



City of Broken Arrow

Minutes

City Council Meeting

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

City Hall
220 S 1st Street
Broken Arrow OK
74012

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

Time 6:30 p.m.

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

Mayor Debra Wimpee called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Invocation

Pastor Chauncey Fourte led the invocation.

3. Roll Call

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

4. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Vice Mayor Johnnie Parks led the Pledge.

5. Consideration of Consent Agenda

- A. 25-13 Approval of the City Council Meeting Minutes of March 18, 2025
- B. 25-365 Acceptance Planning Commission meeting minutes of February 13, 2025
- C. 25-366 Acceptance Planning Commission meeting minutes of February 27, 2025
- D. 25-408 Approval of and authorization to execute Resolution Number 1642, a Resolution confirming the supplementation and publication of the City of Broken Arrow's Code of Ordinances
- E. 25-400 Approval of and authorization to execute a proclamation declaring April 22, 2025, as Earth Day and the month of April 2025 as Earth Month in the City of Broken Arrow and encourage our citizens to participate in activities such as recycling, reducing, reusing, replanting, and restoring our communities and the planet
- F. 25-410 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. 25-413 Approval of and authorization to execute an agreement with Action Safety Supply Co. for the 18 Intersection Striping Plan under State Contract SW776 (Project #ST24140)
- H. 25-427 Approval of and authorization to execute Agreement for Professional Consulting Services with Freese and Nichols for the design of retaining wall improvements holding back a private pond along Aspen Avenue between New Orleans Street and Florence Street (Project Number (SW25070)
- I. 25-412 Approval of and authorization for the purchase and installation of synthetic turf for Preserve Park Playground from Happy Playgrounds, LLC, pursuant of the PlayPower Sourcwell purchasing contract #010521 for the Parks Department
- J. 25-436 Approval of and authorization to purchase one (1) 2025 Chevrolet Colorado 4x4 from Vance Chevrolet, Buick, GMC of Miami pursuant of Oklahoma State Contract# SW035 and approval of and authorization to execute Budget Amendment Number 21 for Fiscal Year 2025
- K. 25-454 Approval of and authorization to award the lowest responsible bid to L&M Office Furniture and approve and authorize the purchasing of Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment (FF&E) for the Public Works Field Office (Project Number 2217090)
- L. 25-423 Approval of and authorization to execute Change Order Number 1 with Ellis Concrete Construction for the Concrete Panel Replacement Street Repair - Brentwood (ST23300)
- M. 25-389 Approval of PR-000671-2024 | PT-002022-2025, Conditional Final Plat, Arrow Forge Innovation District, approximately 92.20 acres, 4 proposed lot, A-1 (Agricultural), located approximately one-eighth mile east of Olive Avenue (129th East Avenue), south of Florence Street (111th Street)
- N. 25-437 Approval of SP-001966-2025 (Specific Use Permit), Church of St. Benedict, 4.84 acres, R-2 (Single Family Residential) and RD (Residential Duplex)/, SP (Specific Use Permit) 27, one-quarter mile north of New Orleans Street (101st Street), west of Aspen Avenue (145th E. Avenue)

- O. 25-422 Acceptance of a Temporary Construction Easement consisting of 0.02 acres from the Nicole Fortin Revocable Trust, the owner, on property located at the northwest corner of Fir Avenue and Houston Street, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, a tract of land that is located at 8417 South 8th Street East, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma 74011, in the Northeast Quarter of Section 11, Township 17 North, Range 14 East, Tulsa County, State of Oklahoma for the 8th Street & Natchez Culvert Replacement, Parcel 1. A. (Project Number SW21020
- P. 25-384 Acceptance of a Utility Easement from Eagle-1 Investments, LLC, on property located one-quarter mile north of Washington Street (91st Street), one-third mile west of 23rd Street (County Line Road), Tulsa County, State of Oklahoma, (Section 13, T18N, R14E) (EASE-002013-2025)
- Q. 25-385 Acceptance of a Utility Easement from Eagle-1 Investments, LLC, on property located one-quarter mile north of Washington Street (91st Street), one-third mile west of 23rd Street (County Line Road), Tulsa County, State of Oklahoma, (Section 13, T18N, R14E) (EASE-002014-2025)
- R. 25-386 Acceptance of a Utility Easement from Eagle-1 Investments, LLC, on property located one-quarter mile north of Washington Street (91st Street), one-third mile west of 23rd Street (County Line Road), Tulsa County, State of Oklahoma, (Section 13, T18N, R14E) (EASE-002015-2025)
- S. 25-387 Acceptance of a Utility Easement from Eagle-1 Investments, LLC, on property located one-quarter mile north of Washington Street (91st Street), one-third mile west of 23rd Street (County Line Road), Tulsa County, State of Oklahoma, (Section 13, T18N, R14E) (EASE-002016-2025)
- T. 25-388 Acceptance of a Utility Easement from Eagle-1 Investments, LLC, on property located one-quarter mile north of Washington Street (91st Street), one-third mile west of 23rd Street (County Line Road), Tulsa County, State of Oklahoma, (Section 13, T18N, R14E) (EASE-002017-2025)
- U. 25-378 Acceptance of a Utility Easement from GASB Properties, LLC, an Oklahoma limited liability company, the owner, on property located at 11822 East 64th Street, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma 74012, located in the Northwest Quarter of Section 5, Township 18 North, Range 14 East, Tulsa County, State of Oklahoma. Parcel 20.0 for the Melinda Park Sanitary Sewer Improvements. Project Number S.23030
- V. 25-421 Acceptance of a Utility Easement from Grand Slam Enterprises, LLC, an Oklahoma Limited Liability Company, on property located near 16006 East 131st Street South, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma 74011, located in the Northeast Quarter of Section 11, Township 17 North, Range 14 East, Tulsa County, State of Oklahoma. Parcel 3.1 for the 8th Street & Natchez Culvert Replacement. (Project Number SW21020)
- W. 25-379 Acceptance of a Utility Easement from Virginia M. Rawson, the owner, on property located at 11612 East 64th Street, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma 74012, located in the Northwest Quarter of Section 5, Township 18 North, Range 14 East, Tulsa County, State of Oklahoma. Parcel 12.0 for the Melinda Park Sanitary Sewer Improvements. Project Number S.23030
- X. 25-375 Acceptance of a Water Line Easement from Forest Ridge Development Limited Partnership, on a portion of property located approximately one-half mile south of Kenosha Street (71st Street), west of Midway Road (257th East Avenue), Wagoner County, State of Oklahoma, (Section 10, T18N, R15E) (EASE-002027-2025)
- Y. 25-452 Acceptance of a Water Line Easement from Independent School District Number 3 of Tulsa County, Oklahoma, on property located approximately one-quarter mile south of Albany Street (61st Street), one-quarter mile east of 9th Street (Lynn Lane) (Section 01, T18N, R14E) (EASE-002102-2025)
- Z. 25-374 Acceptance of a Water Line Easement from The Robson Companies, Inc., on a portion of property located approximately one-half mile south of Kenosha Street (71st Street), west of Midway Road (257th East Avenue), Wagoner County, State of Oklahoma, (Section 10, T18N, R15E) (EASE-002038-2025)
- AA. 25-429 Ratification of the Claims List Check Register Dated March 24, 2025

MOTION: A motion was made by Justin Green, seconded by Lisa Ford
Move to Approve Consent Agenda Minus Item M. 25-389

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

6. Consideration of Items Removed from Consent Agenda

- M. 25-389 Approval of PR-000671-2024 | PT-002022-2025, Conditional Final Plat, Arrow Forge Innovation District, approximately 92.20 acres, 4 proposed lot, A-1 (Agricultural), located approximately one-eighth mile east of Olive Avenue (129th East Avenue), south of Florence Street (111th Street)

City Manager Michael Spurgeon discussed a recent social media post displaying the Arrow Forge innovation district and a potential road connecting Norfolk from the innovation district to the east. Discussions have occurred about linking Norfolk from Aspen to the innovation

district to support anticipated job growth. While a proposal for the first business is under council consideration, no decisions about the road have been made yet. Building the road requires securing the right-of-way from property owners. The EDC has been instructed to collaborate with Beck Design, which built a sign to cover the area until permissions and right-of-ways are obtained.

Kenny Schwab, City Manager of Operations, explained that when the city acquired the property for the fire station around 2008-2009, it planned and built the fire station, installed the road in Norfolk, and created a cul-de-sac. The intention to extend Norfolk further has been part of city planning for approximately 17 years. Although discussions with the property owner occurred previously, it's been a long time since those talks, and the city is now ready to move forward.

MOTION: A motion was made by Lisa Ford, seconded by Johnnie Parks
Move to Approve PR-000671-2024 | PT-002022-2025, Conditional Final Plat, Arrow Forge Innovation District, approximately 92.20 acres, 4 proposed lot, A-1 (Agricultural), located approximately one-eighth mile east of Olive Avenue (129th East Avenue), south of Florence Street (111th Street)

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 -

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

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

A. 25-417 Recognition of the Employee Event Steering Committee members for their efforts with the 2024 United Way program that resulted in the city receiving a Green Country Award for its fundraising efforts

City Manager Michael Spurgeon presented Item 25-417. The city has long had an Employee Advisory Committee to address personnel matters, working conditions, and employee engagement. Since his arrival, efforts have focused on increasing engagement through various well-attended events throughout the year. The Employee Event Steering Committee has actively supported the United Way campaign, resulting in the city receiving a Green Country Award for its 2024 fundraising efforts. The council acknowledged the committee's achievement, with members from multiple departments present for recognition. Following the award, a celebratory lunch was held to appreciate their dedication.

Additional members of the Employee Event Steering Committee included Aaron McColloch, Director of Communications, Rob Holt, and Richard Walters from the Building Maintenance Department, who also contributed to the effort. The city was recognized with a business award for its achievements, which was a significant event with broad recognition throughout the Tulsa area. The council expressed pride in how well the team represented Broken Arrow, particularly in supporting local nonprofits. Their efforts enhanced the city's reputation, and the council expressed deep appreciation for their dedication.

B. 25-245 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

Connor Carroll, Manager of Government Affairs for Cox Communications, a family-owned telecom company founded in 1898, is the largest privately held broadband provider in the U.S., now in its fourth generation of ownership. With a strong focus on community, employee welfare, and connectivity, Cox has invested about \$38.5 million in infrastructure upgrades in Broken Arrow since 2021, making it the first multi-gig provider in the region. Cox pays the city around \$850,000 annually in franchise fees and is expanding rural broadband into Wagner County to support future growth. They launched Cox Mobile to help customers lower their telecom bills by bundling services.

Cox remains committed to affordable services, offering a \$9.95 plan for low-income households with K-12 students. They actively participate in local programs like the OK Sites program to promote fiber connectivity and support the Broken Arrow Pathways career fair to encourage local employment. Additionally, Cox Charities, funded by employees, grants approximately \$210,000 annually to nonprofits in the Tulsa region, including \$10,000 to Broken Arrow Neighbors last year. Their employees contribute about 2,600 volunteer hours each year.

Recent community initiatives include a field day at Vandever Elementary with the Oklahoma City Thunder and broadcasting high school football games on Cox Channel 3, featuring local leaders like Mayor Wimpee. Cox continues to seek new ways to support Broken Arrow's growth and encourages open communication with city officials and residents.

Mr. Carroll confirmed that approximately 2,500 households are enrolled in their affordable internet programs, though the numbers need verification. Cox offers a \$9.95 plan for K-12

households and a \$30 plan for those without K-12 students, with seniors often qualifying through the Connect Assist program.

The council clarified that Cox holds a non-exclusive franchise agreement, unlike other providers who may operate through the Oklahoma Corporation Commission without paying franchise fees. Current franchise agreements are with ONG, PSO, and Cox, but not all providers are required to pay fees depending on their services and regulatory approvals.

Cox's franchise agreement expires in 2027, and renewal discussions have begun. Unlike other franchises, Cox's agreement only requires council approval rather than a public vote. The council expressed appreciation for Cox's partnership and contributions to the community.

C. 25-355 Presentation and annual programming update by the Broken Arrow Historical Society

Mickel Yantz, the Executive Director of the Museum Broken Arrow for the past six months, presented Item 25-355 and reported positive growth in 2024, with over 5,600 visitors, including 4,800 paid admissions to the museum's permanent collection. Fundraising efforts have improved, including events like the Pioneer Dinner and renting the third floor of the museum. The museum has also strengthened partnerships with Broken Arrow Public Schools, hosting 150 third graders and providing educational activities.

In 2024, 157 items were donated to the museum, with research support provided to various groups, including the fire and police departments, parks and recreation, the senior center, Girl Scouts, and local schools. The museum is collaborating with the Tulsa Foundation of Architecture for upcoming tours in 2025.

Looking ahead to 2025, the museum will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Broken Arrow Historical Society with themed events, such as "Party Like It's 1975" and the 89th annual Pioneer Dinner during Rooster Days. The dinner will be held at the Broken Arrow Seniors Annex downtown, enhancing its connection to the festivities. Mr. Yantz expressed enthusiasm for his role and appreciation for the support from the board and community.

D. 25-356 Presentation and annual programming update by the Military History Center

General Tom Mancino presented Item 25-356, The Military History Center, and reported serving over 1,100 veterans last year through its veteran service officers. However, the center is currently down to just one officer due to staffing issues, but plans are in place to address this.

In March, the center saw 123 visitors, including 84 paid and 39 free, with around 20 DAV visitors. Visitors came from various parts of Oklahoma and the U.S., as well as international locations like Italy, China, India, Russia, Vietnam, the Philippines, Denmark, and Taiwan. The visit from the Taiwanese Director of Commerce was especially notable.

The center serves as an anchor on the north end of the Rose District, contributing to local business by drawing visitors who often shop and dine in the area. While the center has fewer school tours than the Museum Broken Arrow, its visitors tend to be more diverse and include international tourists.

Fundraising remains a priority for the center, with several established events, including a successful trivia night held annually in July.

The Military History Center continues to thrive with various fundraising events and community engagement. Their Salute to Veterans concert at Kirkland Theater, which provides scholarships to Broken Arrow High School's JROTC students, is a major annual event supported by the school system. Other fundraisers include a trivia night, Flag Day ceremony, gun raffle, banner project honoring veterans, and a golf tournament at Battle Creek. The banner project has been particularly successful, filling side streets and potentially expanding to areas like New Orleans Square.

Special events include paranormal "Ghostbuster" tours, which generate donations, and school presentations conducted by staff at local high schools and retirement homes. The Hall of Honor, started last year, recognizes individuals who have contributed to veterans' affairs. Vice Mayor Johnnie Parks was inducted, and plans are underway to continue this recognition annually.

The center participates actively in parades, including Rooster Days, Veterans Day parades in Broken Arrow and Tulsa, and the Christmas Parade. They also recently hosted a Vietnam Veterans Recognition Night with Medal of Honor recipient Dwight Birdwell as the keynote speaker.

Goals for 2025 include training Kathy Johnson as the first female veteran service officer, expanding advertising efforts without purchasing ads, pursuing grants from the Oklahoma

Historical Society for upgraded, modern displays, and enhancing their space to better showcase the over 2,600 items currently on display. Additionally, the director humorously suggested that the city council consider providing higher chairs for comfort during presentations.

E. 25-266 Update on the 2026 General Obligation Bond Package

City Manager Michael Spurgeon recently met with Tulsa County City Library representatives to review their vision for the South Broken Arrow Library. Following those meetings, new options are being prepared for presentation to the council in June.

Additionally, tentative dates for reviewing the bond program meetings are set for mid-June. Once confirmed, the governing body will begin scheduling user group presentations to prioritize proposals before moving into public forums planned for late summer or early fall.

The recreation survey, which closed on 3/31/2025, received over 3,500 responses, making it the second-highest survey response after the full general survey study from the previous year, with over 4,000 responses. The results are currently being tabulated and will be presented to the council as part of the June review process, with plans for future surveys to gather additional feedback.

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) - NONE

9. General Council Business

A. 25-396 Consideration, discussion, and possible approval to award the lowest responsible bid to Ellis Concrete Construction, LLC, and approve and authorize execution of a construction contract for Concrete Panel Replacement Street Repair - Meadow Heights (ST23310)

Travis Small from the Engineering and Construction Department presented Item 25-396, the Meadow Heights Concrete Panel Replacement Project, involving the replacement of approximately 14,000 square yards of concrete. The project was advertised on February 20 and 27, with bids opening on March 13. Ellis Concrete submitted the lowest responsible bid at \$1,495,084.75, below the engineer's estimate of \$1,873,845.50.

If approved, this will be the third residential rehab project under construction this year, totaling about \$3.9 million. An additional five projects worth \$3.5 million are expected to begin by the end of the year, with another five projects totaling \$5.6 million planned for early next year. Travis Small acknowledged the efforts of staff members John Windlow and Jordan Grace for their work on these projects.

**MOTION: A motion was made by Justin Green, seconded by Johnnie Parks
Move to Approve to award the lowest responsible bid to Ellis Concrete Construction, LLC, and approve and authorize execution of a construction contract for Concrete Panel Replacement Street Repair - Meadow Heights (ST23310)**

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

B. 25-447 Consideration, discussions, and possible approval of PT-001985-2025 | PR-000016-2022, Conditional Final Plat, Oakmont Hills, 28.20 acres, 85 Lots, A-1 (Agricultural) to RS-3 (Single-Family Residential) and CG (Commercial General)/PUD-000197-2022, located at the northwest corner of Florence Street (111th Street) and 9th Street (Lynn Lane), including approval of the Oakmont Hills Agreement

Rocky Henkel, Community Development Director, presented Item 25-447, the conditional final plat for Oakmont Hills, a 28-acre development with 85 proposed lots located at the northwest corner of Florence and Lynn Lane. The property was rezoned from agricultural and annex residential estate to commercial general and R3 on December 6, 2022, with the PUD approved the same day. The Planning Commission unanimously approved the conditional final plat 5-0 on February 27, 2025. Staff recommends council approval as recommended by the Planning Commission.

**MOTION: A motion was made by Lisa Ford, seconded by David Pickel
Move to Approve PT-001985-2025 | PR-000016-2022, Conditional Final Plat, Oakmont Hills, 28.20 acres, 85 Lots, A-1 (Agricultural) to RS-3 (Single-Family Residential) and CG (Commercial General)/PUD-000197-2022, located at the northwest corner of Florence Street (111th Street) and 9th Street (Lynn Lane), including approval of the Oakmont Hills Agreement**

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

10. Preview Ordinances

- A. 25-446 **Consideration, discussion, and possible preview of an Ordinance closing a waterline easement from Independent School District Number 3 of Tulsa County, on property located one-quarter mile south of Albany Street (61st Street) and one-quarter mile west of 23rd Street (County Line Road), Tulsa County, State of Oklahoma, (Section 01, T18N, R14E), repealing all ordinances to the contrary; and declaring an emergency (EASE-002103-2025)**

Rocky Henkel, Community Development Director, presented Item 25-446 regarding Independent School District Number 3 of Tulsa County, has applied to close a 10-foot-wide waterline easement located about a quarter mile south of Albany Street and a quarter mile west of County Line Road. The property is part of the Broken Arrow High School campus. Staff recommends the council review the ordinance and schedule it for adoption.

MOTION: A motion was made by Justin Green, seconded by Lisa Ford
Move to preview Ordinance and set for adoption

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

11. Ordinances

- A. 25-369 **Consideration, discussion and possible adoption of Ordinance Number 3852 closing a Waterline Easement on property located one-quarter mile south of Tucson Street (121st Street) and one-half mile west of Elm Place (161st Street), Tulsa County, State of Oklahoma, (Section 03, T17N, R14E), repealing all ordinances to the contrary; and declaring an emergency (EASE-002008-2025)**

Rocky Henkel, Community Development Director, presented Item 25-369. Tulsa L Development LLC has applied to close a 10-foot-wide waterline easement located approximately one-quarter mile south of Tucson Street and one-half mile west of Elm. The ordinance, numbered 3852, was previously reviewed by the city council on March 18th, 2025. Staff recommends the adoption of ordinance number 3852, along with the approval of the emergency clause.

MOTION: A motion was made by Johnnie Parks, seconded by David Pickel
Move to Adopt Ordinance Number 3852 closing a Waterline Easement on property located one-quarter mile south of Tucson Street (121st Street) and one-half mile west of Elm Place (161st Street), Tulsa County, State of Oklahoma, (Section 03, T17N, R14E), repealing all ordinances to the contrary; and declaring an emergency (EASE-002008-2025)

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- B. 25-370 **Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of an emergency clause for Ordinance Number 3852**

Rocky Henkel, Community Development Director, presented Item 25-370. Oakmont Hills, the development previously approved, has applied to close a 15-foot-wide waterline easement located approximately one-quarter mile north of Florence and east of Lynn Lane. The closure was previewed by the city council on March 18th, 2025. Staff recommends the adoption of ordinance number 3852 and approval of the emergency clause.

MOTION: A motion was made by Lisa Ford, seconded by Justin Green
Move to Approve the emergency clause for Ordinance Number 3852

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- C. 25-367 **Consideration, discussion and possible adoption of Ordinance Number 3853 closing an easement from Oakmont Hills, LLC, on property located one-quarter mile north of Florence Street (111th East Avenue), east of 9th Street (Lynn Lane), Tulsa County, State of Oklahoma, (Section 26, T18N, R14E), repealing all ordinances to the contrary; and declaring an emergency (EASE-001742-2024)**

Rocky Henkel, Community Development Director, presented Item 25-367, an additional 15-foot-wide easement related to the previously discussed Oakmont Hills property is under consideration. The City Council previewed this ordinance on March 18, 2025. Staff recommends adopting ordinance number 3853 and approving the emergency clause.

MOTION: A motion was made by Lisa Ford, seconded by David Pickel
Move to Adopt Ordinance Number 3853 closing an easement from Oakmont Hills, LLC,

on property located one-quarter mile north of Florence Street (111th East Avenue), east of 9th Street (Lynn Lane), Tulsa County, State of Oklahoma, (Section 26, T18N, R14E), repealing all ordinances to the contrary; and declaring an emergency (EASE-001742-2024)

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

D. 25-440 Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of an emergency clause for Ordinance Number 3853

MOTION: A motion was made by Johnnie Parks, seconded by Justin Green
Move to Approve the emergency clause for Ordinance Number 3853

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

E. 25-368 Consideration, discussion, and possible adoption of Ordinance Number 3854 closing an easement from Oakmont Hills, LLC, on property located north of Florence Street (111th East Avenue), east of 9th Street (Lynn Lane), Tulsa County, State of Oklahoma, (Section 26, T18N, R14E), repealing all ordinances to the contrary; and declaring an emergency (EASE-001743-2024)

Rocky Henkel, Community Development Director, presented Item 25-368, an additional 15-foot-wide easement related to the previously discussed Oakmont Hills property is under consideration. The City Council previewed this ordinance on March 18, 2025. Staff recommends adopting ordinance number 3854 and approving the emergency clause.

MOTION: A motion was made by Lisa Ford, seconded by Johnnie Parks
Move to Adopt Ordinance Number 3854 closing an easement from Oakmont Hills, LLC, on property located north of Florence Street (111th East Avenue), east of 9th Street (Lynn Lane), Tulsa County, State of Oklahoma, (Section 26, T18N, R14E), repealing all ordinances to the contrary; and declaring an emergency (EASE-001743-2024)

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

F. 25-372 Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of an emergency clause for Ordinance Number 3854

MOTION: A motion was made by Justin Green, seconded by Lisa Ford
Move to Approve the emergency clause for Ordinance Number 3854

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

G. 25-434 Consideration, discussion and possible adoption of Ordinance Number 3855, an Ordinance amending Chapter 10, Fire Prevention and Protection, Article I, In General, Section 10.3, Manufacture, Sale, Use, Etc., of fireworks, of The Broken Arrow Code of Ordinances; Authorizing the City Manager or his Designee to declare a rainout day for July 3 and or July 4 and designating an alternate date not later than July 15 authorizing the discharge of fireworks; repealing all ordinances to the contrary; and declaring an emergency

Trevor Dennis, City Attorney, presented Item 25-434, which grants the city manager or their designee the authority to declare a rainout day on July 3rd or 4th. If a rainout occurs, the designee will select one make-up day for fireworks usage within the city, permitted from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. This proposal was previously reviewed at the last council meeting.

MOTION: A motion was made by Johnnie Parks, seconded by Lisa Ford
Move to Adopt Ordinance Number 3855, an Ordinance amending Chapter 10, Fire Prevention and Protection, Article I, In General, Section 10.3, Manufacture, Sale, Use, Etc., of fireworks, of The Broken Arrow Code of Ordinances; Authorizing the City Manager or his Designee to declare a rainout day for July 3 and or July 4 and designating an alternate date not later than July 15 authorizing the discharge of fireworks; repealing all ordinances to the contrary; and declaring an emergency

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

H. 25-441 Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of an emergency clause for Ordinance Number 3855

MOTION: A motion was made by Lisa Ford, seconded by Justin Green
Move to Approve the emergency clause for Ordinance Number 3855

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

12. Remarks and Inquiries by Governing Body Members

Mayor Debra Wimpee encouraged residents to download the "My Broken Arrow Action

Center" app to stay informed about upcoming city events, including the Exceptional Rodeo, Rooster Days Rodeo, Rooster Days, and Fiesta de Mayo. She highlighted the numerous community activities planned in the near future.

Additionally, Mayor Wimpee recognized City Manager Michael Spurgeon for celebrating 37 years in public service, including 10 years with Broken Arrow, expressing appreciation for his leadership and dedication to the community.

Council Member Lisa Ford, on behalf of Representative Ross Ford, who was unavailable due to budget meetings in Oklahoma City, presented a citation from the Oklahoma House of Representatives recognizing Broken Arrow City Manager Michael Spurgeon for his 37 years of service in local government, including over nine years as City Manager of Broken Arrow.

City Manager Michael Spurgeon holds a master's degree in public administration from Rutgers University and a bachelor's degree in business administration from Edison State College. His accolades include the 2020 Gerald Wilkins Award (formerly Oklahoma City Manager of the Year), the Don Ryder Award for Oklahoma's Outstanding Municipal Official of the Year, and recognition as State Emergency Management Public Official of the Year.

The citation praised City Manager Spurgeon's commitment to transparency, accountability, and public-private partnerships that enhance the quality of life in Broken Arrow. His leadership has made city government more transparent and prepared for future challenges. The Oklahoma House of Representatives extended sincere congratulations to City Manager Michael Spurgeon for his distinguished career and dedication to the community.

City Manager Michael Spurgeon expressed gratitude for the recognition and reflected on his 37-year career, emphasizing that success in public service comes down to three key principles: taking care of people (council, employees, and citizens), effectively communicating and over-communicating, and ensuring services are delivered efficiently. He credited his achievements to having great directors and leaders who understand the importance of helping citizens and getting things done.

City Manager Michael Spurgeon stated that his decade in Broken Arrow has been the best part of his career, acknowledging the council's role in holding him accountable and maintaining high standards for the community. Despite his long career, he emphasized that he still has "a lot of gas in the tank" and is eager to continue serving and achieving more for the city. He also expressed appreciation for the council's support, which he said makes his work possible. Additionally, he mentioned receiving positive feedback about Representative Ross Ford from a lobbyist, reinforcing his respect and admiration for Ford's work.

Council Member Lisa Ford recognized Broken Arrow Police Officers Joel Woods, Austin Seabolt, and Dakota Berry for receiving Buckle Down Awards for their exceptional work in traffic safety and impaired driving enforcement. Officer Peel, who serves on the Buckle Down Awards Committee, and Justin from Tulsa County were also present, reflecting strong local representation in this statewide program.

Mayor Debra Wimpee acknowledged City Manager Michael Spurgeon's leadership, attributing the city's success to his dedication and influence over city staff. She also mentioned the recent Café con Jefe event at Supermercados Morelos, a thriving community engagement effort by Chief Arnold and the Broken Arrow Police Department. The event attracted both planned attendees and spontaneous visitors, providing a positive community connection.

Several state officials attended the event, including Senator Christi Gillespie and Representative Ross Ford. Council members participated in Loteria but reported no wins, jokingly suggesting it was rigged.

The council discussed the upcoming Trash Bash on April 12th, encouraging residents to check the city's website for acceptable items. Paint and appliances are not allowed.

Additionally, Council members praised Sharon Atchison and Beverly Forster for their efforts in developing the gardens featured in Broken Arrow Motion's March 2025 issue. The first phase of the garden is nearing completion, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony anticipated in May or June. Sharon expressed gratitude for the city's support, particularly recognizing Charlie Bright for his helpfulness and responsiveness.

The council expressed enthusiasm for future community events and acknowledged the Chamber's focus on business retention and membership growth.

13. Remarks and updates by City Manager, including Recognition of Recent Accomplishments by Employees and Elected Officials – NONE

At approximately 8:02 p.m. Mayor Wimpee noted there was an Executive Session and called for a recess for BAMA and BAEDA.

MOTION: A motion was made by Justin Green, seconded by Lisa Ford.
Move for recess for BAMA and BAEDA

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

MOTION: A motion was made by Justin Green, seconded by Lisa Ford
Move to clear room and Enter Executive Session

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

At approximately 8:24 p.m. City Council entered into Executive Session.

14. Executive Session for the purpose of confidential communications between the City Council, the City Manager, the City Attorney, and any other pertinent staff members discussing conferring on matters and possible action in open session pertaining to:

- 1. A pending litigation known as Pierre "Pete" E. Brunel et al., v. City of Broken Arrow, Tulsa County District Court, Case Number CJ-23-1640, under 25 O.S. §307(B)(4);**
- 2. A pending litigation known as Heather Fox v. City of Broken Arrow, Tulsa County District Court, Case Number CJ-24-3934, under 25 O.S. §307(B)(4);**
- 3. A pending condemnation case known as City of Broken Arrow v. Phillips 66 Company, et al., Wagoner County Court, Case Number CJ-2024-405, under 25 O.S. §307(B)(4);**

In the opinion of the City Attorney, the Council is advised that the Executive Session is necessary to process the litigation, and disclosure will seriously impair the ability of the public body to process the claim or conduct a pending investigation, litigation, or proceeding in the public interest. After the conclusion of the confidential portion of executive session, the Council will reconvene in open meeting, and the final decision, if any, will be put to a vote.

MOTION: A motion was made by Johnnie Parks, seconded by Lisa Ford
Move to find executive session was necessary to process the pending litigation.

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

MOTION: A motion was made by Johnnie Parks, seconded by Lisa Ford
Move to authorize the City Attorney to negotiate the settlement of the matter of Brunel v. City of Broken Arrow et al. in the amount recommended by the City Attorney.

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

MOTION: A motion was made by Johnnie Parks, seconded by Lisa Ford
Move to authorize the City Attorney to negotiate the settlement of the matter of City of Broken Arrow v. Phillips 66 Company in the amount recommended by the City Attorney.

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

15. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:51 p.m.

MOTION: A motion was made by Lisa Ford, seconded by David Pickel
Move to Adjourn

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Mayor

City Clerk