



## City of Broken Arrow

### Minutes

City Hall  
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Broken Arrow OK  
74012

### City Council Meeting

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

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**Tuesday, November 4, 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 Tim Pyles 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 Vice Mayor Johnnie Parks.

#### 5. Consideration of Consent Agenda

- A. 25-26 **Approval of the City Council Minutes of October 21, 2025**
- B. 25-1547 **Acceptance of Planning Commission meeting minutes of October 9, 2025**
- C. 25-1504 **Acceptance of a Utility Easement consisting of 4,817 square feet of utility easement from Pioneer Group, LLC, on property located north of 5001 South Elm Place in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, located in the Northwest Quarter of Section 35, Township 18 North, Range 14 East, Tulsa County, State of Oklahoma for the 16 inch waterline loop Elm Place, Florence Street to Miami Street, Parcel 4.0 (Project No. WL23090)**
- D. 25-1541 **Acceptance of a Utility Easement consisting of 4,825.74 square feet of utility easement from Bryan McCall on property located at 5001 South Elm Place in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, located in the Northwest Quarter of Section 35, Township 18 North, Range 14 East, Tulsa County, State of Oklahoma for the 16 inch waterline loop Elm Place, Florence Street to Miami Street, Parcel 3.0 (Project No. WL23090)**
- E. 25-1567 **Approval of and authorization to execute a Public Parking Encroachment License Agreement for a portion of Right of Way (ROW) located one eighth mile south of Omaha street (51st Street) and one eighth mile west of 37th Street (209th Ease Avenue), Wagoner County, Oklahoma (S31 T19N R15E) (Reserve at Pines III) (EASE 002339 2025)**
- F. 25-1489 **Approval of and authorization to execute Professional Services Agreement Amendment with GH2 Architects, LLC for Broken Arrow Gateway Signs project (Project No. 201710)**
- G. 25-1566 **Approval of and authorization to execute a revised addendum to Order Form: HPA and Run Out Services Agreement with Personify Health, with an effective date of January 1, 2026**
- H. 25-1509 **Approval of and authorization to execute Change Order #4 with Becco Contractors, Inc. for the Houston Street Widening, Garnett Road to Olive Avenue (ST2028)**
- I. 25-1521 **Approval of the Budget Calendar for Fiscal Year 2027**
- J. 25-1510 **Approval of and authorization to execute Public Highway At Grade Crossing Agreement, between Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) and the City of Broken Arrow, for the Kenosha Street Sidewalk Improvements between Sycamore Avenue and Redbud Avenue project (ST23290)**
- K. 25-1563 **Approval of and authorization for a construction variance for Belt Construction, Inc., for the County Line Trunk Sewer Phase 2A (2154520)**
- L. 25-1518 **Approval of and authorization to execute the purchase of one (1) Toro Multi Pro 1750 Sprayer from Professional Turf Products, L.P., pursuant to the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Contract (formerly NJPA) for Parks Department**
- M. 25-1524 **Approval of and authorization to execute Resolution No. 1716, a Resolution authorizing the selection of a qualified firm concerning Bridge Inspection responsibility by local government for compliance with National Bridge Inspection Standards, Bridge Inspection Contracts for April 1, 2026, to March 31, 2028**

N. 25-1525 Approval of and authorization to execute Resolution No. 1715 a Resolution authorizing acceptance of a General Warranty Deed for Parcel 3.0, consisting of 5,364 square feet of permanent Right of Way located at 4920 South 209th East Avenue in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, in the Southeast Quarter of Section 30, Township 19 North, Range 15 East, Wagoner County, Oklahoma, from Ryan Gambill and Bopha Gambill, for the 37th Street Roadway Widening from Omaha Street to Dearborn Street (Project No. ST21390)

O. 25-1548 Approval of and authorization to execute Resolution No. 1720, a Resolution authorizing acceptance of a General Warranty Deed for Parcel 2.0, consisting of 9,128 square feet of permanent Right of Way located at 10207 South Lynn Lane Road in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, in the Northwest Quarter of Section 25, Township 18 North, Range 14 East, Tulsa County, Oklahoma, from Stephen L. Larsen and Robbie M. Larsen and authorization of payment in the amount of \$82,190.00 for the 9th Street widening from New Orleans Street to Washington Street, Parcel 2.0 (Project No. ST23280)

P. 25-1530 Approval of and authorization to execute the Traffic Calming Policy for East Dover Street between North 11th Street and North 13th Street in the Carriage Crossing Subdivision

Q. 25-1532 Approval of and authorization to execute the license true-up of the Enterprise Enrollment Agreement and relevant Amendment with Microsoft Corporation for Microsoft software, products, and licenses through SHI

R. 25-1538 Approval of and authorization to purchase forty-three bulletproof vest carriers for the Police Department from Velocity Systems

S. 25-1542 Approval and authorization to award bid #26.117 to Ennis Flint for Traffic Paint for the Streets and Stormwater Department

T. 25-1539 Approval of and authorization to execute Resolution No. 1717, a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to take all appropriate actions for the participation, release, and settlement of proposed Discover Class Action Settlement on behalf of the City of Broken Arrow

U. 25-1543 Approval of and authorization to execute Resolution No. 1719, a Resolution adopting the City of Broken Arrow Emergency Operations Plan ("EOP") and authorizing the City Manager or Emergency Management Director to implement the EOP; approve revision to the EOP appendices and annexes; approve functional and hazard specific plans as may be needed to supplement the EOP; approve cooperative agreements, memorandums of understanding, or other agreements as may be needed in support of the EOP, functional, and hazard specific plans; and approve mutual aid requests pursuant to the Oklahoma Interstate Mutual Aid Compact and Emergency Management Assistance Compact

V. 25-1544 Approval PR 000794 2025|PT 002453 2025, Conditional Final Plat, The Villas at Turnberry Lot 1, Block 1 Replat, 0.84 acres, 1 Lot, CG (Commercial General), located south of Dearborn Street (41st Street), one eighth mile west of 37th Street (209th E. Avenue)

W. 25-1531 Ratification of the Claims List Check Register Dated October 23, 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 - NONE

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

A. 25-279 Update on the 2026 General Obligation Bond Package

City Manager Michael Spurgeon presented Item 25-279, an update on progress for the upcoming 2026 General Obligation Bond package, noting that staff spent October compiling and analyzing public feedback from the forums. His office has since developed a tentative recommendation that has been shared individually with City Council members for review.

He outlined the next steps in the process: on December 2, the administration will formally present the proposed bond package to the Council, including remarks from City Manager Spurgeon, Kenny Schwab, and the Engineering and Construction team. No action will be taken that night; instead, the presentation will be laid over for two weeks to allow both the Council and the public time to review the full proposal, which will be made available in the City Clerk's office and online.

Then, on December 16, the Council will receive a shorter summary presentation and be asked to give direction to move forward. If approved, all necessary ordinances and the resolution calling for the election would come before Council on January 6, 2026. City Manager Spurgeon added that user groups and sports organizations will be invited to attend the December 16 meeting to hear the discussion. He credited the Engineering and Construction team and city directors for their work on the proposal. He encouraged Council members to reach out to him or Community Relations Manager Lori Hill with any questions before the December presentation.

**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. 25-1513 Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of and authorization to award to the lowest responsible bidder, Tri-Star Construction, LLC, a construction contract for the Houston Street Improvements from 23rd Street to Old Highway 51 (Project No. ST1926A/WL26040)**

Travis Small, Transportation Division Manager, presented Item 25-1513, a proposed award of the Houston Street Improvement Project from 23rd Street to Old Highway 51, explaining that bids had been received and the apparent low bidder was Tri-Star Construction at just over \$4 million. The project covers roughly half a mile of widening from two to five lanes and includes about 2,500 linear feet of waterline replacement, which ties into a separate BAMA item due to loan funding.

It was noted that the portion from 9th to 23rd Street is still in design and includes \$3 million in federal funds, but the segment up for award falls under Proposition 1 of the 2018 General Obligation Bond. Staff confirmed the project meets all funding and design requirements.

Mayor Wimpee questioned why the Houston Street project bid came in about \$1 million below estimates, and staff confirmed it was not a concern. Mr. Small explained that the lower bid reflected favorable pricing rather than underestimation, noting that Broken Arrow projects often come in below ODOT averages because contractors enjoy working with the city. He stated that Tri-Star Construction, the low bidder, has completed several successful projects for the town and has a good performance record. Mr. Small affirmed confidence in both the pricing and the contractor. It was also confirmed that the project includes sidewalk installation.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Justin Green, seconded by Lisa Ford  
**Move to Approve Item 25-1513**

The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye: 5 -**

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

**B. 25-1514 Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of and authorization to award to the lowest responsible bidder, Becco Contractors, LLC, a construction contract for Houston Street Widening from Olive Avenue to Aspen Avenue (Project No. ST2029)**

Charlie Bright, Director of Engineering and Construction, presented Item 25-1514, the Houston Street widening project from Aspen Avenue to Olive Avenue, covering roughly one mile of arterial roadway. The project will expand the corridor to a five-lane section, complementing the recently awarded Houston Street project from 23rd Street to Old Highway 51, creating about 1.5 miles of new improvements on opposite sides of town. Staff emphasized the momentum from the 2018 General Obligation bond, noting several major projects nearing construction—such as County Line Road (Albany to Omaha), the Tucson and Aspen intersection, and Washington and Lynn Lane intersection upgrades.

For this project, bids were opened concurrently with the other Houston Street segment, and Becco Construction was the low bidder, offering strong, competitive pricing. Staff highlighted Becco's ongoing work on the adjacent Houston Street mile, explaining that it will likely continue seamlessly without demobilization, saving time and cost. The segment involves no complex intersection work or major closures, and staff recommended awarding the contract to Becco Construction.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Lisa Ford, seconded by Johnnie Parks  
**Move to Approve Item 25-1514**

The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye: 5 -**

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

**C. 25-1517 Consideration, discussion, and possible approval and authorization to accept the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) from Myers Cherry Construction, LLC, for the Broken Arrow Jail Expansion and Renovation (Project No. 203019), and approval of and authorization to execute FY 2026 Budget Amendment #9**

Shannon Marshall, Special Projects Division Manager, presented Item 25-1517, a contract amendment with Myers Cherry Construction for the Justice Center Jail renovation and expansion project, initially funded in the 2018 General Obligation Bond. The existing jail, part of the Justice Center, built in 2003, is being upgraded to expand capacity and modernize its outdated security and technology systems.

Myers Cherry was selected earlier in 2025 through a construction manager-at-risk process,

following pre-qualification and pre-construction service contracts. After working alongside the design team (NARATE) through 90% design completion, Myers Cherry submitted a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of \$4,512,299, with two proposed alternates: a complete roof replacement (\$356,785) and additional flooring (\$7,345). Including both, the total recommended award is \$4,876,429.

The GMP locks in a cost ceiling—if bids come in lower, savings revert to the city; if higher, the contractor absorbs the excess. Ms. Marshall also proposed a budget amendment (No. 9) to cover the roofing alternate. Construction bidding is expected within the next two weeks, and staff emphasized this project's importance for improving jail capacity, safety, and long-term facility maintenance.

Council discussion confirmed that the jail expansion will add 10 new beds, increasing capacity from 32 to 42 inmates. Ms. Marshall explained that the project also includes a major kitchen renovation—converting to a full commercial setup with ovens and stoves—and significant security upgrades. Council members verified that Police Chief Arnold supports the project and noted that this fulfills a named commitment in the 2018 bond package.

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

**Move to Approve Item 25-1517**

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**Aye: 5 -**

**D. 25-1535**

**Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of BAZ 002310 2025 (Rezoning), SWC Kenosha & Oneta, approximately 7.5 acres, CG (Commercial General) to CH (Commercial Heavy), located at the southwest corner of Kenosha Street (71st Street) and Oneta Road (241st E. Avenue)**

Rocky Henkel, Director of Community Development, presented Item 25-1535, BAZ 2310-2025, a request to rezone about 7.5 acres at the southwest corner of Kenosha Street and Oneta Road from CG (Commercial General) to CH (Commercial Heavy) to allow a proposed commercial development. The site will have access from Kenosha Street and Oneta Road, with no access permitted from 72nd Street to the south due to its residential character. The property's Comprehensive Plan designation was upgraded from Level 4 to Level 6 on October 7, 2025, which supports the heavier commercial zoning.

At its meeting on October 9, 2025, the Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval (4-0) in line with staff's recommendation, subject to platting. During public comment, one nearby resident raised concerns about drainage, screening, and lighting impacts. Staff continues to recommend approval of the rezoning, subject to the standard platting requirement.

When asked for clarification on the difference between Commercial General (CG) and Commercial Heavy (CH) zoning, Mr. Henkle explained that the distinction lies in the specific land uses each district allows, and that the applicant could better describe their intended use.

Council members followed up about a resident who raised drainage concerns, asking whether those issues had been addressed. Mr. Henkle said the resident was a city employee who submitted comments by email but did not attend the meeting, and the city had not yet received further feedback.

Council members noted flooding issues near the southwest corner of the site, and Mr. Henkle confirmed that the applicant has a preliminary plan to manage stormwater drainage for that area.

Applicant Mark Grubbs explained that the request to rezone from Commercial General (CG) to Commercial Heavy (CH) is primarily to reduce the frontage requirement from 200 feet to 100 feet, allowing for smaller retail parcels and greater flexibility in site layout. He emphasized that the change is not related to different land uses.

Mr. Grubbs acknowledged public concerns about drainage, lighting, and screening, stating that his team has reviewed them. He said drainage will be addressed in the site design, lighting will be shielded to protect nearby residences, and screening between commercial and residential areas will comply with city code requirements.

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

**Move to Approve Item 25-1535**

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**Aye: 5 -**

**E. 25-1536**

**Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of PUD 002428 2025 (Planned Unit Development) and BAZ 002425 2025 (Rezoning), Tower Corner, AG (Agricultural) to CG**

**(Commercial General)/PUD 002428 2025, 11.34 acres, located at the northeast corner of New Orleans Street (101st Street) and 9th Street (177th E. Avenue/Lynn Lane Road)**

Rocky Henkel, Director of Community Development, presented Item 25-1536, a request to rezone approximately 11.34 acres at the northeast corner of New Orleans Street and Lynn Lane to Commercial General (CG) with PUD 2428-2025 for a planned commercial development. The site is undeveloped and unplatte and designated Level 4 in the comprehensive plan, which supports the proposed zoning.

Under the PUD, Development Area A includes the existing water tower with access from Lynn Lane, and Development Area B is planned for future commercial uses. Development B will have a minimum lot frontage of 100 feet, and any drive onto Lynn Lane must be at least 300 feet from the arterial intersection.

At the October 9, 2025, Planning Commission meeting, the Commission added a requirement for gated access to Development Area A and voted 4-0 to recommend approval. One nearby resident raised questions about access points and the project's timeline. Staff recommends approval of the PUD and rezoning, as recommended by the Planning Commission.

Engineering and Construction Director Charlie Bright explained that the City of Broken Arrow owns the property and is both the applicant and builder for the proposed PUD and rezoning. While staff from Planning recommended approval, subject to the Planning Commission's condition requiring a gate on the Lynn Lane access, Mr. Bright asked the Council to remove that condition.

He explained that operationally, a gate would create problems for city crews—requiring staff to unlock two gates each time they access the water tower (one at the road and one at the tower fence)—and could force large vehicles or trailers to stop on Lynn Lane, posing a safety concern. Bright acknowledged residents' concerns about unwanted traffic near their property but emphasized that the drive only provides access to a city-owned facility and does not lead to any private development.

Mr. Bright concluded by noting that if the Council later decides it wants a gate, it can still add one, but including it in the PUD would permanently mandate it, limiting flexibility.

Council discussion centered on whether a gate should remain part of the PUD requirement. Members agreed with Mr. Bright's concerns about safety and access, noting that large vehicles entering the water tower site should not have to stop in the travel lanes on Lynn Lane. It was confirmed that the Planning Commission had unanimously required the gate, but that decision had been made without staff present to explain the operational issues.

It was suggested that instead of a gate, the city could install "Private Property – No Access" signage at the entrance to discourage public traffic while avoiding the logistical problems of a locked gate. The Council generally supported removing the gate requirement and replacing it with posted restrictions for clarity and safety.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Justin Green, seconded by David Pickel  
**Move to Approve Item 25-1536 with the amendment of not requiring a gate in the PUD**  
The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**F. 25-1551** **Consideration, discussion, and possible approval regarding BAZ 002231 2025 (Rezoning), 520 E Washington St, 2.42 acres, AG (Agricultural) to CN (Commercial Neighborhood), located on the northwest corner of Washington Street (91st Street) and 9th Street (Lynn Lane Road / 177th E Avenue)**

Rocky Henkel, Director of Community Development, presented Item 25-155, a rezoning request BAZ 2231-2025 seeks to change 2.42 acres at the northwest corner of Washington Street and Lynn Lane from Agricultural (AG) to Commercial Neighborhood (CN) for a planned commercial development with access from both adjoining roads. The property's Comprehensive Plan designation was updated from Level 3 to Level 4 on October 5, 2025, allowing support for neighborhood-scale commercial use.

At its October 9, 2025, meeting, the Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval in line with staff's recommendation, contingent on platting. Two residents expressed concern about traffic impacts and the possibility of bars, nightclubs, or dispensaries, but no objections were made to the zoning level itself. City staff and the Planning Commission both recommend approval of the rezoning request, subject to platting.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Lisa Ford, seconded by Johnnie Parks  
**Move to Approve Item 25-1551**  
The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye: 5 -**

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

**G. 25-1557**

**Consideration, discussion, and possible action of PT 002421 2025|PR 000629 2024, Conditional Final Plat, Oklahoma IOS Land Company, approximately 40.14 acres, 2 Lots, IL (Industrial Light)/PUD 001785 2024, located approximately one quarter mile west of 23rd Street (County Line Road) and north of Houston Street (81st Street)**

Rocky Henkel, Director of Community Development, presented Item 25-1557, PT 2421-2025, which concerns the conditional final plat for Oklahoma IOS Land Company, proposing two lots on 40.14 acres located about a quarter mile west of County Line Road and north of Houston Street. The site is zoned IL (Industrial Light) under PUD 1785-2024 and is currently in the platting process. The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) reviewed the plat on September 30, 2025, and the Planning Commission approved it on October 9, 2025.

However, since that approval, a significant modification has been proposed: the cul-de-sac initially included in the plat will be extended roughly 530 feet north, through an agreement between the adjoining property owners. Due to this significant change, Mr. Henkel requested that the item be tabled until the revised plat is updated, reviewed, and reapproved by the Planning Commission, before returning to Council for consideration.

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

**Move to Table Item 25-1557**

The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye: 5 -**

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

**H. 25-1564**

**Consideration, discussion, and possible approval regarding COMP 002424-2025 (Comprehensive Plan Change), Arrow Forge, 99.52 acres, Level 3, 6, and FD to Level 7, located on the south of Florence Street (111st Street) and ¼ mile east of Olive Ave (129th E Avenue)**

Rocky Henkel, Director of Community Development, presented Item 25-1564, a request to amend the comprehensive plan designation for approximately 99.52 acres located south of Florence Street and about a quarter mile east. The proposal changes the area from Levels 3, 4, and FD (Floodplain District) to Levels 7 and FD, to support the planned Arrow Forge Innovation District currently in the platting process.

The purpose of the amendment is to enable future zoning consistent with industrial and advanced employment uses, such as CH (Commercial Heavy), IL (Industrial Light), or IH (Industrial Heavy). The Arrow Forge Innovation District is envisioned to foster advanced manufacturing and technology employment, offering competitive wages, career development, and skills training to strengthen Broken Arrow's workforce and industry base.

The Planning Commission reviewed the request on September 23, 2025, and approved it 4-1 following staff's recommendation. No residents spoke during the hearing. Staff continues to recommend approval of Comp Plan 2424-2025 per the Planning Commission and staff recommendations.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by David Pickel, seconded by Johnnie Parks

**Move to Approve Item 25-1564**

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. 25-1553**

**Consideration, discussion, and possible adoption of Ordinance No. 3895 closing an easement from Oakmont Hills, LLC, on property located one quarter mile north of Florence Street (111th East Avenue), east of 9th Street (Lynn Lane), Tulsa County, State of Oklahoma, (Section 26, T18N, R14E), repealing all ordinances to the contrary; and declaring an emergency (EASE 001742 2024)**

Rocky Henkel, Director of Community Development, presented Item 25-1553, Oakmont Hills LLC requested closure of a 15-foot-wide easement on property located about one-quarter mile north of Florence Street and east of Lynn Lane, currently being platted as Oakmont Hills. Ordinance No. 3895, which formalizes the easement closure, was previewed by the City Council on October 21, 2025. Staff recommends adoption of Ordinance No. 3895, with approval of the emergency clause.

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

**Move to Approve Ordinance No. 3895**

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**B. 25-1554 Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of an emergency measure for Ordinance No. 3895; it being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, or welfare, an emergency is hereby declared to exist**

Rocky Henkel, Director of Community Development, presented Item 25-1554, an emergency measure for Ordinance No. 3895.

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

**Move to Approve an emergency measure for Ordinance No. 3895**

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**C. 25-1555 Consideration, discussion, and possible adoption of Ordinance No. 3896 closing an easement from Oakmont Hills, LLC, on property located north of Florence Street (111th East Avenue), east of 9th Street (Lynn Lane), Tulsa County, State of Oklahoma, (Section 26, T18N, R14E), repealing all ordinances to the contrary; and declaring an emergency (EASE 001743 2024)**

Rocky Henkel, Director of Community Development, presented Item 25-1555, for the same Oakmont Hills property, a request was made to close an additional 15-foot-wide easement. Staff recommends adoption of Ordinance No. 3896 and approval of the associated emergency clause.

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

**Move to Approve Ordinance No. 3896**

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**D. 25-1556 Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of an emergency measure for Ordinance No. 3896; it being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, or welfare, an emergency is hereby declared to exist**

Rocky Henkel, Director of Community Development, presented Item 25-1556, an emergency measure for Ordinance No. 3896.

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

**Move to Approve an emergency measure for Ordinance No. 3896**

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**

City council members highlighted upcoming and recent community events. They reminded everyone of Veterans Day celebrations, including a breakfast at 50's Diner, and announced the Christmas Kickoff on November 13 at 6:35 p.m., when the city's lights will officially turn on. Councilor Green and Councilor Pickel praised the Veterans Day parade and noted the strong turnout for the Spooktacular Halloween event, despite the weather. The Rotary Club handed out roughly 100 pounds of candy, and congratulations were extended to the Pride of Broken Arrow for earning its 23rd consecutive state marching band championship ahead of the national competition in Indianapolis. The meeting closed with recognition of Sergeant Scott Oelke on his recent promotion within the Broken Arrow Police Department.

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

City Manager Michael Spurgeon provided several updates. He highlighted the Christmas in Broken Arrow kickoff on November 13 at 6:35 p.m., noting a large expected turnout across the full length of Main Street. He thanked Erin Hoffner and the Tourism and Economic Development (TED) team for organizing the event, which will again feature Grady Nichols performing live, calling it a "Hallmark-esque" tradition that strengthens community connections.

He also praised the Veterans Day parade, organized by the Elks Lodge, for its growing participation and turnout, marking its sixth annual celebration. Spurgeon shared that the city employs about 110 veterans, including three reservists and nine National Guard members, making up roughly 12% of Broken Arrow's 900 full-time employees. To honor them, a slideshow featuring photos of nearly 90 employees in uniform will be displayed at City Hall.

City Manager Spurgeon then mentioned the release of the latest Thrive newsletter, an annual publication detailing how city tax dollars are collected and spent. He commended Aaron

McCulloch and his team for their production, noting that it will be distributed online and in print and shared with state and federal representatives.

He concluded by inviting Finance Director Cindy Arnold to the podium to announce the city's upgraded financial rating, emphasizing that it demonstrates Broken Arrow's fiscal strength and investment appeal.

Finance Director Cindy Arnold announced that Standard & Poor's has upgraded the City of Broken Arrow's credit rating from AA-negative to AA, reflecting stronger financial stability. She explained that while the city has primarily worked with Moody's for the past decade, S&P had previously rated some of the city's older bonds and recently re-engaged with staff for a full review. Following a detailed 90-minute discussion, S&P issued the upgrade.

Ms. Arnold added that continuing with S&P will save the city money moving forward, as S&P has already completed most of the review process and has requested only a few final clarifications before finalizing the re-rating. She said the same strong rating is expected to apply to the upcoming 2026 bond package, underscoring Broken Arrow's sound fiscal management and favorable investment position.

**14. Executive Session - NONE**

**15. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

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

**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