



City of Broken Arrow

Minutes City Council Meeting

City Hall
220 S 1st Street
Broken Arrow OK
74012

Mayor Debra Wimpee
Vice Mayor Christi Gillespie
Council Member Johnnie Parks
Council Member Lisa Ford
Council Member Justin Green

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

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 Rich Manganaro performed the invocation.

3. Roll Call

Present: 5 - Justin Green, Lisa Ford, Johnnie Parks, Christi Gillespie, Debra Wimpee

4. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Boy Scout Troop 151 led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

5. Consideration of Consent Agenda

Mayor Wimpee indicated Item I would be removed for discussion. She asked if there were any other Items to be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Vice Mayor Gillespie asked for Item R to be removed for discussion.

MOTION: A motion was made by Christi Gillespie, seconded by Lisa Ford.

Move to approve the Consent Agenda less Items I and R

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Justin Green, Lisa Ford, Johnnie Parks, Christi Gillespie, Debra Wimpee

- A. 24-449 Acknowledgement of upcoming out-of-state travel by City Council members
- B. 24-72 Approval of the City Council Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2024
- C. 24-454 Acceptance of Planning Commission meeting minutes of February 22, 2024
- D. 24-390 Acknowledgement of submittal of the Financial Statements for General Fund, Police and Fire Funds and Visit BA for February 2024
- E. 24-423 Approval of and authorization to execute Resolution No. 1566, a Resolution of the Broken Arrow City Council amending the Fiscal Year 2024 Manual of Fees, establishing fees charged by the City of Broken Arrow; authorizing the periodic adjustment and waiver of fees by the City Manager; providing an effective date of April 2, 2024
- F. 24-421 Approval of and authorization to declare certain City owned vehicles and equipment as surplus and authorize the sale of those items at an online public auction
- G. 24-452 Approval of and authorization to execute a First Amendment to Purchase and Sales Agreement
- H. 24-409 Approval of and authorization to execute an engagement letter with Crawford & Associates for fiscal year 2024-2025
- I. 24-436 Approval of and authorization to execute an Interlocal Agreement between the County of Tulsa, Oklahoma and the City of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma concerning County Road and Bridge Maintenance and Repair
- J. 24-418 Approval of and authorization to renew a non-exclusive licensing agreement for The Rose District merchandise with DS Concepts, LLC
- K. 24-448 Approval of and authorization to execute an order agreement for Copier Services with JD Young
- L. 24-427 Approval of and authorization to execute a Third Amendment for a five year extension on Lease Agreement at Tiger Hill with New Cingular Wireless PCS LLC
- M. 24-455 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 less than \$50,000
- N. 24-366 Approval of and authorization to award to the lowest responsible bid to Tri-Star Construction, LLC for a construction contract for Iola Street Rehabilitation from Elm Place to N. 1st Street (ST24010)
- O. 24-432 Approval of and authorization to purchase a third year subscription to KnowBe4 cyber

- P. 24-381 security PhishER and Security Awareness Training
Notification of the City Manager’s execution of change order to RFA 24-181 with United Data Technologies
- Q. 24-431 Approval of and authorization to renew subscription to SolarWinds Web-Service Desk
- R. 24-453 Approval of SP-001322-2024 (Specific Use Permit), Events Center, 0.08 acres, DM (Downtown Mixed-Use), one-half mile south of Kenosha Street (71st Street), one-half mile east of Elm Place (161st East Avenue)
- S. 24-320 Acceptance of a Utility Easement from Randall K Grounds, the owner, on property located at 11606 E 64th Street, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma 74012, located in the Northwest Quarter of the Section 5, Township 18 North, Range 14 East, Tulsa County, State of Oklahoma. Parcel 11.0 for the Melinda Park Sanitary Sewer Improvements. Project No. S.23030
- T. 24-319 Acceptance of a Utility Easement from the Leslie F & Patricia G Heisterberg Family Trust, the owners, on property located at 11518 E 64th Street, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma 74012, located in the Northwest Quarter of the Section 5, Township 18 North, Range 14 East, Tulsa County, State of Oklahoma. Parcel 7.0 for the Melinda Park Sanitary Sewer Improvements. Project No. S.23030
- U. 24-424 Acceptance of a Utility Easement consisting of 0.10 acres and 0.08 acres of Temporary Construction Easement from the W. O. Smith Trust, on property located at the Northwest corner of New Orleans and 23rd Street (193rd East Avenue), located in the Southeast Quarter of Section 24, Township 18 North, Range 14 East, Tulsa County, State of Oklahoma, for the County Line Trunk Sewer Replacement, Parcel 33.0, 33.1 (Project No. 2154250)
- V. 24-437 Ratification of the Claims List Check Register Dated March 25, 2024

6. Consideration of Items Removed from Consent Agenda

Mayor Wimpee read Item I: “Approval of and authorization to execute an Interlocal Agreement between the County of Tulsa, Oklahoma and the City of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma concerning County Road and Bridge Maintenance and Repair.”

Community Development Director Rocky Henkel reported this was the first rendition of an interlocal agreement with Tulsa County. He noted Broken Arrow currently had an interlocal agreement with Wagoner County which was renewed annually. He explained the agreement allowed the two entities to use each other’s resources to help out in an emergency, whether it was to plow border streets, fill potholes, etc.

MOTION: A motion was made by Christi Gillespie, seconded by Justin Green.

Move to approve the Consent Agenda Item I

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Justin Green, Lisa Ford, Johnnie Parks, Christi Gillespie, Debra Wimpee

Mayor Wimpee read Item R: “Approval of SP-001322-2024 (Specific Use Permit), Events Center, 0.08 acres, DM (Downtown Mixed Use), one half mile south of Kenosha Street (71st Street), one half mile east of Elm Place (161st East Avenue).”

Vice Mayor Gillespie recused herself for the duration of Item R.

Planning and Development Manager Amanda Yamaguchi reported SP-001322-2024 was a request for a Specific Use Permit for an indoor play facility to be placed in a Downtown Mixed-Use zoning district. She stated the applicant was proposing to develop the site as an indoor play facility where children could interact with different play scenarios such as a dental office, grocery store or other business. She stated this use was not specified in the Table of Allowed Uses in the Zoning Ordinance but was most similar to a general indoor recreation facility. She stated this use required a specific use permit in the DM zoning district. She reported SP-001322-2024 was reviewed by the Planning Commission on March 14, 2024; no one signed up to speak in favor or in opposition to the request. She reported in the meeting, she stated the business was also intended to include short-term daycare, for example, during Parent’s Night Out events. She explained the daycare use was permissible with this specific use permit; however, building and fire codes would need to be addressed separately. She stated after reviewing the information presented in the Staff report and by the applicant, the Planning Commission recommended approval (5-0) of SP-001322-2024 per Staff recommendation with the additional approval of a daycare use.

Council Member Parks noted this facility was the teen hangout when he was in high school, hosting dances and such, and it was nice to see the facility carry on.

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

Move to approve the Consent Agenda Item R

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Justin Green, Lisa Ford, Johnnie Parks, Debra Wimpee
Recused: 1 - Christi Gillespie

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

- A. 24-301 Presentation of Service Award Pin to Vice Mayor Christi Gillespie**
Mayor Wimpee presented Vice Mayor Gillespie with a Certificate of Recognition for five years of service and a Service Award Pin. Commemorative photos were taken.

- B. 24-463 Recognition of Paccar Winch 100th Year Anniversary**
Mayor Wimpee presented a representative of Paccar Winch with a Certificate of Recognition. Commemorative photos were taken.

Mayor Wimpee stated there were several events planned to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Paccar Winch with the City of Broken Arrow. She stated the celebratory events could be found on the Paccar Winch Facebook page. She thanked Paccar Winch for choosing to remain in Broken Arrow and invest in the Community year after year.

Paccar Winch thanked the City of Broken Arrow for its support over the years.

- C. 24-242 Presentation of an annual report by representatives of Cox Communications, a cable service provider with a Non-Exclusive Franchise with the City of Broken Arrow, and regarding the services provided by Cox and operation of cable system**
Conner Carroll, a representative of Cox Communications, began with a brief history of the Cox Company. He listed a few companies owned by Cox Communications. He stated Cox Communications provided gig service to residents and a variety of business services to Broken Arrow businesses. He stated Cox Communications was in 18 States across the U.S. He reported Cox would invest \$16 billion dollars over the next ten years into the Cox network, keeping the services Cox provided up to date and reliable. He stated Cox was future proofing in preparation for providing 10 gig service. He discussed the Cox commitment to broadband expansion and its partnership with the State of Oklahoma in this regard. He discussed the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) created under the American Rescue Plan intended to address affordability of internet services for qualifying individuals. He explained this Program would end in May 2024 as Congress did not plan to extend the Program. He stated approximately 10% of Broken Arrow residents were subscribed through Cox Services under the Affordable Connectivity Program; however, Cox was committed to digital equity and affordability and had a plan to continue to offer these services with Connect to Compete, a \$9.95 per month plan for low income households with a K-12 student, as well as Connect Assist, a \$30 per month plan, for low income households without a K-12 student in the home. He indicated Cox was reaching out to the customers who previously had ACP and informing those customers about the options for the future. He announced Cox recently launched Cox Mobile which utilized the Verizon Network and provided another tool for those leaving the ACP benefit. He stated any Cox internet customer should look at Cox Mobile because it could significantly reduce future internet and cell phone bills. He reiterated Cox was committed to Broken Arrow, it was a family owned company, privately held. He stated the Cox family prioritized its customers, employees, and the communities it served. He stated Cox had a charities program which provided grants to nonprofits and teachers up to a grand total of \$1.5 million dollars. He noted Cox contributed \$25,000 dollars to the Broken Arrow Performing Arts Center and was strongly committed to economic development as well and wanted to partner with the City of Broken Arrow for the Innovation District and other areas as well. He noted \$86,000 dollars were specifically dedicated to Broken Arrow public school teachers to support classroom needs. He stated Cox was excited to serve and partner with Broken Arrow.

- D. 23-1445 Presentation of post-event update for the 2023 ScotFest festival**
Mr. Brent Brassfield introduced Chris Morrison, the Deputy Director of ScotFest.

Mr. Chris Morrison reported 2023 was a fantastic year for ScotFest. He noted there were challenges of course. He indicated attendance was down slightly, but this was anticipated due to there being no "A" lister this year, and due to cost of living increases. He stated only 25 percent of the 41,000 attendees were from the City of Broken Arrow, which in some regards was disappointing, but in other regards was exciting because it meant given the size of the City of Broken Arrow there was a huge opportunity to continue to grow the festival. He stated quite a few attendees came in from out of state and from out of country. He reported financially ScotFest lost money this year, partly due to the ScotFest investment in infrastructure, picnic tables and shuttle services. He noted ScotFest 2023 brought in an increased number of hotel room rentals; however, there was a slight challenge with Broken Arrow hotels due to the lack of Broken Arrow hotel facilities such as restaurants and bars, and lack of hotel shuttles. He reported ScotFest 2024 would be moved from the Events Park to Central Park in line with the amphitheater buildout. He thanked the City Manager and others who helped find this new location for this year. He stated he felt Central Park would be a pretty good location for ScotFest this year. He noted there were more trees in Central Park which would help with shade, and it was a better location from the perspective of people knowing where Central Park was located, and he hoped there would be an increase of Broken Arrow attendees as a result. He stated he believed there were many benefits to this new

location, but there were also concerns. He noted two things could kill an event, one was moving location, and one was changing the date. He stated when the press release went out today about the new location, the biggest concern of the public was parking. He noted the Rose District would not be able to accommodate parking for this event, so he was looking at possible parking solutions; however, perception was reality and if people believed there would not be any parking and it would be too complicated to attend, then they would not attend. He stated it was important to get the message out that this was an excellent location and there would be parking available. He stated also, unfortunately, not being able to drill into the concrete at Central Park was a problem because it prohibited the use of the big tent. He stated not being able to put up the big tent would cause problems if there was rain or excessive heat. He indicated he was searching for a solution to this problem, which could be the use of multiple tents, but then there were fire considerations and such. He displayed a map and discussed the planned layout of the 2024 ScotFest. He thanked City Council and the City of Broken Arrow for their support.

Vice Mayor Gillespie asked about the date of ScotFest.

Mr. Morrison responded it would be September 13 through September 15, 2024.

Mayor Wimpee stated it was important for ScotFest to continue with the City of Broken Arrow and she was happy a solution was found for this year.

Mr. Morrison agreed. He said potentially this location would have many benefits as it was well known and centrally located, and many did not like driving out to the Events Park. He noted there were noise concerns, and he would work to mitigate the concerns, but any event in this location would generate noise.

Mayor Wimpee noted Rooster Days was in this Central Park with multiple loud concerts for several days.

Vice Mayor Gillespie noted it might even be more cost effective for those who lived close to Central Park to Uber to ScotFest.

Mr. Morrison noted for the past few years ScotFest charged a small fee for parking, but this year it was unlikely there would be a parking fee; however, not charging for parking put a hole in the budget and this would need to be balanced out.

Council Member Parks noted he saw ScotFest on the news today.

Mr. Morrison agreed and noted it would also be on tonight's news as well at 10:30 p.m. on Channel 6.

Mayor Wimpee asked if the large green space could work for the large tent.

Mr. Morrison responded in the negative; it would not work because it was not flat. He stated if ScotFest could gain permission to drill into the concrete, he would of course fill the concrete after the festival. He stated he understood the concerns about damaging the concrete.

City Manager Michael Spurgeon thanked Mr. Morrison and ScotFest. He stated Broken Arrow wanted ScotFest to make Broken Arrow its permanent home. He noted there were challenges whenever an event changed venues and he had the Special Events Team working on the parking problem. He stated it was important for the City to assist ScotFest with this transition.

Assistant City Manager over Operations Kenny Schwab reported the City would continue to work with Mr. Morrison and ScotFest to see if there was any way to get the large tent put up. He noted Engineering was concerned about what drilling into the concrete would do to the pavement, but he would work with Mr. Morrison and his team to find a solution.

E. 24-169 Presentation and annual programming update by ArtsOK

Community Relations Manager Lori Hill introduced Melinda Clonts, Jennifer Deal and Caleb Ricketts with ArtsOK.

Ms. Melinda Clonts thanked City Council and the City of Broken Arrow for its support.

Ms. Jennifer Deal indicated the City Council was distributed an information packet containing the ArtsOK numbers.

Mr. Caleb Ricketts, ArtsOK Program Director, reported Arts@302 offered multiweek courses and one time classes. He stated since May 2022 ArtsOK offered 273 separate classes including over 2,000 students. He reported close to \$15,000 dollars in full tuition

scholarships were granted to 201 children from age pre-K up to high school for those classes. He noted the clay classes made up approximately 70 percent of classes each block and those clay classes were at 85 percent capacity each semester. He stated the only classes which did not fill were those during normal working hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. He discussed the children's art camps offered during summer and spring breaks. He noted since opening 11 camps had been held with 273 campers. He indicated ArtsOK was on track to sell out all four summer camps this upcoming summer. He stated the 302 Children's Choir was his project; as a musician he wanted to create a community choir available to all children, not only those in the Broken Arrow Public School System. He stated there were approximately 24 kids in the Choir. He discussed the Mini Art Explorers program for preschoolers. He discussed Date Night Wheel Throwing, a two hour couples clay class. He noted these classes sold out quickly. He thanked City Council and the City of Broken Arrow for their support.

Ms. Jennifer Deal stated in April she, Ms. Clonts and Council Member Green would be discussing Phase 2 for the ArtsOK building, specifically she hoped to double the size of the clay studio because there was such a demand for clay studio classes. She discussed the Big Ideas Studio, a program for special needs adults. She discussed the Kristin Chenoweth Artists of Promise Program, the first program offered by ArtsOK, which was very successful, a program where children could be safe, accepted and loved. She discussed the Gallery, which was phenomenal with 18 different shows and amazing artists on display. She stated over 600 local artists have come through the gallery. She indicated Thursday night would be the Gallery opening of the Green Country Watercolor Society. She discussed other upcoming art shows. She noted the ArtsOK gift shop was turned into an artist co-op, with a group of 14 artists selling wares in the gift shop. She stated ArtsOK was set up at Rooster Days, the Christmas event in New Orleans Square, and would set up at BounceBA. She stated if there were any events the City or City Council wished ArtsOK to be involved in, ArtsOK would gladly participate. She noted there was an open studio event the second Saturday of every month where individuals or families could attend and make art together.

Vice Mayor Gillespie stated she loved Ms. Deal's, and ArtsOK's passion for the arts.

Council Member Green agreed. He stated he was thrilled to be on the ArtsOK Board.

Ms. Deal thanked City Council and the City for its support. She announced Mimosas on Main, a fundraising event for ArtsOK, would be Jul 13, 2024.

Ms. Clonts encouraged all to spread the word about the programs and scholarships available at ArtsOK.

City Manager Spurgeon thanked Ms. Clonts and ArtsOK. He stated he would be meeting with ArtsOK to discuss Phase 2, during the week of April 27th. He commended ArtsOK for its support of the community.

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)

Mayor Wimpee indicated no Citizens signed up to speak.

9. General Council Business

A. 24-425 Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of and authorization to execute Resolution No. 1567, a Resolution of the Broken Arrow City Council authorizing a joint application for the opioid abatement grant between the City of Broken Arrow and the Broken Arrow Public Schools

Police Chief Brandon Berryhill reported the State of Oklahoma sued opioid manufactures and distributors for their role in the opioid crisis and subsequently received settlement funds. He stated the Oklahoma Opioid Abatement Board oversaw distribution of settlement funds. He stated the City of Broken Arrow and Broken Arrow Public Schools intended to submit a joint application aimed to mitigate some of the opioid crisis. He stated this Resolution authorized the City to file a joint Oklahoma Opioid Abatement Award Application between the City of Broken Arrow and Broken Arrow Public Schools which would assist in providing education to students in Broken Arrow of the dangers of Opioids, the Opioid Forums with the Broken Arrow Public Schools would provide education to the parents and community on the dangers of opioids and open a line of communication between students, the community, and police department, and the Narcotics Analyzers would keep Broken Arrow police officers safer.

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

Move to approve and authorize execution of Resolution No. 1567

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Justin Green, Lisa Ford, Johnnie Parks, Christi Gillespie, Debra Wimpee

B. 24-365 Consideration, discussion, and possible award of the lowest responsible bid to R&L Construction, LLC and approve the execution of a construction contract for the Wolf Creek Drainage Improvements project (2453170)

Stormwater Division Manager Pat Wilson reported the Wolf Creek Drainage Improvements project would replace a 60 inch storm sewer which ran on Boston and on Beech, south of Washington and west of Aspen. He stated this storm sewer was originally installed in the 1970s and the existing pipe had issues and failings. He noted Beech Avenue was currently closed and since the road closure, multiple residents expressed frustration with the closure. He stated he has spoken with the HOA and offered to attend HOA meetings and make presentations, and he believed this would happen in the future. He stated for this project both Boston and Beech would need to be closed. He stated the contract duration was 90 days, and the roads would reopen before school restarted at the end of the summer. He stated Staff recommended award of the lowest responsible bid to R&L construction.

Mayor Wimpee asked if there was any concern regarding the vast difference between the bid submitted by R&L and the other submissions.

Mr. Wilson responded in the negative; the bid appeared to be in line with the estimated costs.

Council Member Parks asked if the residents would have an alternate route available.

Mr. Wilson responded in the affirmative. He explained the alternate route and alternate access points.

Council Member Green asked about the projected start date.

Mr. Wilson responded the project would start approximately 35 days after approval.

City Manager Spurgeon stated he would like the HOA to be provided periodic updates regarding the construction.

Mr. Wilson indicated he would provide the HOA with updates.

Mr. Schwab asked for video progress of the construction to also be taken and provided. He noted Wolf Creek was a large subdivision and Boston was a main street through the subdivision. He indicated it was important to keep the Wolf Creek HOA updated routinely.

Council Member Parks noted this was an important project as integrity of the street would be lost without it.

City Manager Spurgeon commended Mr. Wilson for his efforts.

MOTION: A motion was made by Johnnie Parks, seconded by Christi Gillespie.

Move to award the lowest responsible bid to R&L Construction, LLC and approve the execution of a construction contract for the Wolf Creek Drainage Improvements project (2453170)

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Justin Green, Lisa Ford, Johnnie Parks, Christi Gillespie, Debra Wimpee

C. 24-392 Consideration, discussion and possible approval of and authorization to execute construction contract with Schneider Electric for upgrades to the Broken Arrow Historical Museum and Rose District electrical infrastructure and signage and approve and authorize execution of Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Amendment Number 27

Maintenance Services Director Ryan Baze stated this was for a contract with Schneider Electric to complete three projects. He indicated one of the project: the History Museum HVAC unit replacements with a building automation system to monitor and control the units; History Museum HVAC replacement for the first floor lobby with a 12 inch ceiling drop and duct work relocation to improve the air flow; and there were 7 electrical panels in the Rose District which would be connected to an automation system to enable the City to remotely access the panels and coordinate the panels to function as a single unit.

Mayor Wimpee asked if this would improve the ability to use multiple plugs at the same time on the electrical panels.

Mr. Baze responded this project would not increase the amp draw, no breakers would be changed out.

Mayor Wimpee asked if the electrical outlets in the light poles would be repaired or replaced.

Mr. Baze responded potentially this could be added to the project. He noted once or twice a year these outlets were tested and replaced if needed.

Council Member Ford stated she would love to see these outlets fixed for use during events.

Mr. Baze stated he believed this could be done without difficulty. He stated this project also

included some updates and improvements to the Rose District signage adding color changing lights and new lettering and new software to access and program the lights. He displayed a slide illustrating the signage which would be improved.

City Manager Spurgeon discussed the importance of this project. He asked for approval.

Council Member Parks agreed this project was important, especially for the History Museum.

Vice Mayor Gillespie asked where the ceiling would be lowered in the History Museum.

Mr. Baze discussed the area where the ceiling would be lowered in the History Museum. He stated he did not believe the lowered ceiling would be noticeable, but the improvement in the temperature would be noticeable.

MOTION: A motion was made by Christi Gillespie, seconded by Lisa Ford.

Move to approve and authorize execution of a construction contract with Schneider Electric for upgrades to the Broken Arrow Historical Museum and Rose District electrical infrastructure and signage and approve and authorize execution of Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Amendment Number 27

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Justin Green, Lisa Ford, Johnnie Parks, Christi Gillespie, Debra Wimpee

D. 24-375 Consideration, discussion and possible approval of five (5) lay members as appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council to fill the expired terms of lay members on the Judicial Nominating Committee

City Attorney Trevor Dennis reported the current municipal judge, Judge Edgar, after 23 years of service decided to retire June 30, 2024. He stated, as such, the City needed to reconstitute the Judicial Nominating Committee to provide recommendations to the Mayor who would then appoint the judge and alternate. He listed the lay member nominees for the Judicial Nominating Committee.

MOTION: A motion was made by Christi Gillespie, seconded by Johnnie Parks.

Move to approve five (5) lay members as appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council to fill the expired terms of lay members on the Judicial Nominating Committee

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Justin Green, Lisa Ford, Johnnie Parks, Christi Gillespie, Debra Wimpee

E. 24-376 Consideration, discussion and possible action for the Mayor to appoint four (4) attorneys to fill expired terms as attorney members on the City of Broken Arrow Judicial Nominating Committee and possible action by the City Council to confirm the appointments

City Attorney Dennis this Item was to appoint the attorney members to the Judicial Nominating Committee. He listed the attorney member nominees.

Mayor Wimpee stated she thought Joy Thorp would be on this list. She stated she submitted Ms. Thorp to replace Steen.

City Attorney Dennis apologized for the miscommunication. He asked Mayor Wimpee to verbally list the four individuals she wished to appoint to serve as the attorney members of the Committee. He stated Mayor Wimpee had the right to make the appointments.

Discussion ensued regarding who should be appointed and the process of appointment or reappointment.

Vice Mayor Gillespie indicated her nominee would not be disappointed if he were not chosen to serve.

Mayor Wimpee indicated her nomination also would be understanding.

City Attorney Dennis stated this would be a reappointment for Mark Harper, Robert Stubblefield, and Stephen Gray. He noted there was one opening.

Mayor Wimpee asked Joy Thorp to be appointed to the opening.

MOTION: A motion was made by Johnnie Parks, seconded by Christi Gillespie.

Move to confirm the appointment of Mark Harper, Robert Stubblefield, Stephen Gray and Joy Thorp as attorney members on the City of Broken Arrow Judicial Nominating Committee

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Justin Green, Lisa Ford, Johnnie Parks, Christi Gillespie, Debra Wimpee

F. 24-462 Consideration, discussion and possible approval of Resolution No. 1568 authorizing the City Attorney to enter into a Final Journal Entry of Judgment in BC Land Holding Company, LLC vs. The City Of Broken Arrow et. al., Tulsa County District Court, Case Number: CV-2024-194, authorizing foreclosure of a temporary drainage easement and a temporary turn-around easement situated on property located one-quarter mile south of Dearborn Street (East 41st Street) and one-quarter mile east of Aspen Avenue (145 East Avenue), Tulsa County, State of Oklahoma (Section 27, T19N, R14E)
City Attorney Dennis reported in September 2023 the City closed a temporary construction easement and a turnaround one-quarter mile east of Aspen and one-quarter mile south of Dearborn Street. He noted the City no longer needed this temporary easement and the landowner was seeking to vacate the easement. He recommended approval.

MOTION: A motion was made by Christi Gillespie, seconded by Justin Green.

Move to approve Resolution No. 1568

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Justin Green, Lisa Ford, Johnnie Parks, Christi Gillespie, Debra Wimpee

10. Preview Ordinances

There were no Preview Ordinances.

11. Ordinances

There were no Ordinances.

12. Remarks and Inquiries by Governing Body Members

Council Member Parks commended Vice Mayor Gillespie for her five year service pin. He noted the first four years of service on City Council were the most difficult. He stated he appreciated Vice Mayor Gillespie and her tenacity.

Council Member Ford stated yesterday she attended a groundbreaking for Regent Bank. She stated Regent Bank was so excited to have a flagship branch in Broken Arrow. She stated it was an excellent groundbreaking event. She welcomed Regent Bank to the City of Broken Arrow.

Vice Mayor Gillespie noted her daughter owned the new indoor play facility on Main Street. She discussed the indoor place facility. She stated she was very proud of her daughter.

Mayor Wimpee thanked everyone who attended ShamRock the Rose which had an estimated attendance of 19,000 people in five hours. She stated the City granted two wishes to veterans, one to a 92-year-old who had been without running water for three and a half years, and it was wonderful to be able to make this kind of a difference in a veteran's life.

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

City Manager Spurgeon thanked City Council for supporting the various City organizations. He reported the New Orleans Square Block Party would be a two night affair with fireworks both evenings. He stated last week he worked with Brian Dean to coordinate a Thursday night event with an emerging country star named Drake Milligan. He stated he expected 3,000 to 5,000 people to attend Thursday evening, and he believed over 50,000 people would attend the event over the weekend. He reported the TED Team would work with the hotel to promote this and utilize the uber program in place to get a free ride into the Rose District or New Orleans Square. He stated ultimately, he wished to have two different bands playing in different parts of New Orleans Square during the event, with food trucks throughout. He stated this event grew every year. He stated the New Orleans Square Advisory Committee would meet later this month with a focus on reviewing the zoning overlay and to consider New Orleans Square improvements which could be presented with the bond package.

City Manager Spurgeon stated he was in the process of securing a new van for the Senior Center. He stated he felt this was important to support the seniors. He indicated the Farmer's Market would kick off on Saturday and would run through October, and the following Tuesday, the Tuesday Evening Market would begin. He reported the Farmer's Market now had about 50 vendors which was amazing. He reported the City Hall Initiative Committee would begin meeting in the next month or so and the intention was to make a recommendation by the end of the year. He indicated Jennifer Rush and Charlie Bright were presenting at the ABC Meeting this evening. He congratulated the recent COBA U graduates and indicated he would organize a reception for City Council to meet the graduates. He noted applicants for leadership positions in Broken Arrow were required to graduate from COBA U. He stated he was excited to share the new class with City Council.

City Manager Spurgeon announced Rocky Henkel was chosen as the new Community Development Director. He stated Mr. Henkel came to work for the City of Broken Arrow six years ago. He discussed Mr. Henkel's qualifications and characteristics which made him the best candidate for the job. He commended and congratulated Mr. Henkel. He noted Tim

Wilson would serve as Acting Streets and Stormwater Director. He commended and thanked Mr. Wilson.

14. Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

15. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:56 p.m.

MOTION: A motion was made by Christi Gillespie, seconded by Lisa Ford.

Move to adjourn

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Justin Green, Lisa Ford, Johnnie Parks, Christi Gillespie, Debra Wimpee

Mayor

City Clerk