



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
74012

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

Time 6:30 p.m.

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

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

2. Invocation

Pastor Bob Roche.

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 Mayor Debra Wimpee.

5. Consideration of Consent Agenda

- A. 25-8 Approval of the City Council Meeting Minutes of January 7, 2025
- B. 25-118 Approval of the Special City Council Meeting Minutes of January 7, 2025
- C. 25-119 Approval of the Special City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2025
- D. 25-114 Acknowledgement of the submittal of the Financial Statements for General Fund, Broken Arrow Municipal Authority, Police Sales Tax Fund, Fire Sales Tax Fund, and Visit Broken Arrow for December 2024
- E. 24-1679 Approval of and authorization to execute Resolution No. 1620, a Resolution declaring the eligibility of the City of Broken Arrow to submit an application to the Indian Nations Council of Governments (INCOG) for use of Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Funds set forth by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) for the New Orleans Street Shared Use Path Project along the south side of New Orleans Street from 1st Place South to the west side of 9th Street in Broken Arrow and authorizing the Mayor to sign the application
- F. 25-4 Approval of and authorization to execute Resolution No. 1621, a Resolution declaring the eligibility of the City of Broken Arrow to submit an application to the Indian Nations Council of Governments (INCOG) for use of Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Funds set forth by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) for the 9th Street (Lynn Lane) Shared Use Path Project along the west side of 9th Street from Omaha Street south to the intersection of Albany Street in Broken Arrow and authorizing the Mayor to sign the application
- G. 25-85 Approval of and authorization to execute Resolution No. 1627, a Resolution of the City of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, concerning the commencement of formal renewal proceedings under the Federal Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984, as amended
- H. 25-87 Approval of and authorization to execute an agreement with YWCA for Interpretation and Translation Services
- I. 25-79 Approval of and authorization to declare 2012 Audi A4, Vehicle Identification Number WAUUAFL3CN014964 surplus, and authorize donation to the Town of Gore
- J. 25-94 Approval of and authorization to purchase annual maintenance and support for Cisco telephone equipment through Chickasaw Telecom, Inc
- K. 24-1700 Approval of and authorization to purchase one (1) Ford F350 4WD Supercab and chassis from Joe Cooper Ford, skid unit from Casco Industries, and radio package from L3 Harris Technologies, pursuant to the Oklahoma Statewide Contract SW0035, for Broken Arrow Fire Department
- L. 24-1725 Approval of and authorization to execute Change Order No. 2 with Becco Contractors Inc for the Houston St Widening (ST2028)
- M. 25-76 Approval of and authorization to execute Resolution No. 1624, a Resolution authorizing acceptance of a General Warranty Deed for Parcel 13.0 and Temporary Construction Easement 13.A for the Houston Street: Olive to Aspen Avenue Roadway Improvements

located at 2823 West Houston Street, Broken Arrow, OK 74012 in the Northwest Quarter of Section 16, Township 18 North, Range 14 East, Tulsa County, State of Oklahoma, from the Kyle and Rebecca Hunt Trust, and authorization of payment for \$9,900.00 for the Houston Street: Olive to Aspen Avenue Roadway Improvements, Parcel 13.0, 13. A. (Project No. ST2029)

- N. 25-6 Approval of and authorization to execute Resolution No. 1626, a Resolution authorizing acceptance of a General Warranty Deed for Parcel 10.0, which consists of 0.09 acres of Permanent Right of Way for the Aspen, Tucson Jasper Roadway Improvements, The Parcel is located at 12527 South 145th East Avenue, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma in the Northwest Quarter of Section 3, Township 17 North, Range 14 East, Tulsa County, State of Oklahoma, from Debora Jane Lipford and authorization of payment in the amount of \$100,000.00 for the Aspen, Tucson Jasper Roadway Improvements, Parcel 10.0. (Project No. ST2031)
- O. 25-127 Approval of PT 001962 2025|PR 000768 2024, Conditional Final Plat, Reserve at Pines III, approximately 0.35 acres, 1 Lot, RS 3(Single Family Residential), (via B.A.Z. 2041), located south of Omaha Street (51st Street) and west of 37th Street (209th E. Avenue)
- P. 25-120 Acceptance of a Detention Easement from Forum Properties, LLC on platted property located approximately south of the southeast corner of Albany Street (61st Street) and 23rd Street (County Line Road), shown as Exhibit A (Section 06, T18N, R15E) (EASE 001911 2024)
- Q. 25-121 Acceptance of a Drainage Easement from Forum Properties, LLC on platted property located approximately south of the southeast corner of Albany Street (61st Street) and 23rd Street (County Line Road), shown as Exhibit A (Section 06, T18N, R15E) (EASE 001912 2024)
- R. 25-122 Acceptance of a Utility Easement from 209th Street, LLC on property located approximately one-quarter mile south of Omaha Street (51st Street) and one-quarter mile east of 37th Street (209th East Avenue), shown as Exhibit A (Section 32, T19N, R15E) (EASE 001796 2024)
- S. 25-124 Acceptance of a Utility Easement from 209th Street, LLC on property located approximately one-quarter mile south of Omaha Street (51st Street) and one-quarter mile east of 37th Street (209th East Avenue), shown as Exhibit B (Section 32, T19N, R15E) (EASE 001797 2024)
- T. 25-125 Acceptance of a Utility Easement from 209th Street, LLC on property located approximately one-quarter mile south of Omaha Street (51st Street) and one-quarter mile east of 37th Street (209th East Avenue), shown as Exhibit C (Section 32, T19N, R15E) (EASE 001798 2024)
- U. 25-126 Acceptance of a Utility Easement from 209th Street, LLC on property located approximately one-quarter mile south of Omaha Street (51st Street) and one-quarter mile east of 37th Street (209th East Avenue), shown as Exhibit D (Section 32, T19N, R15E) (EASE 001799 2024)
- V. 25-95 Ratification of the Claims List Check Register Dated January 13, 2025

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

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

- L. 24-1725 Approval of and authorization to execute Change Order No. 2 with Becco Contractors Inc. for the Houston St Widening (ST2028)

Charlie Bright, Director of Engineering and Construction, provided an update on an upcoming road closure related to a construction project at the intersection of Olive Street and Houston Street. Beko Contracting has applied to close Olive Street on both sides of Houston Street to facilitate intersection improvements. The project aims to enhance traffic flow while addressing challenges such as a high-pressure gas line to the north, a significant grade change and creek to the south, and a nearby residential property. The closure will occur in two phases, with the first lasting approximately two months and a potential second phase requiring an additional month. Houston Street will remain open throughout the project as it carries higher traffic volumes. Mr. Bright clarified that the council agenda item concerns a traffic control change order and does not pertain to the road closure decision, which falls under the city manager's authority.

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

Move to approve Item 24-1725 execute Change Order No. 2 with Becco Contractors Inc. for the Houston St Widening (ST2028)

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 -

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

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

A. 25-129 Recognition of Broken Arrow resident and World War II and Korean War veteran Bishop William J. Cox to commemorate his 104th birthday

Mayor Debra Wimpee announced the recognition of Broken Arrow resident, World War II, and Korean War veteran Bishop William J. Cox in honor of his 104th birthday. Although Bishop Cox passed away recently, Wimpee had the privilege of visiting him last week to present a city coin, a proclamation, and a certificate of recognition. She expressed her honor in recognizing Cox's service to the country and his lasting legacy.

B. 25-112 Presentation of a Certificate of Recognition of Broken Arrow High School Girls Wrestling Team

Council Member Justin Green expressed his appreciation for strong female role models, acknowledging the accomplishments of a local women's wrestling team. He highlighted their impressive rise from an honorable mention to a top-five national ranking and anticipated even higher rankings soon. Green emphasized the importance of recognizing their hard work and invited the team and coaches to share more about their achievements, affirming the need to honor their dedication.

Coach Lyles introduced herself and her husband, both serving as coaches, along with Coach Greg Evans, known as Coach Money. She highlighted their team's dedication, which includes five seniors who have contributed to the program's success, moving from an honorable mention to a top-five national ranking. Coach Lyles emphasized the team's strong work ethic and unity, describing the program as a family where the athletes work hard for themselves and each other. She expressed appreciation for the community's support of wrestling in Broken Arrow and gratitude for the city council's recognition of the girls' wrestling team. Lyles also shared her enthusiasm for being part of the community, noting that this is her third year in Broken Arrow and praising the city's support for the sport.

The wrestling team members introduced themselves, representing a range of grade levels from first-year students to seniors. The seniors include Jade, Jordan, Addie, Annabelle, and Riley. The juniors are Kristen, Sophie, and Sophia. The sophomores are Jalen, Trinity, Tiffany, Brooklyn, Alina, and Emily, while the first-year students are Sonora and Kaia. Their introductions highlighted the diverse mix of experience and talent within the team.

Council Member Justin Green presented a certificate of recognition to the Broken Arrow High School Girls Wrestling Team, acknowledging their impressive achievements. The team has risen to number five in the nation and number two in Oklahoma. Their 2024-2025 season accomplishments include winning multiple championships, including the Jay Wars Team Champion, Wrestle Like a Girl, Girls Cash Team Champion, Diamond Duels in Texas, Wonder Woman in Missouri, and the Alpha Female Tournament. Additionally, team member Emily Beckley is currently ranked 15th nationally. Council Member Green shares a personal connection with some of the athletes through the church, expressed admiration for their dedication, and jokingly admitted he wouldn't want to face them on the mat. He formally presented the certificate on behalf of the city of Broken Arrow in recognition of their hard work and success.

C. 25-131 Presentation by Wagoner County Officials on upcoming sales tax vote

City Manager Michael Spurgeon addressed the council regarding Wagoner County's upcoming special election on February 11th to consider a quarter-cent sales tax increase. The tax is intended to repay a \$13.5 million judgment related to incidents at the county jail. Upon learning about the resolution via social media, City Manager Spurgeon sought clarification from the city attorney. He contacted the Wagoner County Clerk, who arranged for county officials to attend the meeting. He emphasized the importance of transparency, given that around 20% of Broken Arrow lies within Wagoner County. City Manager Spurgeon clarified that while this is not a city issue, the council should be informed to better respond to residents' inquiries. He noted that several county officials were present to explain the measure, and he suggested that public input should be directed to county meetings rather than the city council session.

Additionally, City Manager Spurgeon addressed questions regarding the city's partnership with Notes Live for the amphitheater project. He explained that a sales tax-only TIF (Tax Increment Financing) district was established to help the city recoup its \$30 million investment. Wagoner County agreed to share sales tax revenues for 10 years. The revenue-sharing agreement includes gradually reducing the city's share, eventually allowing the county to retain full sales tax benefits. The project is expected to generate approximately \$1 million annually in sales tax after an entire season, benefiting the city and the county.

Wagoner County Commissioner James Hanning expressed gratitude to the mayor, vice mayor, and council members for the opportunity to discuss the proposed sales tax increase, emphasizing the importance of public awareness and dialogue. He acknowledged the longstanding positive partnership with the city and hoped that future developments would help

overshadow the current financial challenge. The decision to propose a sales tax increase, rather than relying on property taxes, was made to distribute the financial burden across a broader base, including non-residents who purchase in the area. He explained that if the sales tax measure fails, state law mandates reverting to property taxes, which would place a heavier burden on local property owners.

Commissioner James Hanning cited previous successful sales tax initiatives, such as a courthouse expansion project funded by a half-penny sales tax in 2000, which was paid off three years early with an \$8 million surplus. He also referenced Rogers County's recent early payoff of a similar settlement. The proposed quarter-cent sales tax increase would add 25 cents to every \$100 spent, bringing the county sales tax to 1.55%. He acknowledged the financial impact on residents but stressed that spreading the cost over a larger area could lead to an earlier payoff than a property tax solution. Ultimately, he urged thorough communication to ensure residents and business partners understand the benefits of the sales tax option.

During the discussion, City Manager Michael Spurgeon inquired about the potential increase in use tax revenue if the proposed sales tax is approved and whether it could be applied to repaying the county's debt. The speaker confirmed his commitment to using any additional revenue, whether from use or sales tax, to pay off the debt sooner. Council Member Justin Green asked whether the impact on property taxes would be the same if the sales tax measure fails, to which the speaker responded that property taxes are calculated differently based on property value and provided estimated yearly increases for homeowners.

Mayor Debra Wimpee raised concerns about the potential for residents to shop outside of Wagoner County to avoid the tax increase, which the speaker acknowledged as a short-term possibility. However, he expressed confidence that long-term shopping habits and population growth would balance out the impact. In response to questions about insurance coverage for lawsuits, the speaker explained that the county's insurance coverage has been significantly reduced, with the current insurer only covering \$1 million. He noted past efforts to establish an emergency fund to address such issues and highlighted challenges in obtaining full coverage from insurance providers.

Regarding the approval process for the proposed sales tax, Commissioner James Hanning confirmed that a simple majority of 50% plus one vote is required for passage. When asked about potential additional lawsuits, he acknowledged their existence but reassured the council that current legal counsel does not anticipate further financial liabilities.

In response to a suggestion about using the Sheriff's budget to cover the debt, Mr. Hanning opposed the idea, emphasizing his long-term efforts to secure more funding for public safety rather than reducing it. He stressed the importance of adhering to state statutes that dictate the process of addressing such financial obligations.

Mayor Debra Wimpee inquired about the county's plans to prevent similar incidents. Commissioner James Hanning described past efforts to secure additional funding for jail safety and introduced the Sheriff to elaborate on the steps taken to improve conditions within the facility.

Chris Elliott, Wagoner County Sheriff, addressed the council, providing an overview of the challenges and improvements made to the Wagoner County jail since he took office in 2016. He explained that the prison was in poor condition, underfunded, and understaffed, particularly in medical care. In response, he initially proposed contracting an external medical provider to the Board of County Commissioners in 2017. Still, the proposal, which came with a significant cost of approximately \$750,000, was not approved. Instead, he was tasked with improving jail medical services internally. Despite making some improvements, a fatality occurred in the jail, which he fully accepted responsibility for, citing staff failures to follow established protocols.

After the incident, Sheriff Elliot again pushed for contracted medical services, but the commissioners disagreed. Instead, he expanded the jail's medical team, including a medical doctor, physician's assistant, licensed practical nurses, emergency medical technicians, and a certified nursing assistant. The Sheriff emphasized compliance with state regulations and improvements in medical care, noting that their efforts have led to a perfect jail inspection in 2024.

Regarding the \$12.5 million settlement, Sheriff Elliot clarified that the county commissioners settled it before it could go before a federal judge for mediation. He compared the case to a similar one in Muskogee County, which settled for a much lower amount after undergoing a settlement conference. He stressed that while he had an opinion, he had no decision-making power in the settlement process.

In response to concerns about future prevention, Sheriff Elliot assured the council and public that new protocols have been implemented, including increased involvement from leadership and stricter oversight. He reiterated his commitment to the county and acknowledged the

weight of responsibility he carries.

Looking forward, Sheriff Elliot supported the proposed sales tax as the best solution to repay the debt, stating that spreading the financial burden across a broader population, including visitors to the county, is preferable to placing it solely on property owners. He concluded by affirming his dedication to the county's well-being and invited questions from the council.

Lori Hendricks, Wagoner County Clerk, addressed the council, providing a frequently asked questions (FAQ) document related to the upcoming sales tax vote. Copies were distributed to council members and made available to residents, addressing common concerns such as why the judgment exists, insurance details, the taxpayers' responsibility, the exact cost, and the timeline for implementation.

One key point emphasized was why the debt cannot be paid using the sheriff's budget. As a constitutional office, the sheriff's office has priority for funding among other elected offices. The Board of County Commissioners is legally required to ensure adequate funding for the sheriff's office. Additionally, most of the sheriff's funds, such as the sheriff service fee and the one-cent sales tax, are restricted by law and cannot be allocated toward debt repayment. However, the additional revenue generated from the use tax could be applied to retire the debt sooner.

Residents were informed that the FAQ document and ballot measure details are available on the county website under the "Newsflash" section. Council members were invited to post the information on their platforms to enhance public awareness. Ms. Hendricks encouraged residents to contact their office with any further questions and assured them that the FAQ document would be updated accordingly. The public was reminded that the special election will occur on February 11th.

During the discussion, Council Member Justin Green acknowledged that similar legal situations have occurred in Broken Arrow, where taxpayers ultimately bear the responsibility. However, he noted that the city has typically addressed such obligations through ad valorem taxes rather than sales tax. Ms. Hendricks clarified that regardless of whether the debt is addressed through sales tax or property tax, the funding mechanism chosen must fully satisfy the debt. The county cannot legally implement a lower tax rate and rely on additional funds like the use tax to cover the shortfall. Still, any surplus collected beyond projections will be used to pay off the debt earlier.

City Manager Michael Spurgeon emphasized that the county commission is committed to using all revenue from the quarter-cent sales tax and any excess use tax funds to accelerate repayment. He expressed optimism that the county's growth could lead to an early payoff, similar to past instances. Council Member Green pointed out that if residents seek alternative solutions, they must advocate for legislative changes at the state level, as local governments cannot alter the statutory repayment process.

City Manager Spurgeon encouraged residents with questions to reach out to the County Clerk, Lori Hendricks, praising her thorough explanations. He thanked the county officials for their cooperation and transparency, recognizing the importance of keeping the council informed, given Broken Arrow's stake in the matter.

Mayor Debra Wimpee highlighted the city's commitment to transparency and public engagement. She noted that hosting such discussions allows city officials to gather accurate information and share it with the community, ensuring residents remain well-informed about significant issues affecting them.

D. 25-91 Presentation of the results of the Connectivity Micro Survey

Aaron McColloch, Director of Communications for the City of Broken Arrow, presented the results of the connectivity micro survey conducted from October 23 to November 13. He explained that the study stemmed from the comprehensive citizen survey conducted nearly a year ago, which identified mobility as an opportunity for the city—the microsurvey aimed to gather additional insights on pedestrian connectivity, walkability, and bikeability in Broken Arrow. Over 2,200 residents participated, answering six questions, including two open-ended responses.

Before sharing the results, Mr. McColloch provided an overview of the city's ongoing efforts to improve pedestrian infrastructure. He highlighted annual budget allocations for sidewalk maintenance and repairs, including an additional \$250,000 from the Series 2024A bond sale approved by the council. He also mentioned nearly \$3 million budgeted for fiscal year 2025 for various trail and pedestrian infrastructure projects and pedestrian-friendly elements incorporated into capital improvement projects such as street widening.

Additionally, Mr. McColloch informed the council about two federal grant applications recently submitted under the Transportation Alternatives Program, which could provide \$3.2 million in funding for 1.5 miles of connectivity improvements. The city's obligation for the required 20% match would amount to approximately \$460,000 to \$480,000.

Presenting the survey findings, Mr. McColloch noted that respondents rated street lighting, sidewalk maintenance, and pedestrian infrastructure as adequate or better by approximately 66%. However, ratings were lower for bicycle infrastructure and ease of bicycling, with an increase in respondents selecting "don't know." He suggested a lack of familiarity with the city's biking infrastructure might contribute to this uncertainty.

Regarding walkability, 74% of respondents agreed that it is safe to walk in their neighborhoods, while 54% agreed that their neighborhood streets are well-lit at night. However, more than half of the respondents disagreed with statements about having places within easy walking distance, the connectivity of sidewalks, and the availability of accessible trails nearby.

Mayor Debra Wimpee acknowledged the varying perspectives based on geographic location, noting that those living in less dense areas might perceive fewer walkable destinations than residents in more developed parts of the city. Mr. McColloch confirmed that survey responses likely reflect the diverse experiences of residents based on their neighborhood locations.

The council and Mr. McColloch discussed the findings of the connectivity microsurvey, with Mayor Wimpy and council members sharing their perspectives on walkability and bikeability in Broken Arrow. Mayor Wimpy pointed out that accessibility varies depending on where residents live, noting that some areas have convenient access to amenities while others do not. She also highlighted the cultural reliance on cars, which often discourages walking even for short distances.

Mr. McColloch presented further survey results, indicating that only 7% of respondents felt they could safely walk or bike to their workplace. This aligns with previous findings that many Broken Arrow residents work outside the city. Access to essential destinations like medical facilities, pharmacies, and grocery stores also received low ratings, with around 57% stating they could not easily reach these locations on foot or by bike. However, 58% of respondents indicated they could safely walk to recreational areas like parks and open spaces.

Regarding preferred transportation methods, the survey revealed that driving remains the top choice at 40%, followed by walking at 36%. Biking was not commonly considered, likely contributing to many "don't know" responses regarding cycling infrastructure.

One of the key findings from open-ended responses was a strong desire for sidewalk connectivity in specific areas, including Aspen Ridge, Tucson, and New Orleans Street. Respondents preferred bike trails over bike lanes, particularly noting the underutilization of existing lanes such as those on Main Street.

Council members emphasized the importance of awareness, with Mayor Wimpee suggesting that many residents might not be aware of the city's existing trail systems. Council Member Justin Green pointed out that having bike lanes and trails contributes to a city's appeal to businesses and grants eligibility, even if usage appears low.

City Manager Michael Spurgeon discussed ongoing and upcoming projects to improve connectivity, including infill sidewalk projects funded through the 2018 bond package. He highlighted the importance of addressing gaps in sidewalks and trails, citing examples such as Aspen between 91st and 101st streets and New Orleans from Aspen to New Orleans Square.

Looking ahead, Mr. McColloch announced plans for a future micro survey focusing on parks and recreation. The survey will cover amenities for Elam Park the city's trail system, and gauge public interest in a community center in South Broken Arrow. City Manager Spurgeon stressed the significance of gathering community input to shape the 2026 bond package, which may include substantial funding for transportation and recreational facilities.

The council agreed on the importance of continuing efforts to enhance pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure while ensuring public awareness and engagement in upcoming city planning initiatives.

E. 24-1687 Presentation updating the Council on the status of the Police and Fire crisis prevention and mitigation program

Mark Steward, Assistant Fire Chief, provided a six-month update on the city's mental health pilot program, which partners with two local mental health agencies to enhance community support and reduce negative interactions with law enforcement and emergency services. The program consists of two initiatives: Care Link, a partnership between the fire department and Family and Children's Services, and a crisis response team with Grand Mental Health.

The program's primary goal is to prevent individuals in crisis from ending up in jail or emergency rooms unnecessarily, thereby reducing strain on first responders and ensuring people receive appropriate care. The fire department's Care Link program connects individuals with essential services by embedding a caseworker, Riley, within the department. Riley, a certified caseworker with a social work degree, collaborates with firefighters and other emergency responders to identify needy individuals and provide them with a "warm handoff" to services. After the initial assessment, she coordinates with the individual's family and support system to identify gaps and provide necessary assistance.

Since the program's launch, referrals primarily come from firefighters, but anyone, including council members, can make referrals. Each referral undergoes a multi-step process, starting with an assessment and followed by continuous follow-up from Family and Children's Services. The data presented showed a steady increase in new referrals and follow-up contacts over the first five months, demonstrating the program's reach and effectiveness.

Assistant Fire Chief Stewart emphasized the program's uniqueness in leveraging existing mental health resources rather than creating new infrastructure within the fire or police departments. This collaboration allows for a more efficient use of resources, providing round-the-clock support even when city staff are off duty.

The council praised the program's proactive approach and the level of care provided through ongoing follow-ups, which ensure that clients remain engaged with their treatment and support systems.

Major Stephen Garrett, from the police department, provided an update on the crisis response program, highlighting its focus on crisis mitigation at the time of police response. The program features two dedicated crisis response teams that operate during different shifts to address mental health crises and substance abuse issues in the community. The day shift team, working from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., consists of Officer Ryan Tyson and Mick Wood. In contrast, the evening shift team includes Officer Tiffany Arborough and Caitlin Ray, with an additional care coordinator recently hired to provide coverage when needed.

Major Garrett acknowledged acting Captain Brian Bandy's key role in supporting the program's implementation. The data presented covered 120 days since the program's launch, showing that the day shift team handled 116 calls for service, including 33 crisis calls and 29 contacts with homeless individuals. Seven individuals with opioid-related issues were assisted, and a total of 129 follow-ups were conducted. The evening shift team responded to 219 calls, with 11 individuals already enrolled in Grand Mental Health services and 14 new clients signing up for support.

A significant benefit of the program has been the ability to clear police officers from crisis scenes more quickly, allowing them to respond to other calls. In contrast, the crisis response team provides specialized care. Major Garrett emphasized that each case is tracked monthly to monitor progress and outcomes, ensuring that individuals in need are connected to appropriate services. The initiative's success is reflected in the number of community members signing up for services they previously were unaware of, aligning with the program's goal of expanding access to critical mental health and substance abuse resources.

The council received an update on the city's crisis response program, highlighting its successes and the potential for future expansion. Over the past 120 days, the crisis response teams have handled 335 calls, including 40 cases where individuals were taken into protective custody due to danger to themselves or others. Additionally, 23 community members accepted services, and 39 homelessness-related cases were addressed. Despite some initial staffing challenges, the teams have successfully connected individuals to critical mental health and substance abuse services, preventing crises from escalating.

Council members, particularly Mayor Wimpee, strongly supported the program, emphasizing its effectiveness in providing real solutions rather than just "checking boxes." They highlighted how the collaboration between police, fire, and mental health professionals ensures individuals receive appropriate care rather than unnecessarily being placed in jail or emergency rooms.

Major Garrett and Assistant Fire Chief Stewart acknowledged the program's positive impact on the community and first responders, noting that officers and firefighters now have additional support to focus on other emergency needs. They also shared success stories, such as helping homeless individuals find stable housing and employment, illustrating the program's tangible benefits.

Looking ahead, the council was assured that no immediate action was required but agreed to revisit the program in three to four months to evaluate its progress further. Plans to expand the program to a midnight shift were discussed, as data showed a similar volume of protective custody cases occurring during late-night hours.

Funding for the program currently comes from opioid settlement funds, with approximately \$1.4 million available to sustain it for up to 10 years. The city is also exploring additional grant opportunities to ensure its long-term viability.

City Manager Michael Spurgeon committed to providing quarterly updates to the council and mentioned ongoing efforts to secure more funding and resources for the program. He emphasized the importance of sustaining and expanding the initiative, potentially adding future dispatch support and youth-focused services.

The council expressed gratitude for the leadership of the police and fire departments in making the program successful and reiterated their commitment to supporting its continuation and growth.

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

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

Move to Recess from Council

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

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

Move to approve and enter BAMA

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Enter BAMA at 8:07 p.m.

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

Move to Return to Council

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Return to Council at 8:09 p.m.

A. 25-135 Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of and authorization to declare Unit 0712, a 2007 Kubota U45 Mini excavator, as surplus and authorize the transfer of ownership of this item to the City of Nowata in exchange for labor on a future City of Broken Arrow Project

Ryan Baze, Maintenance Services Director, and the council discussed the proposed transfer of a 2007 Kubota excavator from the City of Broken Arrow's utility department to the City of Nowata. The excavator, which has served Broken Arrow since 2007 and has been replaced, was declared surplus and offered to Nowata for future labor assistance once they recover from their current crisis.

Mr. Baze emphasized the significance of inter-city cooperation, highlighting how such exchanges of resources and support strengthen relationships between communities, especially in times of need. The proposed trade reflects Broken Arrow's commitment to aiding neighboring cities and fostering collaboration.

Council Member Justin Green expressed enthusiasm for the partnership, sharing his connections to Nowata through his years of teaching at Tri County Technology Center and past community service efforts. He recounted experiences working with Nowata students and city officials, noting Nowata's instrumental role in inspiring Broken Arrow's recycling program. Green also reminisced about the historical ties between the two cities, recalling past sporting events when they were of similar size and stature.

Mayor Debra Wimpee echoed the sentiment, emphasizing that collaborative efforts between cities contribute to the strength of the state as a whole. The council appreciated the partnership and recognized the mutual benefits of such resource-sharing agreements.

Dean Bridges – Nowata Council expressed deep gratitude for Broken Arrow's offer to transfer a surplus excavator to aid their recovery following a devastating fire. On January 13th at approximately 1:15 a.m., Nowata's city barn was destroyed by fire despite a rapid response from the nearby fire station. The fire resulted in the complete loss of the facility, including seven vehicles, a mini excavator, a backhoe, and a significant inventory of repair parts for sewer and water systems, among other essential items.

Mr. Bridges, a former Army veteran accustomed to handling crises, described the immediate

actions to seek assistance. He contacted Kenny Schwab, Assistant City Manager for Operations, to inquire about potential support. Mr. Schwab promptly communicated with the city manager and council, leading to the offer of the surplus excavator. He expressed heartfelt appreciation for the generosity and support, emphasizing the significant impact the excavator will have in helping Nowata rebuild and move forward.

Acknowledging the challenges ahead, Mr. Bridges remained optimistic and committed to using the situation to strengthen and improve their operations. The council was receptive to arranging media coverage to highlight the partnership and support, ensuring the public is informed of the inter-city cooperation. He concluded with sincere gratitude, struggling to hold back tears, and reiterated how much the assistance meant to their community.

MOTION: A motion was made by Justin Green, seconded by David Pickel.

Move to approve Item 25-135 to declare Unit 0712, a 2007 Kubota U45 Mini excavator, as surplus and authorize the transfer of ownership of this item to the City of Nowata in exchange for labor on a future City of Broken Arrow Project

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 -

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

B. 24-1654 Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of and authorization to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Broken Arrow and the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Tulsa regarding the Tulsa County Court Clerk's satellite office in Broken Arrow

Jennifer Rush, Economic Development Director for Broken Arrow, provided an update on the successful partnership between the city and the Tulsa County Court Clerk's office, establishing a satellite office in the Rose District in 2020; the initiative aimed to enhance the district's appeal as a full-service wedding destination, offering marriage licenses and other civil services locally instead of requiring residents to travel to downtown Tulsa.

Now entering its fourth year, the program has been highly successful, attracting first-time visitors and couples returning to celebrate anniversaries and take photos. The partnership has inspired interest from other cities looking to replicate the model. The city also facilitates monthly weddings, with ordained staff performing ceremonies, further integrating the initiative into the community.

The presented agreement is a memorandum of understanding with the Tulsa County Court Clerk's Office, set to run through late 2024. Lease negotiations for the office's continuation are ongoing. The director expressed excitement about the program's growth and impact, introducing Second Deputy Randy Proffitt from the Tulsa County Clerk's office to share more details on the program's success and service numbers.

Randy Proffitt, Tulsa County Clerk's Office, shared the partnership's success with Broken Arrow, which began in mid-2020. Initially uncertain about the outcome, the collaboration quickly proved highly successful. The goal was to achieve 25% of Tulsa County's total marriage license applications at the Broken Arrow satellite office. Still, within months, that number exceeded expectations, eventually reaching 42% of the county's total 4,953 marriage licenses in the past year.

The satellite office at 123 North Main in the Rose District has continued to experience growth, with local staff aiming to achieve 50% of total marriage licenses in the future. In addition to marriage licenses, the office has expanded its services to include civil filings, benefiting local law firms by saving time and reducing costs for their clients. The office also offers property tax payment services, deed printing, and other county-related functions in collaboration with the county clerk, treasurer, and assessor's offices.

Mr. Proffitt expressed enthusiasm for the continued partnership, emphasizing its convenience and positive impact on residents and businesses. He reaffirmed Tulsa County's commitment to maintaining and expanding the initiative in the future.

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

Move to approve Item 24-1654 and execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Broken Arrow and the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Tulsa regarding the Tulsa County Court Clerk's satellite office in Broken Arrow.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 -

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

C. 24-1558 Consideration, discussion, and possible appointment of one Council member to serve on the Broken Arrow Drainage Advisory Committee

Charlie Bright, Director of Engineering and Construction, discussed the background and current status of the Drainage Advisory Committee, which was established following the

passage of the 2018 general obligation bond. This bond included Proposition Six, marking the first time the city of Broken Arrow was authorized to allocate taxpayer dollars for improvements on private property, provided there was a clear public benefit.

In 2019, the city council established the Drainage Advisory Committee to review applications and determine the public benefit of proposed projects, ultimately making recommendations to the council for fund allocation. Property owners must submit applications demonstrating the public benefit, which the committee evaluates before recommending funding.

In 2023, Vice Mayor Parks and former Vice Mayor Gillespie were added to the committee. However, with Gillespie no longer serving on the council, her position on the committee is now vacant. According to the ordinance, the committee must include one appointed member from each council member, approved by a majority vote, and two council members.

The agenda item under consideration is to appoint a new council representative to fill the vacant position and ensure the committee operates per the established guidelines.

Mayor Debra Wimpee nominated Council Member David Pickel to fill the vacant seat on the Drainage Advisory Committee, highlighting their prior service. Council Member Justin Green supported the nomination, emphasizing the committee's valuable role in addressing drainage issues where public dollars can be spent on private property if a public benefit is demonstrated. He noted that the committee meets infrequently, around once every two to three months, and offers members the opportunity to learn from experts and evaluate critical infrastructure projects.

Mr. Bright clarified that the committee aims to hold quarterly meetings and praised staff and applicants for their thorough project presentations. A staff member provided additional clarification, explaining that while public funds are used on private property, property owners are typically required to dedicate a stormwater or sewer easement to ensure the city has a property interest.

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

Move to approve Item 24-1558 possible appointment of one Council member to serve on the Broken Arrow Drainage Advisory Committee.

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

10. Preview Ordinances - NONE

11. Ordinances

- A. 25-116 Consideration, discussion, and possible adoption of Ordinance No. 3848, an ordinance amending the zoning ordinance of the City of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, approving BAZ 001788 2024, along with PUD 001787 2024 generally located one-half mile north of East Houston Street (81st Street) and one-quarter mile east of 9th street (177th East Avenue/ Lynn Lane Road), granting RM (Residential Multi-Family) zoning classification upon the tract along with PUD 001787 2024, repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency**

Rocky Henkel, Director of Community Development, presented the possible adoption of Ordinance 3848, which amends the zoning ordinance to approve B.A.Z. 1788-2024 and P.U.D. 1787-2024. The council reviewed and approved the case on January 7, 2025. Staff recommended the adoption of the ordinance and the approval of the accompanying emergency clause.

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

Move to approve Item 25-116 adoption of Ordinance No. 3848, an ordinance amending the zoning ordinance of the City of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, approving BAZ 001788 2024, along with PUD 001787 2024 generally located one-half mile north of East Houston Street (81st Street) and one-quarter mile east of 9th street (177th East Avenue/ Lynn Lane Road), granting RM (Residential Multi-Family) zoning classification upon the tract along with PUD 001787 2024, repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency

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

- B. 25-117 Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of an emergency clause for Ordinance No. 3848**

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

Move to approve Item 25-117 approval of an emergency clause for Ordinance No. 3848

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

12. Remarks and Inquiries by Governing Body Members

Mayor Debra Wimpee shared her recent experiences in Washington, D.C., where she attended the U.S. Mayor's Conference and the 60th inauguration of the 47th president. Although she could not attend the outdoor event as initially planned, she participated in a watch party with a senator, which provided a comfortable indoor setting, given the cold weather. She also mentioned unexpected encounters with notable figures such as Franklin Graham and Lee Greenwood, making the experience memorable. Mayor Wimpee noted that Senator Langford provided excellent hospitality during the visit, including breakfast and snacks, to which the mayor agreed.

Council Member Justin Green highlighted local events attended by the council members who remained in town, including the fire department's awards banquet, where they honored dedicated public servants. The previous week, they also attended the police department's awards banquet to recognize the efforts of law enforcement personnel. Mayor Wimpee expressed her appreciation for these events, adding that she wore a red dress on Saturday to support the fire department, even though she could not attend in person.

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

City Manager Michael Spurgeon provided updates on several important topics. Regarding personnel matters, it was reported that the arbitration hearing for a terminated police officer occurred last week, with a decision expected within 60 to 90 days. Additionally, three arbitrations for officers terminated concerning ammunition issues will begin next week.

On infrastructure concerns, a meeting with Commissioner Stan Salee highlighted the deteriorating condition of off-system bridges, including two Tulsa County bridges built in 1920 and 1912 that have exceeded their useful lifespan. Efforts are underway to seek state funding to address these aging structures, with potential legislative action being considered.

Several upcoming events were also discussed. The Oklahoma Municipal League (OML) dinner originally scheduled at Cattleman's was postponed to February 6 due to weather conditions, and council members were encouraged to attend for networking opportunities. The Broken Arrow Chamber's annual gala on February 1 was noted as a key community event, with excitement expressed about the chamber's achievements.

A potential partnership with the Tulsa County City Library for a new South Broken Arrow Library was introduced. Discussions are ongoing to explore the feasibility of including the project in the upcoming general obligation bond package, with legal and planning aspects under review. The library, recognized for its high usage, is considered part of a mixed-use development, which could serve as an economic driver for South Broken Arrow.

Additionally, council members were reminded of the extensive bond package agenda distributed for review. A meeting with Build a Better Broken Arrow is scheduled for early February to discuss the campaign strategy for the bond initiative. The meeting concluded by acknowledging the collaborative efforts and planning involved in these various initiatives.

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

Move to Recess to BAEDA

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Recess into BAEDA Session at 8:42 p.m.

MOTION: A motion was made by Lisa Ford, seconded by Debra Wimpee.

Move to clear room

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

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

Move to enter Executive Session

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Enter Executive Session at 9:05 p.m.

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

Move to vote Executive Session Necessary

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

14. Executive Session for the purpose of confidential communications between the City Council, the City Manager, the City Attorney, and any other pertinent staff members discussing conferring

on matters and possible action in open session pertaining to:

- 1. A pending litigation is known as City of Broken Arrow v. Nikel Investments, LLC, v. Lamar Advertising Company, et al., Tulsa County District Court, Case No. CJ 17 1470, under 25 O.S. §307(B)(4);

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

Move to return to open session

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Returned to Open Session at 9:25 p.m.

15. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:26 p.m.

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

Move to adjourn

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Mayor

City Clerk