

The regularly scheduled **Vinita Utilities Authority (VUA) Meeting** was held on Tuesday, February 5, 2019, 5:30 p.m., City Council Meeting Room, 104 East Illinois, Vinita, Oklahoma. Public notice of the meeting was given by posting the agenda at City Hall on February 1, 2019, at 3:00 p.m.
Legal Counsel: Leonard Logan
Mayor Ronnie Starks called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Boy Scout Tilden Branch.
2. Roll Call. Members present: Denver Davenport, Roger Tyler, Carol Austin, Stephanie Hoskin, Dale Haire, Danny Lankford, Skip Briley, Jim Wisdom. Absent: None.
3. Recognition of visitors.

Cards were submitted for City Council Meeting.
4. Discussion, consideration and possible action to approve the minutes from the January 15, 2019 VUA Meeting.

Motion by Briley, seconded by Austin, to approve the minutes from the January 15, 2019 VUA Meeting. Aye votes: Davenport, Tyler, Austin, Hoskin, Haire, Lankford, Briley, Wisdom. Nay votes: None. Motion carried.
5. New Business.

None
6. Adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

ATTEST:

Brian K Prince
Brian Prince, Secretary



Ronnie L. Starks
Ronnie Starks, Chairman

The regularly scheduled **Vinita City Council Meeting** was held on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 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 agenda at City Hall February 1, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.
Legal Counsel: Leonard Logan
Mayor Ronnie Starks called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

MEETING MINUTES

1. Roll Call. Members present: Denver Davenport, Roger Tyler, Carol Austin, Stephanie Hoskin, Dale Haire, Danny Lankford, Skip Briley, Jim Wisdom. Absent: None.
2. Recognition of visitors.

Bobby Floyd, Jr. item 13a and b.

Dennis Patrick would like to share about Vinita Friends of RT 66 and talk about the upcoming event. Also Stephanie Hoskin spoke about the opportunity to become a member of this organization. Dennis shared about how the City has contributed to this event the last 5 years with signs and road stencils with RT 66 on them.
3. Discussion, consideration and possible action to approve minutes from the January 15, 2019, City Council meeting.

Motion by Austin, seconded by Davenport, to approve the minutes from the January 15, 2019 City Council meeting. Aye votes: Davenport, Tyler, Austin, Hoskin, Haire, Lankford, Briley, Wisdom. Nay votes: None. Motion carried.
4. Discussion, consideration and possible action to approve actions taken during the VUA meeting.

Motion by Austin, seconded by Davenport, to approve actions taken during the VUA meeting. Aye votes: Davenport, Tyler, Austin, Hoskin, Haire, Lankford, Briley, Wisdom. Nay votes: None. Motion carried.
5. Discussion, consideration and possible action on:
 - A. Finance Ordinance No. 3695.

Motion by Austin, seconded by Davenport, to approve Finance Ordinance No. 3695. Aye votes: Davenport, Tyler, Austin, Hoskin, Haire, Lankford, Briley, Wisdom. Nay votes: None. Motion carried.
 - B. Emergency Clause.

Motion by Davenport, seconded by Wisdom, to approve Emergency Clause. Aye votes: Davenport, Tyler, Austin, Hoskin, Haire, Lankford, Briley, Wisdom. Nay votes: None. Motion carried.
6. Discussion, consideration and possible action to approve road closures around North Park on February 28, 2019 at 5:00 pm for a Service Learning Project with Vinita High School STUCO.

Motion by Davenport, seconded by Austin, to approve road closures around North Park on February 28, 2019 at 5:00 pm for a Service Learning Project with Vinita High School STUCO. Aye votes: Davenport, Tyler, Austin, Hoskin, Haire, Lankford, Briley, Wisdom. Nay votes: None. Motion carried.

7. Discussion, consideration and possible action to approve Abatements

A. 604 North Second: Dangerous building, trash, weeds.

Code Enforcer Connor Couch reported that there are signs of cleanup and he recommends to council a 30 day extension.

Motion by Briley, seconded by Lankford, to approve to declare the property to constitute a public nuisance and authorize the Mayor to abate with a 30 day extension. Aye votes: Davenport, Tyler, Austin, Hoskin, Haire, Lankford, Briley, Wisdom. Nay votes: None. Motion carried.

B. 317 N Foreman: Dangerous building, trash, weeds.

This property has high weeds in the back and the front of the house is dilapidated.

Motion by Wisdom, seconded by Austin, to approve to declare the property to constitute a public nuisance and authorize the Mayor to abate. Aye votes: Davenport, Tyler, Austin, Hoskin, Haire, Lankford, Briley, Wisdom. Nay votes: None. Motion carried.

C. 402 South First: Dangerous building, trash, weeds.

This property has a house that was burned during this process needs cleaned.

Motion by Briley, seconded by Hoskin, to approve to declare the property to constitute a public nuisance and authorize the Mayor to abate. Aye votes: Davenport, Tyler, Austin, Hoskin, Haire, Lankford, Briley, Wisdom. Nay votes: None. Motion carried.

D. 720 N First: Dangerous building, trash, weeds.

Table item until March 5, 2019

Motion by Hoskin, seconded by Davenport, to approve to table item until March 5, 2019. Aye votes: Davenport, Tyler, Austin, Hoskin, Haire, Lankford, Briley, Wisdom. Nay votes: None. Motion carried.

8. Discussion, consideration and possible action to approve transfer of Vinita Municipal Airport Hanger Lease Agreement Block 1 Space 4 from Alan Myers to Chris Streeter.

Motion by Wisdom, seconded by Davenport, to approve transfer of Vinita Municipal Airport Hanger Lease Agreement Block 1 Space 4 from Alan Myers to Chris Streeter. Aye votes: Davenport, Tyler, Austin, Hoskin, Haire, Lankford, Briley, Wisdom. Nay votes: None. Motion carried.

9. Discussion, consideration and possible action to approve recommendations from the Street and Alley Committee for:

- A. To accept Guy Engineering's agreement on Miller Street Project.

Street Commissioner Allen Goforth along with the Street Committee Chairman Skip Briley shared about the road project on Miller Street. This project will go from South Miller and Delaware to North Miller and Halsell Street approximately 1.5 miles. This project needs this set of engineering plans. Allen Goforth reported that depending on the soil samples will determine what kind of road base to put in. He needs this set to even begin.

Motion by Briley, seconded by Wisdom, to approve to accept Guy Engineering's agreement on Miller Street Project. Aye votes: Davenport, Tyler, Austin, Hoskin, Haire, Lankford, Briley, Wisdom. Nay votes: None. Motion carried.

- B. To allow Street Commissioner to advertise bid for new street sweeper.

Motion by Briley, seconded by Wisdom, to approve to allow Street Commissioner to advertise bid for new street sweeper. Aye votes: Davenport, Tyler, Austin, Hoskin, Haire, Lankford, Briley, Wisdom. Nay votes: None. Motion carried.

10. Discussion, consideration and possible action to approve recommendations from Street Commissioner Allen Goforth to promote James Tracy to Level 5 with a \$2.10 base pay increase.

James Tracy has reached the level of 5 by completing his Class CDL license along with other requirements needed.

Motion by Briley, seconded by Davenport, to approve to promote James Tracy to Level 5 with a \$2.10 base pay increase. Aye votes: Davenport, Tyler, Austin, Hoskin, Haire, Lankford, Briley, Wisdom. Nay votes: None. Motion carried.

Jim Wisdom left meeting 6:21 p.m.

11. Discussion, consideration and possible action to approve recommendations from the Building Committee for:

- A. To accept bid from Briley Siding Company on repairs to City Hall South Side steps and approach for \$10,000.00

Chad Wells bid was the lowest bid submitted. Building Committee requests a contractor pre meeting before project starts.

Motion by Haire, seconded by Lankford, to approve to accept bid from Briley Siding Company on repairs to City Hall South Side steps and approach for \$10,000.00 with a contractor pre meeting. Aye votes: Davenport, Tyler, Austin, Hoskin, Haire, Lankford, Briley. Nay votes: None. Motion carried.

- B. To accept bid from Briley Siding Company on repairs to Transfer Station receiving chute with new metal for \$14,250.00.

Motion by Haire, seconded by Lankford, to approve to accept bid from Briley Siding Company on repairs to Transfer Station receiving chute with new metal for \$14,250.00.

Aye votes: Davenport, Tyler, Austin, Hoskin, Haire, Lankford, Briley. Nay votes: None.
Motion carried.

12. Discussion, consideration and possible action to approve recommendations from the Police and Fire Committee for "Proposed Amendment to City Ordinance Prohibiting Political Activity by Police Officers".

Bobby Floyd speaking as a citizen voiced his concerns on the amendment to this city code. He was concerned about how changing this code in an emergency would not set precedence on other codes when there was an issue with codes. He stated this code was set in place for a reason as a city law and there was plenty of time for an officer to follow these guidelines that were set in place. This code does not prevent an officer from being a part of the democratic process. Bobby stated he does not believe this meets criteria for an emergency clause.

Leonard Logan spoke and noted that provisions like this do exist and have been upheld. He looked over the changes proposed and stated they are perfectly legal. This agenda item does not pertain to the question in hand about an emergency clause but when it does in the following agenda item we can discuss it at that time but further more this will allow council to determine if this is a restriction of the first amendment provisions of the individual police officers and allowing qualified candidates to run for Chief of Police. From a legal point if you leave it alone you are ok. If you decide to change it that's perfectly ok too.

Motion by Davenport, seconded by Austin, to approve recommendations from the Police and Fire Committee for "Proposed Amendment to City Ordinance Prohibiting Political Activity by Police Officers". Aye votes: Davenport, Tyler, Austin, Hoskin, Haire, Lankford, Briley. Nay votes: None. Motion carried.

13. Discussion, consideration and possible action on:

- A. Ordinance No. 3696 "City Code 1-7A-7: POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS, ACTIVITIES RESTRICTED."

Motion by Austin, seconded by Lankford, to approve Ordinance No. 3696 "City Code 1-7A-7: POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS, ACTIVITIES RESTRICTED." Aye votes: Davenport, Tyler, Austin, Hoskin, Haire, Lankford, Briley. Nay votes: None. Motion carried.

- B. Emergency Clause

Skip Briley made a motion to tear out the emergency clause from the Ordinance. Leonard stated without an emergency clause as a candidate to file they must need to seek a leave of absence 30 days prior. Without this clause the ordinance would not be in effect for this election cycle.

Skip Briley stated to rescind the motion due to not understanding what the actual meaning was.

If this is not passed it will go in effect in 30 days. If passed it is immediate.

Stephanie Hoskin stated she just learned of this Ordinance and it is brought to us and if we can find and remedy it that is our job to do so as councilors. The problem with this Ordinance is it is only effecting one department. There are no other departments that

have this ordinance to take a leave of absence to run against their boss. Or other elected officials that have this ordinance which will effect that department.

Motion by Hoskin, seconded by Austin, to approve Emergency Clause. Aye votes: Davenport, Tyler, Austin, Hoskin, Haire, Lankford, Briley. Nay votes: None. Motion carried.

14. New Business.

Danny Lankford is requesting a Parks Committee Meeting next week.

15. Highway 2 Project Report.

The Hwy 2 project has started but a slow start the first day as the contractors first day hit a 12" water line.

16. Department Reports

Director of Operations Ben Elmore reported that they begin spraying the parks and cemetery for spring weeds. Also noted that he will continue to work along with the departments with the Highway 2 project.

17. Adjourned at 6:56 pm.

ATTEST:


Brian Prince, City Clerk





Ronnie Starks, Mayor