



City of Broken Arrow
Special Meeting Minutes
Broken Arrow Municipal Authority

City Hall
220 S 1st Street
Broken Arrow, OK
74012

Chairperson Debra Wimpee
Vice Chairman Johnnie Parks
Trustee Lisa Ford
Trustee Justin Green
Trustee David Pickel

Monday, July 14, 2025

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Debra Wimpee called the meeting to order at 8:13 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

3. Consideration of Consent Agenda

- A. 25-41 Approval of the Broken Arrow Municipal Authority Meeting Minutes of June 16, 2025
- B. 25-934 Acknowledgement of submittal of the Broken Arrow Municipal Authority's Solid Waste and Recycling Report for May 2025
- C. 25-973 Acknowledgement of submittal of the Broken Arrow Municipal Authority's Wastewater Discharge Monitoring Report for the month of May 2025
- D. 25-972 Acknowledgement of submittal of the Broken Arrow Municipal Authority's Water Supply Report for the month of May 2025
- E. 25-1028 Acknowledgement of submittal of the Regional Metropolitan Utility Authority (RMUA) Quarterly Report
- F. 25-1001 Acknowledgement of receipt of Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality(ODEQ) Permit No. WT000073250399 for construction of the Verdigris River Water Treatment Plant Raw Water Pump Station Improvements (Project No. 2454140)
- G. 25-927 Approval of and authorization to execute a renewal agreement with Addco Electric, Inc. for electrical services
- H. 25-983 Approval of and authorization to execute Amendment 1 to Agreement for Professional Consulting services with Black & Veatch, LLC for Solid Waste and Recycling Rate Study Report (Project No. 2251390)
- I. 25-982 Approval of and authorization to execute Amendment 4 to Agreement for Professional Consulting services with Black & Veatch, LLC for Water, Wastewater, and Stormwater Rate Study
- J. 25-974 Approval of and authorization to execute the Professional Services Agreement with RJN Group, INC. for 2025 2026 Permanent Flow Monitoring. Project Number 2654490
- K. 25-882 Approval of and authorization to renew agreement with Termax Pest Control for Pest Control Services for the various City-owned facilities
- L. 25-936 Notification of City Manager's and Assistant City Manager's execution of Professional Consultant Agreements and Amendments to an Agreement, as well as public Construction Contracts not subject to the Competitive Bid Act, with a Contract value of \$50,000.00 or less

- M. 25-1029 Approval of and authorization to execute Change Order No. 1 with Scissor Tail Construction LLC for the Broken Arrow Public Safety Complex Fire Department Annex Building Project (191711)**
- N. 25-1006 Ratification of the Claims List Check Register Dated July 07, 2025**

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

Move to approve the Consent Agenda

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

4. Consideration of Items Removed from Consent Agenda - NONE

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

- A. 25-873 Presentation regarding upcoming Smoke Testing in the Lynn Lane Waste Water Treatment Plant Subbasins LL30 and LL33**

Charlie Bright, Director of Engineering and Construction, provided a briefing to the governing body on an upcoming smoke testing initiative targeting the city's sanitary sewer system. The purpose of the smoke testing is to identify sources of inflow and infiltration—such as cracked pipes, faulty utility holes, and improper connections like roof drains—that contribute excess rainwater into the sewer system. This testing helps reduce the load on lift stations, which are already strained due to aging infrastructure.

The testing will take place in a new sub-basin area, primarily around County Line Road between Kenosha and Albany, including the area near the high school and eastward across County Line. The same contractor used in a successful past project will be hired again. In that previous effort, minor fixes, such as sealing utility holes and covering cleanouts, significantly reduced excess flow during rain events.

Bright showed visuals of the process and emphasized the importance of public communication, noting that smoke appearing from yards or roof vents may alarm residents. The fire department will be notified in advance, and Aaron McCulloch's communications team will lead a public outreach effort to inform the community and minimize confusion.

During the detailed presentation, Charlie Bright, Director of Engineering and Construction, explained the upcoming smoke testing project for the city's sanitary sewer system. The purpose of the testing is to identify cracks, faulty connections, or improper drainage tie-ins—such as roof drains or open cleanouts—that allow rainwater or groundwater to enter the sewer system. This added inflow burdens lift stations and increases treatment costs.

The testing works by blowing low-pressure, non-toxic smoke into sewer lines to visually detect where it escapes—such as from the ground, storm drains, or even inside homes—indicating leaks or illegal connections. While it's rare, smoke may appear inside homes if there's a faulty P-trap or dried-out floor drain, which also means sewer gases could be entering the house and should be addressed.

The project is expected to begin in late July and last three to four weeks, weather permitting, since dry ground is necessary for accurate results. The city plans robust public outreach, including door hangers, social media, and coordination with the fire department, to prevent confusion or alarm when smoke is observed.

Mr. Bright emphasized that while the smoke itself is harmless, its appearance is a valuable

diagnostic tool. Problems such as uncapped cleanouts or cracked lines allow rainwater to enter the system, and if widespread, this creates costly excess flow to treatment facilities. The project's funding is already accounted for in the city's utility rate structure under current design budgets. Future infrastructure improvements will be reflected in the capital budget. The Council praised the project as a proactive, cost-effective measure to maintain the city's infrastructure and reduce long-term costs.

6. General Authority Business - NONE

7. Remarks and Inquiries by Governing Body Members - NONE

8. Remarks and Updates by City Manager and Staff - NONE

9. Executive Session - NONE

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:23 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

Chairperson

Secretary