

City of Durant

City Council Meeting minutes 08/11/2025

The regular session of City Council was called to order by Mayor Scott Spengler at 6:00p.m.

Roll call of members present: Quiram, Sterner, Mundt, Daufeldt, and Ostofi.

Consent agenda: Approval of agenda, city bills and minutes from 07/28/2025 council meeting.

Clerk requested one addition under engineering report Feldhahn Stormwater, add acceptance and final completion approval. Member Sterner motioned, seconded by Member Quiram, to approve the agenda with addition, city bills, and minutes. Ayes: Ostofi, Daufeldt, Mundt, Sterner, Quiram Nays: None Motion carried. Public Input: Carol Vermeer Neal was present; Liberty Insurance agent, to discuss the capacity the city has for sewer and the recent rain storm that caused back up in her clients' basements. Kevin Foreman was present to report he had only storm water in his basement; Nancy Carlisle and Ryan Shelman both reported storm mixed with sanitary sewer back up in their basements on 7th Street, and 13th Avenue respectively. Mayor Spengler explained the storm system and sewer system are two separate systems, therefore the city is concerned with storm water being dumped into the sanitary through sump pumps, or roof vents, even downspouts tiled to sanitary sewer. That caused an over load of water in the sanitary system. Carlisle requested for future such events can the city amend the trash pick up by providing free stickers, or dumpsters for the neighborhoods affected. Mayor Spengler stated they will take that under advisement to have something in place. Neal inquired if the pipes are large enough, again the mayor explained, the size of the pipes are not the concern at the moment. Finding where the storm sewer is dumping into the sanitary and fixing that issue will help. Member Sterner stated the city will need to do testing of roof vents, private property sump pumps and downspouts to find the issues and address the repairs with the property owners. There is also a dye option. Public Works Dir. Jared Semsch stated in his 28 years, this is the second time this has occurred with heavy rain. They know it's stormwater causing the issue. The plant took 950,000 gallons of water that day. Comparing the sanitary water of a normal day, this water was very diluted with storm water. There was also the fact Yankee Avenue lift station was rising, and that could be storm water infiltration as well. Ryan Shelman stated he had twigs in the water that back up in his basement, so it was a mix. His concern is his insurance company needs to know the cause; he would like to expand living quarters to the basement; and the home value. Member Daufeldt explained in a previous home in Durant, his sump pump was plumbed to the laundry sink in the basement, therefore the storm water was going into the sanitary sewer. There could be quite a few homes that have old plumbing, and sump pumps connected in a similar manner. We have to find those. Dir. Semsch explained on the sanitary sewer and storm sewer map, that everything for sanitary sewer from 4th Ave east, and Shilo addition, all goes to the main line on 13th Ave. It then travels to 4th St, and dumps into a line going to the sewer plant. Another main line dumps at the same point. The western line goes directly to the sewer plant. Storm water is all separate piping that goes directly to Elk Horn Creek and Mud Creek. Storm water is not treated. The city plans to meet with the engineer from MSA Professional services to discuss the options to find the infiltration points in the city.

Engineer's Report: Consider approval for pay application #6 final for Feldhahn Storm Water project Member Mundt motioned, seconded by Member Sterner, to approve the pay application in the amount of \$51,840.46 to Triple B. Ayes: Daufeldt, Ostofi, Quiram, Sterner, Mundt Nays: None Motion carried.

Consider approval and acceptance of project completion for Feldhahn Storm Water project.

Member Sterner motioned, seconded by Member Ostofi, to approve and accept the Feldhahn

Stormwater project as completed, Ayes: Quiram, Sterner, Mundt, Daufeldt, Ostofi Nays: None Motion carried.

Consider approval for Pickle Ball pay application # 2 : Mayor Spengler reported he was unhappy with no erosion control for rain that led to mud all over 6th Street by the court. He has not been pleased with the contractor with no further improvements for the project. Member Sterner motioned, to table the item until the next council meeting, seconded by Member Quiram. Ayes: Mundt, Daufeldt, Ostofi, Quiram, Sterner Nays: None Motion carried.

Public Works Report: Mayor Spengler thanked all the public works employees for all they had to do in a short amount of time on Sunday with the rain storm. Dir. Semsch reported the UV building at the Waste Water Plant flooded, most likely destroying the pumps. The culprit was a snapping turtle got into the outflow pipe when water in creek rose and that faulted out the pump to keep the water flowing out, thus causing the flood. The plant was never under water at any time. He also reported Norfolk Lift station lost a phase that Durant Municipal Electric repaired on their side of the service. This did not cause any issues because only Norfolk plant is on that lift station. Dir. Semsch reminded council this is another reason we do not dump from one lift station to another; when things like this happen, it could be very detrimental to the users of the lift stations.

Police Report-Member Quiram motioned, seconded by Member Mundt, to approve the monthly police report. Ayes: Ostofi, Daufeldt, Mundt, Sterner, Quiram Nays: None Motion carried.

Consider approval for new tower computer/server at PD: Chief Randolph explained the current server is eleven years old, and is causing some issues. Member Mundt motioned, seconded by Member Ostofi, to approve the purchase and install of the new server from Main Stay Systems of Iowa for \$3,308. Ayes: Quiram, Sterner, Mundt, Daufeldt, Ostofi Nays: None Motion carried.

Community/Economic Dev. Report: Update on bandshell mural: council was provided renderings of what the muralist had drawn up for the back and front of the bandshell. Pearl Button Solar donated \$500.00 to the project. The muralist is still working on what clear coat product would work best for anti-graffiti top coat. And still working with the paint company on the base coats. Clerk reported, once his final drawings are ready, they hope to put those on face book for a vote of the community as to which murals are the favorites for front and back of bandshell.

City Clerk's report: Consider quotes for cameras at Feldhahn Park, water plant and city hall. Global Security had provided estimates for cameras at the time of budget preparation. Water plant, \$5374.02; Feldhahn Park shelter, \$5,812.84; Updating JC Park camera and recording system, \$1,939.93; adding cameras at city hall in rear to help cover park and bandshell areas, 3,596.27. Member Sterner motioned, seconded by Member Daufeldt, to approve all the estimates for each location. Ayes: Quiram, Ostofi, Daufeldt, Mundt, Sterner Nays: None Motion carried.

Consider Res. 2025-35approval of the annual street finance report: Member Mundt motioned, seconded by Member Quiram, to approve the Annual Street Finance Report for Iowa DOT. Ayes: Daufeldt, Ostofi, Mundt, Sterner, Quiram Nays: None Motion carried.

Consider Res 2025-36 setting public hearing date and time for Budget Amendment for FY 26: Clerk reported the amendment is needed to move unfinished projects from FY 2025 into the FY 2026 budget, such as pickleball, and Feldhahn Park project. Member Mundt motioned, seconded by Member Ostofi, to approve setting the public hearing for the budget amendment for August 25th at 6:00p.m. at city hall. Ayes: Sterner, Quiram, Ostofi, Daufeldt, Mundt Nays: None Motion carried.

Mayor/Council Report: City Clerk reported auditors planned to be wrapped up for the annual exam by August 13th, but the final reports would not be ready until a few months later; payroll has been processed in the new system, however, there were some issues, but all employees were paid. The finance system will go live tomorrow. Utility billing training will be in September.

Member Sterner motioned, seconded by Member Mundt, to enter into closed session to review the Community Center Director/ Community Economic director position under

Closed Session: Iowa Code: 21.5 1. A governmental body may hold a closed session only by affirmative public vote of either two-thirds of the members of the body or all of the members present at the meeting. A governmental body may hold a closed session only to the extent a closed session is necessary for any of the following reasons: (i). To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session.

Ayes: Sterner, Quiram, Mundt, Daufeldt, Ostofi Nays: None Motion carried. Time 7:30PM

At 8:03pm council reconvened into open session.

Member Sterner motioned, seconded by Member Quiram approval to advertise for new assistant director for the community center. Clerk was advised to start advertising as soon as possible.

Ayes: Ostofi, Daufeldt, Mundt, Sterner, Quiram Nays: None Motion carried.

With no other business before council, meeting was adjourned at 8:05p.m.

Scott Spengler, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deana Cavin, City Operations Officer/Clerk

City of Durant		Claims List 08-11-2025
Vendor Name		
Advocate News	CH-publishing	442.71
Alliance Electric Services	Service call-new water tower	125.00
Alliant Energy *	Scott Co electric-wa tower & lift station	172.79
Arnold Motor Supply Co	#2 grease tubes (10)	54.50
Badger Meter	Monthly user fee July 2025	71.19
Bosch Pest Control Inc	City buildings-pest control	110.00
Cavin, Deana	Reimb PD parade candy	67.36
Cedar Co Emergency Mgmt *	Disaster services FY25-26	9822.75
Central State H & W Funds	Health & life insurance July	20,256.00
City of Durant	Water	4147.45
Couch, Jayson	CC deposit refund	350.00
Culligan-Quad Cities	Distilled water	28.65
Durant Municipal Electric	Electric & JC Park new electric service	8145.76
EFTPS	Fed/FICA tax	8808.89
Goerdts Inspection & Consultation	Contract pymt July 2025	1322.00
Gold Star FS-River City Turf	Roundup, Pramitol	511.95
Hawkins Inc	Water chemicals	234.63

Heartland Radar LLC	PD-radar certifications (6)	240.00
IPERS	IPERS	14,589.11
Liberty Insurance Agency	Insurance-add 2025 ambulance	1880.00
Liberty Trust & Savings Bank	ACH & wire fees	90.76
Lori's Cleaning Service	City buildings cleaning service	210.00
Martin & Whitacre	Eng fees-pre bid meeting	785.08
Menards	Misc supplies	379.91
MidAmerican Energy	Natural gas	156.18
Muscatine Humane Society *	Dog to pound	100.00
Oveson Refuse & Recycling LLC	Aug GB service & stickers	14,567.50
Paper's Lumber & Supply Inc	Misc supplies	323.97
Pepsi Cola of Davenport	CC bar soda	323.64
Price Oil Co Inc	Fuel	763.95
Riverstone Group Inc	Roads-112D (38.45 ton)	380.66
Spengler Auto Repair	23 Tahoe svc & rotate tires	91.00
Tappendorf, Ryan *	Reimb clothing allowance	52.22
Town & Country Tires	Parks-tire repair	45.00
Treasurer of Iowa-IA-WH	State taxes	2521.53
Treasurer State of Iowa	Sales & WET tax	2052.36
Triple B Construction	Hydrant abandonment school	4149.08
Verizon Wireless	Telephones, cells, internet, GIS	699.52
Voelkers Plumbing Inc	WWTP-replace cracked valve & CH- clean out floor drain	280.65
WEX Bank *	Fuel	1176.41
Young, Cindy	Reimb concrete-sidewalk prgrm	486.00
Payroll		26,452.77
TOTAL		127,468.93

* Denotes paid early due to invoice due date

Fund Totals

General	84,935.41
Road Use Tax	7,623.68
Fire Department	624.51
Water	19,802.97
Sewer	14,482.36
Total	127,468.93

July 2025 Revenues

General	62,747.15
Joey Gehrls Gift	5774.96
Road Use Tax	20,439.63
Special Levy (Emp Ins)	1640.46
Durant LOSST (75% share)	17,271.14
Urban Renewal Fund (TIF)	777.40

Fire Fund	26,427.97
Debt Service	4303.38
Water Utility	32,972.90
Water Rev Bond Sinking Fund	11,958.50
Sewer Utility	69,455.94
Sewer Rev Bond Sinking Fund	29,897.50
Storm Water	1344.93
Agency Fund-Oveson Waster	26.20
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