq ft | 1643.40 |
| Treasurer State of Iowa * | Sales & WET tax | 1959.77 |
| Triple B Construction * | Pay app 4 Feldhahn storm basin | 136935.37 |
| Turtle Tree Service Inc | St & park trees trim, remove | 2345.00 |
| UMB Bank* | 8th St, 9th Ave storm bond & interest payment | 382518.75 |
| Verizon Wireless * | Telephones, cells, internet, GIS | 781.16 |
| WEX Bank * | Fuel | 936.86 |
| Wisdom, Johnny | Reimb clothing allowance | 59.89 |
| Payroll | | 27,535.11 |
| TOTAL | | 1,091,932.46 |

*** Denotes paid early due to invoice due date**

Fund Totals

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| General | 67,433.69 |
| Road Use Tax | 7,653.06 |
| Fire Department | 343.75 |
| Memorial-Feldhahn flowers | 14.37 |
| Debt Services | 382,518.75 |
| Water | 127,991.81 |
| Sewer | 19,061.32 |
| Sewer Rev Bond Sinking Fund | 339,985.00 |
| Storm Water | 146,930.71 |

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| Total | 1,091,932.46 |
| May 2025 Revenues | |
| General | 128,563.62 |
| Fire Memorial | 100.00 |
| Joey Gehrls Gift | 7,291.43 |
| Road Use Tax | 21,065.95 |
| Special Levy (Emp Ins) | 9,464.59 |
| Durant LOSST (75% share) | 15,261.88 |
| Urban Renewal Fund (TIF) | 981.54 |
| Fire Fund | 91,022.42 |
| Debt Service | 16,422.12 |
| Water Utility | 30,317.91 |
| Water Rev Bond Sinking Fund | 13,499.67 |
| Sewer Utility | 63,369.26 |
| Sewer Rev Bond Sinking Fund | 29,997.50 |
| Storm Water | 31,196.77 |
| Total | 458,554.66 |

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 2025-01

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF DURANT, IOWA, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 41 FIREWORKS PER IOWA STATE LAW CHANGE SF303: Be It Enacted by the City Council of the City of Durant, Iowa:

SECTION 1. SECTION MODIFIED. Section 41.14 (10) (E): 1. Discharge of Fireworks.

A. 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.)**

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, provision or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 3. WHEN EFFECTIVE. This ordinance shall be in effect after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law. **Passed by the Council on the 9th day of June 2025, and approved this 9th day of June, 2025.**

Scott Spengler, Mayor

ATTEST: Deana Cavin, City Operations Officer/Clerk

First Reading: 05/27/2025

Second Reading: Waived

Third Reading: 06/09/2025

FULL SECTION OF ORDINANCE . Section 41.14 (10) (E): FOR:

1. Discharge of Fireworks.

B. As per section 47.03 of City Code, no fireworks shall be discharged on any public or city property, including streets, avenues, parks, and right of ways. No person under the age of 18 shall discharge a DOT 1.4 class consumer firework without parental supervision. ***Ordinance Amendment 2023-02 9/25/23***

C. A person shall only discharge a consumer fireworks device on real property they own or on property where consent has been given, so long as all trash, wrappers, wires and waste are picked up on property and surrounding properties that the waste has blown into. Novelties, including snakes, sparklers, or caps, can NOT be discharged on a public place. If complaints are filed with city hall or police department due to waste from discharge of fireworks, property owner can be charged with municipal infraction fee of \$500 for failure to clean up. ***Ordinance Amendment 2023-02 9/25/23***

D. Consumer fireworks shall not be discharged by persons showing visible signs of, or determined to be, intoxicated or under the influence of a drug or narcotic.

E. Any person discharging a consumer fireworks device assumes all responsibility for its operation and the consequences thereof. No person shall discharge a consumer fireworks device in a reckless manner or manner likely to cause death, injury, fire, or property damage.

F. No person shall discharge a consumer fireworks device outside the following dates and hours:

(1) **July 3rd thru July 4th from the hours of 9:00AM until 11:00 pm.**

(2) **December 31st thru January 1st from the hours of 9:00AM until 12:30AM January 1st. *Ordinance Amendment 2025-01 06/09/2025 per SF 303 Law Change.***

G. It shall be unlawful to alter, remove, or discharge components of a consumer fireworks device from its intended method of discharging.

H. Sky lantern open flame devices are not permitted to be released within the City limits.

I. The Fire Chief has the authority to ban the use of any fireworks by definition if the conditions warrant a burn ban implemented by State, County, or local jurisdictions.