



## City of Broken Arrow

### Minutes

#### City Council Meeting

**Mayor Debra Wimpee**  
**Vice Mayor Johnnie Parks**  
**Council Member Lisa Ford**  
**Council Member Justin Green**  
**Council Member David Pickel**

City Hall  
220 S. 1st Street  
Broken Arrow Ok  
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**Monday, November 17, 2025**

**Time 6:30 p.m.**

**Council Chambers**

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#### 1. Call to Order

Mayor Debra Wimpee called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

#### 2. Invocation

Pastor Andrew Conley led the Invocation.

#### 3. Roll Call

**Present: 5 -** David Pickel, Justin Green, Lisa Ford, Johnnie Parks, Debra Wimpee

#### 4. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The Pledge was led by Council Member Lisa Ford.

#### 5. Consideration of Consent Agenda

- A. 25-1592 Acknowledgement of out-of-state travel by City Council members
- B. 25-27 Approval of the City Council Minutes of November 04, 2025
- C. 25-1606 Acceptance of Planning Commission meeting minutes of October 23, 2025
- D. 25-1613 Acceptance of Drainage Advisory Committee meeting minutes of July 28, 2025
- E. 25-1342 Approval of and authorization to publish the 2026 notification of regularly scheduled meetings of the Broken Arrow City Council and its public bodies
- F. 25-1512 Approval of and authorization to execute Agreement for Professional Consultant Services with Professional Engineering Consultants, P.A. for the Old Town Alleyway Improvements between Commercial and Broadway/Ash and 4th (Project Number ST26270)
- G. 25-1590 Approval of and authorization to execute Agreement for Professional Consultant Services with Poe & Associates, Inc. for the Wolf Creek Park Pedestrian Bridge Improvements (Project Number 2653250)
- H. 25-1621 Approval of and authorization to execute Amendment 2 to professional Consultant Agreement with Selser Schaefer Architects, Narrate, to prepare and develop bid documents for the Furniture, Fixtures, & Equipment package for the Operations Center Administration Building Remodel Project (Project No. 2317210)
- I. 25-1455 Approval of and authorization to execute a Proclamation declaring November 21, 2025, as "Optimist Youth Appreciation Day" in Broken Arrow
- J. 25-1631 Approval of and authorization to upfit seven new patrol Ford Explorers, eight patrol Chevy Tahoes, one CID Chevy Traverse, one patrol EV Chevy Blazer, two K9 Ford F150s, and one Ford Transit T350 SOT medic van with police equipment installed by Rigid 911
- K. 25-1615 Acceptance of the Drainage Advisory Committee's recommendation to approve expenditure of 2018 General Obligation (GO) Bond funds for design of drainage improvements and protection of existing City Sewer trunk line at East Natchez Street and Lynn Lane (South 177th East Avenue)
- L. 25-1617 Acceptance of the Drainage Advisory Committee's recommendation to approve expenditure of 2018 General Obligation Bond funds for drainage design improvements in the Tucson Village II Subdivision
- M. 25-1638 Approval of and authorization to revise a lease agreement with Gordon Outdoor Advertising, LLC., to construct, maintain, and manage a billboard on City of Broken Arrow property (Project Number 2160220)
- N. 25-1552 Approval of and authorization for the annual subscription payment for FUSUS Real Time Crime Center Software
- O. 25-1571 Approval of and authorization to amend the purchase of mobile communication radios

- P. 25-1572 for the police department from L3 Harris Technologies Inc  
 Approval of and authorization to purchase emergency vehicle equipment for new Police Department vehicles from 911 Custom, utilizing National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO) ValuePoint pricing
- Q. 25-1619 Approval of and authorization to execute Resolution No. 1722, a Resolution authorizing acceptance of a General Warranty Deed for Parcel 1.0, consisting of 12,579 square feet of permanent Right of Way generally located at the northeast corner of the intersection of 37th Street and East Omaha Street in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, in the Southwest Quarter of Section 29, Township 19 North, Range 15 East, Wagoner County, Oklahoma, from Marcain Properties, LLC, an Oklahoma limited liability company and authorization of payment in the amount of \$23,200.00 for the 37th Street Roadway Widening from Omaha Street to Dearborn Street, Parcel 1.0 (Project No. ST21390)
- R. 25-1589 Approval of a modification to Section 4.1(t), IOS Land Company, 40 acres, IL (Industrial Light)/PUD (Planned Unit Development) 001521 2024, north of Houston Street (81st Street), one-half mile west of 23rd Street (193rd E. Avenue/County Line Road)
- S. 25-1610 Approval of PUD 002265 2025, major amendment to PUD 193, 17.14 acres, IL (Industry Light) and PUD 193, located approximately ½ mile south of Washington Street (91st Street) and approximately ½ mile east of Evans Road (225th E Avenue)
- T. 25-1588 Approval of SP 002459 2025 (Specific Use Permit), Harvest Church, 6.58 acres, AG (Agricultural) to CG (Commercial General) via BAZ 002238 2025, located at the northwest corner of New Orleans Street (101st Street) and 9th Street (177th E. Avenue/Lynn Lane Road)
- U. 25-1614 Acceptance of a Temporary Construction Easement from Blue Bell Creameries, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, the owner, on property generally located northeast of Highway 51 and west of the Creek Turnpike in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, located in the Northeast Quarter of Section 18, Township 18 North, Range 15 East, Wagoner County, State of Oklahoma for the Highway 51 North Sewer Extension from Blue Bell Creameries to East Washington Street, Parcel 5.A (Project No. S.25080)
- V. 25-1596 Ratification of the Claims List Check Register Dated November 10, 2025

MOTION: A motion was made by Justin Green, seconded by David Pickel  
**Move to Approve Consent Agenda**

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - David Pickel, Justin Green, Lisa Ford, Johnnie Parks, Debra Wimpee

## 6. Consideration of Items Removed from Consent Agenda - NONE

## 7. Public Hearings, Appeals, Presentations, Recognitions, Awards

- A. 25-280 **Update on the upcoming December presentations to the City Council on the proposed 2026 GO Bond package projects and initiatives**

City Manager Michael Spurgeon presented Item 25-280. He announced that the administration will present the proposed 2026 General Obligation bond package to the City Council on December 2. The presentation will outline recommended projects for each proposition within the "Build Our Future: Phase II" initiative, scheduled for a public vote on April 7, 2026, pending Council approval of the related ordinances and resolutions.

Following the December 2 presentation, City Manager Spurgeon said the proposal will "lay over" for two weeks, allowing Council and the public to review it. The complete package will be available in the City Clerk's office and online. On December 16, the Council will be asked to formally approve the package and authorize legal counsel, special counsel, and engineering staff—led by Assistant City Manager Kenny Schwab—to finalize the election documents.

City Manager Spurgeon noted that the proposed bond total has been reduced from over \$600 million to approximately \$405–414 million, representing the administration's refined recommendation. He emphasized that the Council retains complete discretion over what projects are included in each proposition.

He also highlighted that user groups and community organizations that contributed throughout the process may attend the December meetings to express support or raise questions. Once the Council finalizes the package, the city will enter the public education phase, where officials, civic leaders, and the "Build a Better Broken Arrow" committee will spend roughly 60 days informing voters about the projects ahead of the April election.

City Manager Spurgeon concluded by expressing enthusiasm that the process is nearing completion and encouraged residents to follow and review the forthcoming bond proposal.

## 8. Citizens' Opportunity to Address the Council on General Topics Related to City Business or Services (No action may be taken on matters under this item) - NONE

## 9. General Council Business

### A. 25-1609 Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of the creation of a Citizens Engagement Academy

City Manager Michael Spurgeon presented Item 25-1609. He explained that Broken Arrow's Citizens Police Academy has been so successful that staff is proposing a similar general Citizens Academy. It would run for eight to ten weeks, teaching residents about the city's form of government and the work of each department, with deeper sessions on more complex topics. Staff has researched models from other cities and could bring a full proposal to Council in early 2026. The academy would involve department directors and partner organizations, such as the school district and the chamber, and would likely accept 20–25 residents per session. The goal is to improve public understanding of city operations—everything from utilities to daily departmental duties—so residents can better appreciate how the city functions. The City Manager seeks Council direction to move forward.

Council members express strong support for creating a general Citizens Academy. They discussed how the Citizens Police Academy, its Master's Academy, and the Alumni Association succeeded by educating residents and reducing misinformation. They believe a citywide academy would foster a similar understanding—especially on topics like utilities and city operations. Another member notes that past meet-and-greet efforts didn't generate enough engagement. Still, an academy modeled after the Youth City Council's multi-year educational experience could be far more effective and might even inspire future council candidates. With no objections from the governing body, the City Manager commits to beginning development of the program after bond-package public education efforts, coordinating logistics with departments, researching timing used by other cities, and returning with a formal proposal early next year.

*No action was taken*

### B. 25-1575 Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of and authorization to execute Resolution No. 1721, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, authorizing the acceptance and use of electronic records and electronic signatures; providing for standards, security, and administrative controls in accordance with 12A O.S. §15 118; and declaring an effective date

City Clerk Curtis Green presented Item 25-1575. He explains that the resolution formalizes a longstanding practice of using electronic documents and DocuSign signatures. The city has already been operating this way for years, and the legal department requested formal approval. The item is straightforward, and the presenter offers to answer any questions.

MOTION: A motion was made by Lisa Ford, seconded by Johnnie Parks  
**Move to Approve Item 25-1575**

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - David Pickel, Justin Green, Lisa Ford, Johnnie Parks, Debra Wimpee

### C. 25-1635 Consideration, discussion, and possible appointment of members to the Downtown Master Plan Advisory Committee

Rocky Henkel, Director of Community Development, presented Item 25-1635 and explained that Council previously adopted Ordinance 3898 to create the Downtown Master Plan Advisory Committee, which will help shape the long-term vision for downtown Broken Arrow. Each councilor has nominated two members, two Planning Commissioners have been selected (Jaylee Klempa, Mindy Payne), and the City Manager has appointed representatives from the Chamber (Amber Miller), EDC (James Bell), and Broken Arrow Public Schools (Rosalyn Vann-Jackson). He now opens the floor for discussion or for the committee's approval.

MOTION: A motion was made by Johnnie Parks, seconded by Justin Green  
**Move to Approve Item 25-1635 appointment of Larry Pennington, Bill Leet, Ron Whitaker, Corbett Campbell, Scott Moore, Kasey Magness, Jim Nantz, Justin Dampf, Frankie Catlett, Gene Barber, Jaylee Klempa, Mindy Payne, Brian Dean, Amber Miller, James Bell, and Rosalyn Vann-Jackson as members to the Downtown Master Plan Advisory Committee**

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - David Pickel, Justin Green, Lisa Ford, Johnnie Parks, Debra Wimpee

### D. 25-1591 Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of a design concept option for the Masterplan on Rose District Plaza (Project No. 2617040)

Shannon Marshall, Special Projects Division Manager, presented Item 25-1591, an outline of two design options for an expanded Rose District plaza and Farmers Market area, developed

with consultants FSB and Kimley-Horn. Both options include an enlarged pavilion, a larger open lawn with a permanent stage, expanded food-truck space, added restrooms at the South Depot, and integration of the newly purchased grain silo.

Option 1 places the open lawn and stage in the center of the site, keeps the existing splash pad, and relocates the pavilion to the north along El Paso, creating a boulevard feel and leaving a large, open area around the Christmas tree. This improves the event space but makes the pavilion less visible from Main Street.

Option 2 keeps the pavilion centrally located—similar to its current placement—but expanded, while shifting the lawn and stage north along El Paso. This keeps market activity highly visible from Main Street but moves the tree and stage area to the north side. Both options support growing event attendance and the need for more space.

Council members discussed the two proposed layouts for the expanded Rose District plaza, focusing on visibility, event capacity, loading logistics, future growth, and museum expansion needs. Several note that Option 1—placing the stage and lawn centrally and moving the pavilion north to El Paso—offers more space for significant events, concerts, and movie nights, better accommodates tree-lighting crowds, and improves loading access for market vendors. Questions arise about pavilion size, food-truck power, museum expansion space, stage placement, and how the silo might be repurposed. Although some initially favored Option 2, the discussion shifted toward Option 1 as more adaptable and event-friendly. City Manager Michael Spurgeon ultimately recommends Option 1, and multiple councilors express agreement, with the cost expected to be similar for either design.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Johnnie Parks, seconded by Lisa Ford

**Move to Approve option 1 as the design for the Masterplan on Rose District Plaza**

The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye: 5 -** David Pickel, Justin Green, Lisa Ford, Johnnie Parks, Debra Wimpee

**E. 25-1593 Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of Visit Broken Arrow's five-year Tourism Strategic Plan**

Makala Barton, Tourism Manager, presented Item 25-1593. She notes that the Council hired Clarity of Place on April 15, 2025, to create Visit Broken Arrow's new five-year strategic plan. Over six months, city staff and the consultant collaborated to develop what they consider an authentic, actionable roadmap for tourism efforts. Tina Valdecanas, the firm's principal, traveled from North Carolina to present the highlights of the plan to the Council.

Tina Valdecanas presented the new Comprehensive Tourism Strategic Plan, explaining that it was built from extensive stakeholder input, site visits, interviews, and assessments designed to capture Broken Arrow's authentic character while providing an actionable roadmap for Visit Broken Arrow. The goal, she says, was to optimize the visitor economy without compromising the city's identity as "the biggest small town in America." The plan connects the city's quality-of-place investments with tourism efforts, focuses on experiences that differentiate Broken Arrow from other destinations, and outlines five strategic imperatives: strengthen connections between existing assets to increase visitation and overnight stays; lean into the city's authentic identity and niche markets; support and network local businesses to make them more visitor-ready; elevate and better coordinate the city's strong veterans' heritage; and long-term, build on the growing arts, culture, and film momentum. She describes the imperatives as directional rather than prescriptive, giving Visit Broken Arrow the flexibility to implement them effectively. She concludes by emphasizing that the plan is meant to enhance economic impact, deepen the city's brand, and provide a clear framework for future tourism growth.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Lisa Ford, seconded by David Pickel

**Move to Approve Visit Broken Arrow's five-year Tourism Strategic Plan**

The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye: 5 -** David Pickel, Justin Green, Lisa Ford, Johnnie Parks, Debra Wimpee

**F. 25-1618 Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of Resolution No. 1723 authorizing the City Attorney to enter into a Final Journal Entry of Judgment in SOOD Realty, LLC vs. The City of Broken Arrow et. al., Wagoner County District Court, Case Number: CV 2025 177, authorizing foreclosure of a utility easement situated on property one half mile north of Dearborn Street (41st Street), one half mile west of 37th Street (209th East Avenue) at 20105 East 36th Place, Wagoner County, State of Oklahoma, (Section 19, T19N, R15E)**

Graham Parker, Assistant City Attorney, presented Item 25-1618. This resolution authorizes the city attorney to finalize a judgment in SOOD Realty v. City of Broken Arrow, allowing the foreclosure of a utility easement located about a half-mile north of Dearborn Street and a half-mile east of 37th Street. The action permanently deprives the City of its right to reopen the easement.

MOTION: A motion was made by David Pickel, seconded by Justin Green  
**Move to Approve Item 25-1618**

The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye: 5 -**

**G. 25-1620 Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of Drainage Advisory Committee's recommendation for expenditure of 2018 General Obligation bond funds for drainage design improvements to a drainage channel located in the 6100 Center Commercial subdivision**

Charlie Bright, Director of Engineering and Construction, presented Item 25-1620. This request seeks approval to use 2018 GO Bond Proposition 6 funds to begin design work for drainage repairs at the 6100 Business Center near 61st and Aspen. The industrial complex, built around 1985 before modern drainage standards, funnels all stormwater into a privately owned channel lined with aging Fabraform material that is now collapsing. The failure threatens nearby buildings and a City sanitary sewer line located only a few feet from the eroding channel. Because the problem spans multiple property owners who cannot easily coordinate repairs, and because the failing channel jeopardizes City infrastructure, staff, and the Drainage Advisory Committee recommend funding design work using Prop 6. After the design is complete, staff anticipates returning with a proposed cost-share arrangement between the City and affected property owners.

Council members discussed the request for \$50,000 in Prop 6 funds, noting the drainage structure likely looked fine when built in the 1980s, but has since exceeded its useful life. Mr. Bright explained that the Fabraform channel had functioned for decades but is now failing, threatening buildings and a nearby City sewer line. Because the drainage runs through multiple privately owned parcels, no single owner can fix it, and today's codes would have required a shared reserve, which doesn't exist. All affected owners have tentatively agreed to allow the City to proceed with design work, with the understanding that future construction will require formal agreements, easements, and participation. Staff also noted strong owner support, with sixteen representatives attending the first DAC meeting to advocate for the project.

MOTION: A motion was made by Johnnie Parks, seconded by David Pickel  
**Move to Approve Item 25-1620 for funds to do engineering on this project**

The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye: 5 -**

David Pickel, Justin Green, Lisa Ford, Johnnie Parks, Debra Wimpee

**H. 25-1580 Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of and authorization to award the Lowest Responsible bid to Gober Construction LLC., and approve and authorize execution of a construction contract for the Old Town Houston Street Storm Water Improvements, Fort Worth Street to South 9th Street (Project SW26010)**

Charlie Bright, Director of Engineering and Construction, presented Item 25-1580, a construction contract for waterline and related drainage improvements along Houston Street between Main and Lynn Lane. To reduce costs, the project was bid so that the City's utility crew will install most of the waterline while a contractor handles drainage work and road borings. Although Stronghand submitted the lowest bid, staff recommended awarding the contract to Gober Construction after reference checks and experience raised concerns about Stronghand's reliability. Staff concluded Gober was the lowest responsible bidder and the better choice to avoid construction and performance issues.

MOTION: A motion was made by Justin Green, seconded by Lisa Ford  
**Move to Approve Item 25-1580**

The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye: 5 -**

David Pickel, Justin Green, Lisa Ford, Johnnie Parks, Debra Wimpee

**I. 25-1628 Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of a contract with BRINC and Motorola Solutions for the DFR Takeoff Program pursuant to H-GAC cooperative purchasing agreement RA05 21**

Chief Lance Arnold, Police Department, presented Item 25-1628, and explained a proposal to launch a Drone-as-First-Responder (DFR) program as an expansion of the Real-Time Information Center. Unlike the department's current line-of-sight drone team, DFR would use autonomous drones operated remotely from the RTIC, allowing deployment citywide within about 70 seconds—far faster than traditional police or fire response times. In other cities, DFR drones arrive roughly 70% faster than first responders. They can clear about a quarter of lower-priority calls by providing a real-time assessment, keeping officers and firefighters available for higher-priority incidents. Broken Arrow has a chance to pilot the program for an entire year at no cost or risk, through a partnership with Brink and Motorola; only years two through six would require \$79,000 per drone annually. Any incidental setup expenses can be absorbed

within the existing budget. Chief Arnold emphasized Broken Arrow's reputation for innovation and public-safety leadership, and described the DFR program as a rare opportunity to test the technology before committing to it long-term.

Council members asked how the drone delivers items like Narcan or EpiPens, and Chief Arnold explained it carries them in an attached delivery system similar to commercial delivery drones. He noted the drones' advanced cameras, thermal and infrared imaging, and that Brink is already developing a larger next-generation drone. Under the agreement, drones would be replaced in years three and five, with the city keeping the earlier models.

Chief Arnold confirmed the contract is year-to-year with a non-appropriation clause and a 30-day no-cause exit option during the first year, meaning the city can end the program with no cost. He emphasized that the newer upgrades already in development address concerns about rapidly changing technology.

Council member Green supported the program, citing the city's priority on public safety, the need to stay on the cutting edge, and firsthand observation of the technology's impressive capabilities and response-time benefits.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Justin Green, seconded by Lisa Ford

**Move to Approve Item 25-1628**

The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye: 5 -** David Pickel, Justin Green, Lisa Ford, Johnnie Parks, Debra Wimpee

**J. 25-1599** **Receive bids for the purchase of \$14,500,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2025A of the City and vote to award said Bonds to the lowest bidder complying with the Notice of Sale and Instructions to Bidders or to reject all bids**

Cindy Arnold, Director of Finance, presented Item 25-1599. The Council previously authorized soliciting bids to sell \$14.5 million in 2018 bond authorization. Four bids were received at 11 a.m. today, and John Wolff is present to review them and guide the Council in selecting the winning bid.

John Wolff, President and Chief Commercial Officer of Municipal Finance Services, Inc. He stated the city received four competitive bids for the 20-year bond sale, with interest rates coming in extremely close. The lowest actual interest cost—3.669651%—was submitted by TD Financial Products LLC, narrowly beating the second-lowest bid. This rate aligns with long-term projections the city has been using for future debt planning, including the anticipated \$400 million in upcoming bond needs. Staff recommends awarding the sale to TD Financial Products based on the lowest TIC. Standard & Poor's recently upgraded the city's rating, which supported the favorable bid results.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Lisa Ford, seconded by David Pickel

**Move to Approve Item 25-1599 Receive bids for the purchase of \$14,500,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2025A of the City and vote to award said Bonds to the lowest bidder complying with the Notice of Sale and Instructions to Bidders or to reject all bids**

The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye: 5 -** David Pickel, Justin Green, Lisa Ford, Johnnie Parks, Debra Wimpee

**K. 25-1600** **Receive bids for the purchase of \$2,500,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2025B of the City, and vote to award said Bonds to the lowest bidder complying with the Notice of Sale and Instructions to Bidders or to reject all bids**

John Wolff, President and Chief Commercial Officer of Municipal Finance Services, Inc., and Cindy Arnold, Director of Finance, presented Item 25-1600, a separate 10-year Series B drainage bond issue; the city received only one bid, also from TD Financial Products LLC. Staff explained that the light bidding was due to a crowded national bond sale date, with many firms already committed elsewhere. Despite having a single bid, the offer was firm: a 3.11% interest rate, which is lower than the city initially projected for this issue. Because the bid is favorable and meets all requirements, staff recommends awarding the sale to TD Financial Products LLC.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Justin Green, seconded by Johnnie Parks

**Move to Approve Item 25-1600**

The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye: 5 -** David Pickel, Justin Green, Lisa Ford, Johnnie Parks, Debra Wimpee

**10. Preview Ordinances - NONE**

**11. Ordinances**

- A. 25-1601 Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of Ordinance No. 3899, an Ordinance providing for the issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2025A in the sum of \$14,500,000 by the City of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, authorized at an election duly called and held for such purpose; prescribing form of Bonds; providing for registration thereof; designating the registrar for the issue; providing for levy of an annual tax for the payment of principal and interest on the Bonds and fixing other details of the issue; approving the forms of a Continuing Disclosure Agreement and an Official Statement; authorizing executions and actions necessary for the issuance and delivery of the Bonds; and declaring an emergency

Cindy Arnold, Director of Finance, presented Item 25-1601, Ordinance 3899, which formally authorizes the issuance of the recently bid \$14.5 million bond, completing the legal step needed to finalize the sale. Staff recommends adopting the ordinance and its emergency clause so the bond issuance can proceed without delay.

MOTION: A motion was made by Lisa Ford, seconded by David Pickel  
**Move to Approve Item 25-1601**

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - David Pickel, Justin Green, Lisa Ford, Johnnie Parks, Debra Wimpee

- B. 25-1602 Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of an emergency measure for Ordinance No. 3899; it being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, or welfare, an emergency is hereby declared to exist

Cindy Arnold, Director of Finance, presented Item 25-1602, an emergency clause for Ordinance No. 3899.

MOTION: A motion was made by Justin Green, seconded by Lisa Ford  
**Move to Approve Item 25-1602, an emergency measure for Ordinance No. 3899; it being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, or welfare, an emergency is hereby declared to exist**

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - David Pickel, Justin Green, Lisa Ford, Johnnie Parks, Debra Wimpee

- C. 25-1603 Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of Ordinance No. 3900, an Ordinance providing for the issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2025B in the sum of \$2,500,000 by the City of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, authorized at an election duly called and held for such purpose; prescribing form of Bonds; providing for registration thereof; designating the registrar for the issue; providing for levy of an annual tax for the payment of principal and interest on the Bonds and fixing other details of the issue; approving the forms of a Continuing Disclosure Agreement and an Official Statement; authorizing executions and actions necessary for the issuance and delivery of the Bonds; and declaring an emergency

Cindy Arnold, Director of Finance, presented Item 25-1603, Ordinance 3900 is the final action needed to move forward with the \$2.5 million bond sale. Staff recommends adopting the ordinance and approving the emergency clause so the issuance can proceed immediately.

MOTION: A motion was made by David Pickel, seconded by Justin Green  
**Move to Approve Ordinance No. 3900**

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - David Pickel, Justin Green, Lisa Ford, Johnnie Parks, Debra Wimpee

- D. 25-1604 Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of an emergency measure for Ordinance No. 3900; it being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, or welfare, an emergency is hereby declared to exist

Cindy Arnold, Director of Finance, presented Item 25-1604, an emergency clause for Ordinance No. 3900.

MOTION: A motion was made by Lisa Ford, seconded by Justin Green  
**Move to Approve an emergency measure for Ordinance No. 3900**

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - David Pickel, Justin Green, Lisa Ford, Johnnie Parks, Debra Wimpee

## 12. Remarks and Inquiries by Governing Body Members

Council members thanked staff for an excellent Christmas kickoff event, noting the decorations, vests, sweatshirts, and even artificial snow. They reminded the public that the Christmas parade will be on December 6 at 10:00 a.m. and wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving. They congratulated the Pride of Broken Arrow for placing fourth at Grand Nationals and mentioned the Rotary Pancake Breakfast before the parade.

Members also highlighted the excitement around the Trader Joe's ribbon cutting, emphasizing that its sales tax revenue will now stay in Broken Arrow. They encouraged residents to "shop BA," shared anecdotes about the large turnout and student participation, and joked about converting cheer chants to "Buy BA." The discussion closed with light remarks about upcoming travel and staff holding down the fort.

### **13. Remarks and updates by City Manager, including Recognition of Recent Accomplishments by Employees and Elected Officials**

City Manager Michael Spurgeon clarified that appointment letters for the new Downtown Master Plan Advisory Committee are already prepared and will be sent within days. He praised staff for the dramatic growth of the Christmas kickoff event over the past decade, noting how it now stretches farther north along Main Street with rising vendor interest and attendance. He expressed interest in expanding holiday programming in New Orleans Square next year, emphasizing the need for early planning.

He also highlighted upcoming trail progress, announcing that ODOT is expected to award the next phase of the First Place trail—from New Orleans to Washington—in January, moving the city closer to creating a continuous route from downtown to the Liberty Trail and ultimately linking into the regional Tulsa trail network.

Finally, he commended the police chief for significantly negotiating down the long-term cost of the new Drone-as-First-Responder program. He described witnessing an Amazon drone delivery in Phoenix the day before, saying it reinforced why adopting drone technology is an essential step for Broken Arrow's Real-Time Information Center, improving officer safety and providing critical on-scene intelligence within about 70 seconds.

Council member Ford thanked City Manager Spurgeon for pushing to renegotiate the drone contract and emphasized the importance of protecting taxpayer dollars. City Manager Spurgeon agreed, noting the need to justify any long-term budget impact and praising the Chief for successfully lowering the cost. He said the drone program will be a significant step forward for public safety and that it should be actively communicated to residents, anticipating curiosity and questions once drones are in the air. He added that the program will ultimately benefit police, fire, and, potentially, emergency management, and may require additional personnel and equipment over time.

Council members noted that even though the drones will operate under the police department, multiple city departments could use them. Discussion then shifted to New Orleans Square, where mayor Wimpee floated the idea of a pop-up holiday market with small vendor sheds. City Manager Spurgeon said it would be difficult to pull off this year, but staff will begin developing proposals for next year, along with a marketing plan.

He also shared holiday updates: veterans' banners will be installed at the Events Park, electrical hookups have been completed, and the city will explore adding holiday lighting there next year to complement the amphitheater and expand seasonal programming.

### **14. Executive Session - NONE**

### **15. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Lisa Ford, seconded by Johnnie Parks  
**Move to Adjourn**

The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye: 5 -** David Pickel, Justin Green, Lisa Ford, Johnnie Parks, Debra Wimpee

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Mayor

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City Clerk