

## **MINUTES REGULAR MEETING OKEMAH CITY COUNCIL**

**WHEN: MONDAY, JULY 8, 2024 @ 6:00 P.M.**

**PLACE: OKEMAH CITY HALL, 502 WEST BROADWAY, OKEMAH, OK**

**PRESENT:** Ron Gott, Ronnie Lucas, Brandon Anderson, Wayne Bacon, Mike Ishmael

**ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** Kristy Lesley, City Manager; Relena Haddox, City Clerk/Treasurer; Jack Cadenhead, City Attorney

### **FLAG SALUTE AND ROLL CALL**

**Mayor Ron Gott** initiated the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and confirmed the presence of a quorum.

### **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM.**

**City Clerk Relena Haddox** completed attendance roll call.

**Mayor Ron Gott** called the meeting to order, confirming a quorum was present.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

**Motion:** Approve minutes.

- **Proposed by:** Wayne Bacon
- **Seconded by:** Ronnie Lucas
- **Discussion:** None
- **Vote:** Unanimous approval

### **APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS.**

**Motion:** Approve purchase orders

- **Proposed by:** Ronnie Lucas
- **Seconded by:** Mike Ishmael
- **Discussion:** None
- **Vote:** Unanimous approval

### **PUBLIC APPEARANCES.**

- **Randy Norman, President of the Woody Guthrie Coalition**, addressed the council to provide an update on the upcoming Woody Guthrie Folk Festival:
  - Norman explained that the festival would begin on Wednesday night at the Crystal Theatre.
  - He noted that the daytime shows would be held indoors and the evening shows would start later to avoid the heat.
  - Norman highlighted the Children's Festival, which would take place at the park.
  - He discussed the festival's songwriting contest, which had received entries from across the country, including Alaska.
  - Norman expressed gratitude for the city's support and the hard work of the festival volunteers and sponsors.
  - In response to a question from Councilman Ishmael, Norman explained that a shuttle service would be provided by Kats and another company.
  - City Manager Lesley added that Bob Locco would also be providing transportation during their art show.

- Norman further explained that a cooling tent would be available on Main Street to help attendees cope with the heat.
- Councilman Ishmael reminded attendees that the golf course flags were not souvenirs.

**DISCUSSION AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A CONTRACT FOR DISPATCHING OPERATIONS WITH OKFUSKEE COUNTY E-911 BOARD.**

- City Manager Lesley explained that Bruce Coker, on behalf of the 911 board, had drafted a contract for the city to provide \$10,000 per month in support of 911 services. Lesley stated that the 911 board had approved the contract and it would be reviewed annually in April.

**Motion:** Approve contract.

- **Proposed by:** Brandon Anderson
- **Seconded by:** Wayne Bacon
- **Discussion:** None
- **Vote:** Unanimous approval

**DISCUSSION AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE CITY MANAGER TO REQUEST THE REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTIES MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT.**

- City Manager Lesley explained that the city needed to update its zoning records and GIS mapping. She presented a list of properties that needed to be rezoned.

**Motion:** Request rezoning.

- **Proposed by:** Ron Gott
- **Seconded by:** Brandon Anderson
- **Discussion:** None
- **Vote:** Unanimous approval

**DISCUSSION AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OKEMAH, OKLAHOMA, CLOSING THE ALLEY BETWEEN LOTS 6 AND 7 OF BLOCK 26 TO THE TOWNSITE OF OKEMAH, OKLAHOMA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**Motion:** Approve ordinance.

- **Proposed by:** Ron Gott
- **Seconded by:** Wayne Bacon
- **Discussion:** None
- **Vote:**
  - **Yes:** Mike Ishmael, Ronnie Lucas, Ron Gott, Wayne Bacon
  - **No:** None
  - **Abstained:** Brandon Anderson

**DISCUSSION AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE OKLAHOMA ALLIANCE CONSULTANTS INVOICE NO. 20418 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,000.00 FOR GIS MAPPING AND TRAINING.**

**Motion:** Approve invoice.

- **Proposed by:** Brandon Anderson
- **Seconded by:** Ronnie Lucas
- **Discussion:** None

- **Vote:** Unanimous approval

**DISCUSSION AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT #4 TO INCREASE REVENUE AND APPROPRIATIONS IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR FISCAL 2023-2024.**

**Motion:** Approve amendment.

- **Proposed by:** Wayne Bacon
- **Seconded by:** Ron Gott
- **Discussion:** None
- **Vote:** Unanimous approval

**DISCUSSION AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT #4 TO INCREASE REVENUE AND APPROPRIATIONS IN THE SALES TAX DEBT FUND FOR FISCAL 2023-2024.**

**Motion:** Approve amendment.

- **Proposed by:** Brandon Anderson
- **Seconded by:** Wayne Bacon
- **Discussion:** None
- **Vote:** Unanimous approval

**DISCUSSION AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE SHAWNEE GREAT PLAINS QUOTE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$79,985.69 TO PURCHASE A KUBOTA EXCAVATOR.**

**Motion:** Approve quote.

- **Proposed by:** Wayne Bacon
- **Seconded by:** Mike Ishmael
- **Discussion:** None
- **Vote:** Unanimous approval

**DISCUSSION AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE TYLER TECHNOLOGIES QUOTE #2023-432036-SOF6G5 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$48,720.00 FOR VERSION 10 MIGRATION SERVICES.**

**Motion:** Approve quote.

- **Proposed by:** Brandon Anderson
- **Seconded by:** Wayne Bacon
- **Discussion:** None
- **Vote:** Unanimous approval

**DISCUSSION AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE TYLER TECHNOLOGIES QUOTE #2024-458009-Y0J9M0 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,890.00 FOR MUNICIPAL JUSTICE SUITE.**

**Motion:** Approve quote.

- **Proposed by:** Wayne Bacon
- **Seconded by:** Ronnie Lucas
- **Discussion:** None
- **Vote:** Unanimous approval

### **DISCUSSION OF THE STATUS AND PROGRESS OF THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS:**

- **Street Overlay:** City Manager Lesley reported that work on the street overlay project would begin soon.
- **Signage:** Lesley stated that the signage project was still on hold.
- **Airport:** Mayor Gott provided an update on the airport hangar project:
  - Delta was in the final stages of repackaging the project.
  - The city expected to bid out the project in July and open bids in August.
  - The project was fully funded by a grant from the Aviation Commission.
- **Other Projects:** Lesley reported that the Creek Nation had completed the blacktop at the airport.

### **CITY MANAGERS COMMENT.**

- City Manager Lesley commended the Public Works department for their work preparing for the Woody Guthrie Folk Festival.
- Lesley also praised Connie for her efforts in cleaning up Main Street and securing the county's assistance in improving the area around the park.
- City Attorney Cadenhead addressed the council regarding public appearances during meetings:
  - He clarified that Oklahoma law does not require cities to provide a public comment period for non-agenda items.
  - Cadenhead advised the council against engaging with members of the public during public appearances to avoid potential liability.
  - He emphasized that the mayor had the authority to stop personal attacks or accusations during public comment.

### **COMMENTS AND INQUIRIES FROM BOARD MEMBERS.**

- Councilman commended the city on the improved lighting.
- Councilman expressed concern about the overgrown grass on a property.

### **ADJOURNMENT.**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:27pm by Mayor Ron Gott.

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**Relena Haddox, City Clerk**

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**Ron Gott, Mayor**