

The regularly scheduled **Vinita Utilities Authority (VUA) Meeting** was held on Tuesday, July 18, 2023, 5:30 p.m., in the City Council Meeting Room, 104 East Illinois, Vinita, Oklahoma. Public notice of the meeting was given by posting the agenda at City Hall on July 14, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

Legal Counsel: Leonard Logan

Mayor Josh Lee called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

1. The Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to Oklahoma Flag was led by Councilor Skip Briley.
2. Roll Call. Members attending: Kevin Wofford, Roger Tyler, John Swift, Stephanie Hoskin, Dale Haire, Danny Lankford, Skip Briley, Terry Young. Absent: None.
3. Recognition of Visitors and Public Comments.

No cards or emails were submitted.
4. Consideration to approve Consent Agenda:

A. Minutes from the July 3, 2023 VUA Meeting.

Motion by Briley, seconded by Wofford, to approve Consent Agenda. Motion: Passed.
5. VUA Superintendent Report.

Electronic report was submitted.
Had a leak on South Wilson by McDonalds that took several hours to repair.
Was able to work with Grove Municipality and they helped with a sewer problem on South Avenue with the use of their vacuum truck.
6. New Business.

None.
7. Adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

Motion by Swift, seconded by Haire, to adjourn. Motion: Passed.

ATTEST:


Brian Prince, Secretary




Josh D. Lee, Chairman

The regularly scheduled **Vinita City Council Meeting** was held on Tuesday, July 18, 2023 immediately following the Vinita Utilities Authority (VUA) Meeting at 5:30 p.m., in the City Council Meeting Room, 104 East Illinois, Vinita, Oklahoma. Public notice of the meeting was given by posting the amended agenda at City Hall on July 17, 2023 at 2:45 p.m.

Legal Counsel: Leonard Logan

Mayor Josh Lee called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

1. Roll Call. Members attending: Kevin Wofford, Roger Tyler, John Swift, Stephanie Hoskin, Dale Haire, Danny Lankford, Skip Briley, Terry Young. Absent: None

Motion by Briley, seconded by Haire, to approve roll call from VUA Meeting. Motion: Passed.

2. Recognition of visitors.

Mayor Josh Lee recognized Janet Link General Manager of the Vinita Daily Journal with a Citation of Recognition on her work with raising funds and promoting the Vinita Fireworks Show.

3. Veteran Recognition.

Mayor Lee recognized Veteran BJ Floyd who served his Country honorably in the United States Army from 1973-1976.

4. Consideration to approve Consent Agenda:

A. Actions taken during the VUA meeting.

B. Minutes from the July 3, 2023, City Council meeting.

Motion by Briley, seconded by Haire, to approve Consent Agenda. Motion: Passed.

5. Discussion, consideration and possible action to declare the following properties to constitute public nuisances contrary to the health, safety, and welfare of the public, justifying action by the City to abate the same as hereafter set forth, to wit:

A. Property at 204 S. 3rd Street (Lot 1, Block 107) in the City of Vinita, containing tall and overgrown grass and weeds; rubbish, trash, and debris; and a dangerous insecure and dilapidated structure, constituting a public nuisance, owned by Opal L. Allen, Donna A. Allen, Janice Allen, and Jeri Lynn Allen Powell, justifying abatement thereof, including possible demolition and removal thereof.

This property has begun the process of cleanup. The structure is on the ground just need more time to haul off the material. Requesting more time to complete the cleanup.

Motion by Briley, seconded by Swift, to approve to declare this property a public nuisance and move forward with abatement on the January 16, 2024. Roll Call: Aye votes: Tyler, Wofford, Swift, Hoskin, Haire, Lankford, Briley, Young. Nay votes: None. Motion carried.

B. Property at 301 W. Delaware (Lot 1, Block 76) in the City of Vinita, containing tall and overgrown grass and weeds; rubbish, trash, and debris; and a dangerous insecure and

dilapidated structure, constituting a public nuisance, owned by Becky Sue Coffman, justifying abatement thereof, including possible demolition and removal thereof.

This property is dilapidated with trash, weeds, and debris on property. There are no tenants on this property.

Motion by Wofford, seconded by Young, to approve to declare the property to constitute a public nuisance and authorize the Mayor to abate to include demolition of structure. Roll Call: Aye votes: Tyler, Wofford, Swift, Hoskin, Haire, Lankford, Briley, Young. Nay votes: None. Motion carried.

6. Discussion, consideration and possible action with recommendations from Police Chief Mark Johnson to hire Tanner Colby as a Full Time Police Patrolman with the Vinita Police Department effective July 25, 2023

Motion by Lankford, seconded by Haire, to hire Tanner Colby as a Full Time Police Patrolman with the Vinita Police Department effective July 25, 2023 Motion: Passed.

7. Department Reports:

City Administrator Allen Goforth reported everything is normal.

Cemetery/Parks/Street Department James Tracy continuing to work on mowing, cutting brush. Cleaned

Police Chief Mark Johnson reported on several grant opportunities he is currently working on.

Fire Chief Kevin Huxtable projecting to have around 130 calls this month. Have one firefighter out on surgery should be back in about 6 weeks. Ladder truck should be pump tested in September.

8. New Business.

None.

9. Adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Motion by Young, seconded by Tyler to adjourn. Motion: Passed.

ATTEST:


Brian Prince, City Clerk




Josh D. Lee, Mayor