



City of Broken Arrow
Minutes
Broken Arrow Municipal Authority

City Hall
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74012

Chairperson Debra Wimpee
Vice Chair Johnnie Parks
Trustee Lisa Ford
Trustee Justin Green

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Wimpee called the meeting to order at approximately 7:44 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: 4 - Justin Green, Lisa Ford, Johnnie Parks, Debra Wimpee

3. Consideration of Consent Agenda

- A. 24-1610 Acknowledgement of submittal of the Broken Arrow Municipal Authority's Water Supply Report for the month of October 2024**
- B. 24-1611 Acknowledgement of submittal of the Broken Arrow Municipal Authority's Wastewater Discharge Monitoring Report for the month of October 2024**
- C. 24-1612 Acknowledgement of submittal of the Regional Metropolitan Utility Authority (RMUA) Quarterly Report**
- D. 24-1613 Ratification of the City Manager executed Professional Services contract with Crystal-Clean, LLC for emergency environmental cleaning services for the wet well at the Lynn Lane Water Reclamation Facility**
- E. 24-1614 Approval of and authorization to execute an Access Agreement with Oklahoma Ordnance Works Authority d/b/a MidAmerica Industrial Park for 3 Million Gallon Water Storage Tank**
- F. 24-1567 Acknowledgement of submittal of the Broken Arrow Municipal Authority's Solid Waste and Recycling Report for October 2024**
- G. 24-1602 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**
- H. 24-1594 Approval of and authorization to execute purchase of one (1) Genie GTH-1056 Telehandler from Warren CAT for the Utility Department**
- I. 24-1565 Award the lowest responsible bid to Cook Consulting, LLC, and approve and authorize execution of a construction contract for the BA Creek Trail Phase II Waterline Relocation Bore Segment (Project No. WL23040)**
- J. 24-1575 Ratification of the Claims List Check Register Dated November 22, 2024**

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

Move to approve the Consent Agenda

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - 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. 24-1618 **Presentation of update of the Lead and Copper Rule Improvements implementation and notification of service line materials notifications letter issuance**

Utilities Director Timothy Robins provided an update on the city's progress in implementing the EPA-mandated Lead and Copper Rule improvements. Over the past three years, the utilities team has developed a comprehensive plan to comply with the regulation, which required identifying and classifying all service line materials within the city. This included compiling a detailed spreadsheet, GPS mapping every meter, and submitting the information to the state by the October deadline.

The utilities team also launched a new webpage under the city's drinking water section, featuring an interactive GIS tool and educational resources about lead. The investigation confirmed no lead services or connections remain in the city's system.

Next steps include notifying residents about the material classifications of their service lines. Approximately 41 residents have already been informed about galvanized service lines requiring replacement, and over 31,000 letters will be sent to residents with unknown service line materials. These letters will include a QR code to access the new online resources easily. The communications team supports these efforts with a video and social media outreach to ensure public understanding and participation.

Vice Chair Johnnie Parks reflected on historical lead line issues in Broken Arrow, particularly in older homes near downtown, where lead was used in lines between the city connection and homes. He noted that lead solder was commonly used for copper piping until it was banned in the mid-1970s. Green highlighted that extensive testing was conducted to monitor lead levels during that time. He also explained that lead contamination is more prevalent in areas with highly acidic water, often in the northeastern United States, as the acidity can leach lead from pipes and solder into the water supply.

Utilities Director Timothy Robins further emphasized that Broken Arrow has historically maintained strong water safety measures and is now fully assured that all old lead lines have been removed. The city's relatively young infrastructure has been a significant advantage, developed primarily after lead-containing materials were phased out. Houses sampled for lead levels, typically older ones with lead solder used for copper pipes, have consistently shown no traceable lead amounts during testing, which has been ongoing since at least 2016. This consistent absence of lead underscores the city's strong position in ensuring safe drinking water and the effectiveness of its infrastructure management.

6. General Authority Business

A. 24-1566 **Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of award of the lowest responsible bid to Timber Wolf Excavating, LLC, and approve and authorize execution of a construction contract for the Oak Crest Addition Sanitary Sewer and Waterline Improvements (Project No. S.23070)**

Charlie Bright, Director of Engineering Construction, presented plans for rehabilitating the sanitary sewer and water lines in the Oak Crest Edition, located on the southern end of Main Street. The project mirrors the current work in Melinda Park, involving replacing water lines in front yards and minimally invasive pipe bursting techniques in backyards. A public meeting was held in the neighborhood to provide updates, though attendance was impacted

by its coinciding with the "Lights On" ceremony. Approximately 20 residents attended, asked questions and expressed satisfaction with the plans. After receiving four bids for the project, Timberwolf was recommended for the award.

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

Move to approve award to Timber Wolf Excavating, LLC, and approve and authorize execution of a construction contract for the Oak Crest Addition Sanitary Sewer and Waterline Improvements (Project No. S.23070)

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Justin Green, Lisa Ford, Johnnie Parks, Debra Wimpee

7. Remarks and Inquiries by Governing Body Members

City Manager Michael Spurgeon expressed gratitude for various departments' dedication and hard work during challenging weather conditions in November, highlighting efforts in utilities, streets, engineering, and construction, particularly the swift and professional work on Aspen Road. Despite equipment issues, he also acknowledged the solid waste team's commitment and emphasized the importance of supporting staff at the upcoming employee appreciation luncheon.

City Manager Michael Spurgeon announced that selecting a new Chief of Police is nearing completion, with an announcement expected soon. Additionally, he shared exciting infrastructure plans, revealing that the city will propose 13 to 16 street maintenance contracts worth up to \$17 million over the next year. These projects, funded by a street maintenance tax and the 2018 bond package, aim to improve roads in multiple neighborhoods and subdivisions. The city manager emphasized the importance of transparent communication about these investments to keep the public informed about how funds are being reinvested in the community.

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

9. Executive Session - NONE

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:58 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: 4 - Justin Green, Lisa Ford, Johnnie Parks, Debra Wimpee

Chairperson

Secretary