

The regularly scheduled **Vinita Utilities Authority (VUA) Meeting** was held on Tuesday, April 7, 2020 5:30 p.m., Videoconferencing and teleconference by Zoom Meetings hosted by the City Clerk 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 April 6, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.

Legal Counsel: Leonard Logan

Mayor Hoskin 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 City Clerk Brian Prince.
2. Roll Call. Members attending remotely on Zoom meetings: Denver Davenport, Roger Tyler, John Swift, Stephanie Hoskin, Dale Haire, Danny Lankford, Skip Briley, Terry Young. Absent: None
3. Recognition of visitors.

No cards were submitted.

Mayor Hoskin welcomes all to this meeting and thanked those who are participating.

4. Consideration to approve Consent Agenda:

- A. Minutes from the March 17, 2020 VUA Meeting.

Motion by Davenport, seconded by Swift, to approve the minutes from the March 17, 2020 VUA Meeting. Roll Call Vote: Aye votes: Davenport, Tyler, Swift, Hoskin, Haire, Briley, Lankford, Young. Nay votes: None. Motion carried.

- B. VUA March 2020 Bills Payable.

Motion by Swift, seconded by Hoskin, to approve the VUA March 2020 Bills Payable. Roll Call Vote: Aye votes: Davenport, Tyler, Swift, Hoskin, Haire, Briley, Lankford, Young. Nay votes: None. Motion carried.

5. VUA Supervisor Report.

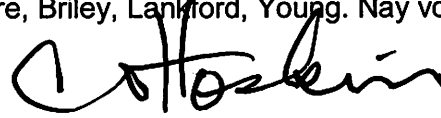
Ben Elmore sent in a written report in the packet and reported remotely that he is good to say all employees and department heads are working as normal as can be during this time. Dealing with contractors and deliveries we do have some restrictions and limitations but repairs and the plants seem to be running fine.

6. New Business.

None

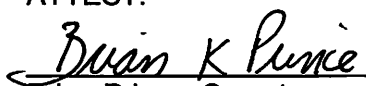
7. Adjourned at 5:42 pm.

Motion by Davenport, seconded by Hoskin, to approve the VUA March 2020 Bills Payable. Roll Call Vote: Aye votes: Davenport, Tyler, Swift, Hoskin, Haire, Briley, Lankford, Young. Nay votes: None. Motion carried.



Chuck Hoskin, Chairman

ATTEST:


Brian Prince, Secretary



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The regularly scheduled **Vinita City Council Meeting** was held on Tuesday, April 7, 2020 immediately following the Vinita Utilities Authority (VUA) Meeting at 5:30 p.m. Videoconferencing and teleconference by Zoom Meetings hosted by the City Clerk 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 April 6, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.

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2. Recognition of visitors.

Josh Lee sent in an email to speak on Item 4. Remotely recognized, Josh is speaking for himself as a concerned citizen, also for many other concerned citizens as his capacity as an attorney in Vinita for proposed ordinance 3725 and those who oppose it. Josh asks if this council would ask themselves or acknowledge this is a mandatory lock down stay at home order as stated in paragraph 8. If this ordinance is passed tell us how this makes us safer than the rules already in place. Josh referred to other paragraphs in this ordinance and asked how this would keep us safer but other than stating other towns are doing it. We are looking to our leaders and concerned about our constitutional rights being restricted. Josh stated that this could lead to restrictions easily applied to other restrictions during its time. Josh asks council not to just pass this proposed ordinance.

3. Consideration to approve Consent Agenda:

- A. Minutes from the March 17, 2020, City Council meeting.

Motion by Briley, seconded by Hoskin, to approve the minutes from the March 17, 2020, City Council meeting. Roll Call Vote: Aye votes: Davenport, Tyler, Swift, Hoskin, Haire, Briley, Lankford, Young. Nay votes: None. Motion carried.

- B. Minutes from the March 23 2020, Emergency City Council meeting.

Motion by Briley seconded by Davenport, to approve the minutes from the March 23 2020, Emergency City Council meeting. Roll Call Vote: Aye votes: Davenport, Swift, Hoskin, Haire, Briley, Lankford, Young. Nay votes: Tyler (abstained). Motion carried.

- C. Finance Ordinance 3724

Motion by Swift, seconded by Hoskin, to approve the Finance Ordinance 3724. Roll Call Vote: Aye votes: Davenport, Tyler, Swift, Hoskin, Haire, Briley, Lankford, Young. Nay votes: None. Motion carried.

- D. Actions taken during the VUA meeting.

Motion by Hoskin, seconded by Davenport, to approve actions taken during the VUA meeting. Roll Call Vote: Aye votes: Davenport, Tyler, Swift, Hoskin, Haire, Briley, Lankford, Young. Nay votes: None. Motion carried.

4. Discussion, consideration and possible action on:
 - A. Supplemental Emergency Ordinance 3725

Mayor Hoskin addressed the need of this discussion or possible vote is from the council on numerous reports from the county health department, county emergency management director, chief of police, which could cause citizens of this community problems which this has also been done in areas such as Pryor, Claremore, Miami, Nowata which does not make this necessary but what it does do is trying everything to make it safe for the citizens health as safe as possible of this community. Mayor Hoskin mentions other counties and the numbers of cases which all seem to be higher than Craig County. This is one more step to prevent more cases which when we meet last we were hoping for none. He discussed the curfew to be 10pm. Restriction is not to essential travel. If you need to get something from the store and its 10:05 that is essential you can go. Chief Babcock reported that his night shift is seeing more and more people at night since it is warming up just walking around the city of Vinita. Leonard Logan reported mentions paragraph 8 as what items are listed as essential. Also this disease and dangers have already inflected some of our citizens. This does not seem to be excessive in this ordinance. In addition this is not a permanent set of rules. This is temporary set of restrictions. Which can be lifted after the date set in the ordinance. None of us know who has this disease. And he believes this has no more restriction than what is necessary. Council members asked a few question. Logan mentioned provision of paragraph 8 is further down in this ordinance where mental health and exercise is allowed. Mayor Hoskin mentioned the other restrictions such as paragraph 6 is where Governor Stitt has set those restrictions. Tonight's ordinance really starts with item 8. Briley reported that he has calls that were stated this ordinance was going against their rights. He asked where the fines amount came from and Mayor Hoskin mentioned this language came from the Pryor Ordinance. Logan reported that he felt that the police force was not going to abuse their authority during this time. Mayor Hoskin stated this is to prevent the spread of this terrible disease to the young, the old, and the vulnerable. This is temporary. Logan reported the fine amount would be up to the judge depending on the severity of the actions such as a first time offense or openly defying the law.

Motion by Hoskin, seconded by Young, to approve the Supplemental Emergency Ordinance 3725. Roll Call Vote: Aye votes: Davenport, Tyler, Hoskin, Lankford, Young. Nay votes: Swift, Haire, Briley. Motion carried.

- B. Emergency Clause.

Motion by Hoskin, seconded by Young, to approve Emergency Clause. Roll Call Vote: Aye votes: Davenport, Tyler, Hoskin, Haire, Briley, Lankford, Young. Nay votes: Swift. Motion carried.

5. Discussion, consideration and possible action with recommendation from Fire Chief Kevin Huxtable to approve volunteer firefighters Joe Crabtree and Hayden Cunningham.

Motion by Davenport, seconded by Briley, to approve volunteer firefighter Joe Crabtree. Roll Call Vote: Aye votes: Davenport, Tyler, Swift, Hoskin, Haire, Briley, Lankford, Young. Nay votes: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Davenport, seconded by Briley, to approve volunteer firefighter Hayden Cunningham Roll Call Vote: Aye votes: Davenport, Tyler, Swift, Hoskin, Haire, Briley, Lankford, Young. Nay votes: None. Motion carried.

6. Discussion, consideration and possible action to hire Rodney Boswell as a Full-Time Street Department Employee, with a base pay salary of \$12.50 per hour effective 03/25/2020.

Motion by Briley, seconded by Swift, to approve hire Rodney Boswell as a Full-Time Street Department Employee, with a base pay salary of \$12.50 per hour effective 03/25/2020. Roll Call Vote: Aye votes: Davenport, Tyler, Swift, Hoskin, Haire, Briley, Lankford, Young. Nay votes: None. Motion carried.

7. Discussion, consideration and possible action to hire Henry Goforth as a Full-Time Code Enforcement Employee, with a base pay salary of \$12.50 per hour effective 04/01/2020.

Motion by Briley, seconded by Young, to approve to hire Henry Goforth as a Full-Time Code Enforcement Employee, with a base pay salary of \$12.50 per hour effective 04/01/2020. Roll Call Vote: Aye votes: Davenport, Tyler, Swift, Hoskin, Haire, Briley, Lankford, Young. Nay votes: None. Motion carried.

8. Department Reports:

- A. Director of Operations: Written report sent in business as usual talking with department heads they are continuing to work safely. City Hall roof is completed and the project at Attucks Park Restrooms are about 80-85% completed.
- B. Solid Waste
- C. Cemetery/Parks
- D. Street Department
- E. Library: Susan is participating in this meeting and setting up a conference with the department of libraries. Staying in touch during this hard time of closures. Continuing to work with the school and providing wifi service outside the library while parking in the lot.
- F. Fire: Written report also Chief is participating engine 4 is back in service along with ladder truck. Call volume is increasing monthly continuing daily business,
- G. Economic & Community Development Coordinator: Stephanie Hoskin reported on the grant for the CDGB grant and we found out that some requirements were not fulfilled in a timely manner. With the short notice we could not meet the criteria. Good news is there is another chance with water and sewer CDGB that will be working on for the next application at next meeting.

- H. City Clerk: Reporting that business is continuing with receiving payments with drop box in front and new drop box installed in back of City Hall. Clerk appreciated Mayor Hoskin and Council for waiving penalties and turnoffs during this time to also allow the public to make payments when they can and keep the public at a safe distance to help keep our employees safe and the public with social distancing.
- I. Treasurer: mentioned to maintain the budget things could become a little tight during this time.
- J. Mayor: Hoskin thanked the council on having to deal with important decisions. Mayor Hoskin also mentions that he visited with all three lending banks in town. They are there to help out small businesses during this time. The banks are getting a lot of attention on the small business applications to help them during this pandemic and Mayor is asking us to reach out to small business owners to apply for Federal assistance and to get back in business.

9. New Business.

None


10. Adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Motion by Young, seconded by Briley, to approve to adjourn. Roll Call Vote: Aye votes: Davenport, Tyler, Swift, Hoskin, Haire, Briley, Lankford, Young. Nay votes: None. Motion carried.




Chuck Hoskin, Mayor

ATTEST:


Brian Prince, City Clerk