

## **City of Broken Arrow**

City Hall 220 S 1st Street Broken Arrow OK 74012

# Minutes Broken Arrow Municipal Authority

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

Monday, November 17, 2025

**Council Chambers** 

#### 1. Call to Order

Chairperson Debra Wimpee called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

#### 2. Roll Call

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

#### 3. Consideration of Consent Agenda

- A. 25-49 Approval of the Broken Arrow Municipal Authority Meeting Minutes of November 04, 2025
- B. 25-1611 Approval of and authorization to execute the Services Agreement with Korterra Services for Line Locate Ticket Software
- C. 25-1578 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
- D. 25-1594 Acknowledgement of receipt of Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) Permit No. WT000073250845 for construction of the Verdigris River Water Treatment Plant On-Site Hypochlorite Generation System Brine Tank (Project No. 2154350)
- E. 25-1576 Approval of and authorization to rescind the purchase and installation of (15) HVAC Replacement units and (1) mini split system for the City of Broken Arrow Operations Office Building, from Trane Company pursuant to the OMNIA Partners Purchasing Cooperative
- F. 25-1579 Approval of and authorization to award the Lowest Responsible bid to Gober Construction LLC., and approve and authorize execution of a construction contract for the Old Town Houston Street 12" Waterline and Bore Improvements, Fort Worth Street to South 9th Street (Project No. 2254401)
- G. 25-1597 Ratification of the Claims List Check Register Dated November 10, 2025

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

Move to approve the Consent Agenda
The motion carried by the following vote:

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

#### 4. Consideration of Items Removed from Consent Agenda - NONE

Aye: 5 -

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

#### A. 25-1581 Presentation of new Broken Arrow Municipal Authority Construction Sign

Charlie Bright, Director of Engineering and Construction, presented Item 25-1581. He explained that the city wants to adopt a standard construction sign for all major utility projects, similar to the signage already used on bond-funded projects. He said this idea came from the City Manager Michael Spurgeon after noticing that state-required loan signs on the County Line sewer project could create the false impression that outside grants—not city utility customers—were paying for the work. Because most major water and sewer projects are financed through state loan programs repaid by utility rates, Bright said it is important for signage to clearly show that these improvements are local reinvestments funded by residents' utility bills and approved by the governing body.

Mr. Bright presented a proposed standard design that mirrors the city's bond-project signs but emphasizes city funding and council accountability. The sign standard would be incorporated into the city's construction specifications, making it a routine requirement for future utility projects. He noted that no formal council action would be needed for minor adjustments and invited feedback from the trustees.

City Manager Spurgeon said many residents mistakenly believe major utility projects—such as the new water tower—are funded by outside sources rather than by the city's utility rates. They agreed that standardized signs explaining that projects are funded through utility revenues would help educate the public about what their bills actually cover: operating costs, pay-as-you-go capital work, and long-term debt service for considerable improvements such as plants and central lines. They noted that better-informed residents often become reliable advocates, similar to graduates of the Citizens Police Academy. Mayor Wimpee voiced support for the new signage, and Mr. Bright confirmed that no formal vote was needed, as the design will be added to the city's construction standards.

### 6. General Authority Business

# A. 25-1583 Consideration, Discussion, and possible approval of an Amendment to Matching Grant

Funding Commitment Agreement with City of Tulsa (COT), Regional Metropolitan Utility Authority (RMUA), Tulsa Metropolitan Utility Authority (TMUA), and Broken Arrow Municipal Authority (BAMA) for construction of the Haikey Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant (HCWWTP) Biosolids Improvements (BAMA Project No. HC21020, RMUA Project No. RMUA ES 2020 11)

Charlie Bright, Director of Engineering and Construction, presented Item 25-1583, an unusual four-party contract between BAMA, the City of Tulsa, RMUA, and TMUA to satisfy USDA requirements for the Hakey Creek biosolids composting project. Tulsa applied for the USDA grant, and each partner must guarantee \$19.2 million in matching funds. USDA initially wanted all funds combined in a single account, which the cities rejected because it would forfeit interest earnings. USDA agreed instead to accept a formal contract showing each party's binding commitment. The agreement simply documents that Broken Arrow's matching funds—already allocated through its loan program—are guaranteed for the project. Staff recommended approval so Tulsa can finalize the grant.

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

Move to Approve Item 25-1583, an Amendment to Matching Grant Funding Commitment Agreement with City of Tulsa (COT), Regional Metropolitan Utility Authority (RMUA), Tulsa Metropolitan Utility Authority (TMUA), and Broken Arrow

Municipal Authority (BAMA) for construction of the Haikey Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant (HCWWTP) Biosolids Improvements (BAMA Project No. HC21020, RMUA Project No. RMUA ES 2020 11)

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

# B. 25-1582 Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of and authorization to execute Amendment 2 to Agreement for Professional Engineering Services with Black & Veatch Corporation and the Regional Metropolitan Utility Authority (RMUA) for Haikey Creek Lift Station Phase IV Improvements (Project No. HC23020, RMUA Project No. RMUA ES 2022 04)

Emily Rowland, Environmental Division Manager, presented Item 25-1582, Amendment 2 to its contract with Black & Veatch for Phase 4 improvements at the Haikey Creek Lift Station, located in Haikey Creek Park near Garnett. The current lift station—shared by Broken Arrow and Tulsa—is under-capacity, frequently overwhelmed during development-driven peak flows, and sits in a floodway that complicates access during significant rain events. The goal is to increase total capacity from roughly 22 MGD to 42 MGD.

Multiple alternatives were studied, including building a new station on a separate site or creating a flow-equalization basin. These were rejected as cost-prohibitive or operationally complex. The recommended alternative—and the basis for this amendment—is to construct a supplemental 20 MGD lift station on the existing site alongside the current facility, which is significantly more cost-effective.

Amendment 2 covers conceptual through roughly 60% of the design work and includes a preliminary evaluation of potential upstream property acquisitions to preserve future options. The total RMUA design cost is approximately \$750,485 for Broken Arrow's share. Further amendments to the final design will be returned next summer or fall.

MOTION: A motion was made by Justin Green, seconded by David Pickel **Move to Approve Item 25-1582** 

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

#### 7. Remarks and Inquiries by Governing Body Members

Vice Mayor Parks joked that when Mayor Wimpee mentioned several of them would be out of town, no one commented, but many people smiled, and they wondered why. Mayor Wimpee then clarified that they would be away attending the National League of Cities Conference.

- 8. Remarks and Updates by City Manager and Staff NONE
- 9. Executive Session NONE
- 10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

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

The motion carried by the following vote:

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