



City of Broken Arrow

Minutes of Special Meeting of Broken Arrow City Council

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

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

6:00 PM

**Union Eighth Grade Center
6501 S Garnett Road
Broken Arrow, OK 74012**

- 1. Call to Order** Mayor Wimpee called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 PM
- 2. Roll Call**

Present: 4- David Pickel, Lisa Ford, Johnnie Parks, Debra Wimpee

Absent: 1- Justin Green

- 3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag** Council Member Lisa Ford led the Pledge
- 4. Public Hearings, Appeals, Presentations, Recognitions, Awards**

A. 25-341 Presentation of a General Economic Development Update

Jennifer Rush, Director of Economic Development presented item 25-341 which included the Amphitheater project, Aspen Ridge Development, Arrow Forge Innovation District, Adam's Creek Town Center, and Tiger Crossing.

Norman Stephens, Assistant City Manager Administration, talked about the Hackberry Market, which will be on a TIF property on the Northeast corner of Tuscan and Aspen. Stephens said it will be a 33 Acre development, and it will bring restaurants, retail shops, and a lot more to that area.

B. 25-405 Presentation regarding updates on projects occurring in the community by the Engineering and Construction Department

Tim Wilson Director of Streets and Stormwater presented item 25-405. Every 5 years the city hires a third-party company to scan the streets and evaluate them on a scale called Pavement Condition Index (PCI) which gives the street a score from 0 being in a very poor condition to 100 being a newly paved street.

The city was able to replace bad concrete in Vandever East residential where it was rated 45 on the PCI scale, and after the replacement it was scored 85.

Wilson mentioned other areas where they replaced bad concrete such as Hidden Springs on South Elm, Brentwood. He also said there will be more Residential Rehabilitation Concrete included in the FFY2026, as well as future Residential Rehabilitation Asphalt which will be included in the FFY2026.

Charlie Bright Director of Engineering and Construction, talked about having over 100 street projects for widening, repairs, and rehabilitations within the next 2 years. He also talked about potholes, and they are fixed according to a comparison between the data the city has and what is actually on the field, and they start from the lowest scored streets to highest.

Vice Mayor Parks commented on Engineering Construction's effort for keeping every road open while still working on fixing them.

C. 25-414 Presentation of new utility billing and customer portal software named VXSmart by VertronixOne and discussion of its implementation

Tim Robins Utilities Director presented Item 25-414, The City of Broken Arrow is launching a new VXSmart customer utility portal on May 5, which will replace the current payment system and offer real-time access to water usage data, bill payments, leak detection, and consumption analytics. This initiative follows the installation of 42,000 smart meters across the city, enhancing water conservation and cost savings. The new platform allows users to track water usage, compare it to average consumption, and receive leak alerts. The city is rolling out a public awareness campaign, including tutorials and a FAQ section, to help residents transition. The system is expected to save money by detecting unnoticed leaks and improve transparency.

5. 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)

Citizen Terry Sniley asked what determines if the streets are concrete or asphalt, Charlie Bright Director of Engineering and Construction said if it's residential, the decision goes back to the developer, but if it's a road, the decision will be made based on a Cost Benefit Analysis.

Ms. Sniley made a comment about being happy to be back living in Broken Arrow after being away for years, she was very happy with the customer service provided by the city staff. She also mentioned an issue with trash that was in her neighborhood, she called the city to remove the trash, and a few weeks later there were people cleaning that area. She was happy with how quickly city staff responded to her complaint.

Council Member Lisa Ford mentioned the Trash Bash event in April, and mentioned Adopt a Mile Program, where citizens are responsible for their own cleanups, a minimum of four times a year of their right-of-way, park or trail and reporting cleanup dates.

City Manager Michael Spurgeon acknowledged the trash issue and said that he is trying to hire more staff for Streets, and said that keeping our streets clean is a teamwork.

Citizen Vanessa Torluemke asked if the City of Broken Arrow will build any homeless shelters, Mayor Wimpee said that our focus is to work with organizations that has the base and resources needed, which is why we refer them to Tulsa County.

6. Remarks and Inquiries by Governing Body Members

Mayor Wimpee mentioned the Café con el jefe (coffee with the chief) in Supermercados Morelos at 9-12 on March 29.

Council members thanked everyone who came to the meeting.

Council Member Ford asked the citizens to check the Park Survey on our website and assured that their opinion makes a difference.

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

Mr. Spurgeon encouraged people to come back to the quarterly meet and greet meetings, and everyone for coming to the meeting.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:00 PM

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

Move to adjourn

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 -

David Pickel, Lisa Ford, Johnnie Parks, Debra Wimpee

Mayor

City Clerk