



# WATONGA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

## April 2, 2019

*In accordance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Law, this Agenda was posted March 29, 2019 prior to 9:00 am. at the Watonga City Hall, on the door of the City Clerk's office, located at 117 North Weigle, Watonga Oklahoma.*

**The City Council of the City of Watonga will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 2, 2019 in the Council Room of the Watonga City Hall, located at 117 North Weigle, Watonga, Oklahoma for a regular scheduled meeting.**

- **Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Olsen gave the invocation, and led council in the Pledge of Allegiance
- **Council Present:** Kendra Baker, Gary Flynn, Allen Cowan, Robert Spencer, Brenda Curry, Mina Green
- **Declaration of Quorum:** Quorum present

### CONSENT AGENDA

- a. **Approval of minutes of the last regular meeting** held March 19, 2019 Spencer made the motion, seconded by Curry. Olsen called for the vote.

Ayes: Baker, Flynn, Cowan, Spencer, Curry, Green

Nays: none

Motion carried.

- a. **Approval of the claims** against the city for the month of March 2019 Flynn inquired why EMS is still being charged for light, water, and gas while no other department is. Jacks stated that, that is because they need to establish what the exact cost is of that department. Jacks also advised that on the claims for Light and Water EMS fee that is on the bill and the electric, water, sewer capital improvements are not in yet due to trying to figure out how to get it all to match in Caselle. Flynn reiterates his question on why we only do that for EMS. Cowan stated that he has wondered that as well. Jacks stated that Light and Water turns around and writes a check for it for EMS so it is all washed out just like it is for other departments. Spencer made the motion, seconded by Curry. Olsen called for the vote.

Ayes: Baker, Flynn, Cowan, Spencer, Curry, Green

Nays: none

Motion carried.

### ACTION AGENDA

1. **Consideration, Discussion, and Action:** regarding the request from Andy Barret to form a committee to make recommendations for new business incentives for Main and Noble economic development. Barret stated that he is a representative of the Watonga Foundation, which is basically following up on recommendations that Ron Drake made when he came in and did his evaluation last summer. He is asking a couple members from City Council to be a part of a committee that is working on bringing business in. He believes it would be helpful to have the

council members to give some insight on what they can do by way of incentives. Olsen advised that since this is the last meeting of this council and will have new council members coming in that next meeting would be better. Tabled until next council meeting.

1. **Consideration, Discussion, and Action:** to approve the purchase of mobile tablets for new police vehicles. Kays stated that this was discussed last meeting it just could not be approved due to incorrect wording. The price will be \$11,500.00 for three tablets, the cost will be coming out of Sales Tax. Flynn made the motion, seconded by Spencer. Olsen called for the vote.

Ayes: Baker, Flynn, Cowan, Spencer, Curry, Green

Nays: none

Motion carried.

2. **Consideration, Discussion, and Action:** regarding the request of Chief Kays to hire Ryan M. Gibson as a full time police officer. Kays introduced Gibson, stating that he CLEET certified. Kays said that he was hoping to hire Gibson as his eighth officer but as Officer Sheridan will be moving soon, Gibson will be filling the seventh officer position at the rate of \$17.50 hourly, since he is certified. Flynn made the motion, seconded by Cowan. Olsen called for the vote.

Ayes: Baker, Flynn, Cowan, Spencer, Curry, Green

Nays: none

Motion carried.

3. **Consideration, Discussion, and Action:** to approve Resolution 2019-4 a resolution of the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Watonga, Oklahoma regarding the change in the form of government. Spencer made the motion, seconded by Flynn. Olsen called for the vote.

Ayes: Baker, Flynn, Cowan, Spencer, Curry, Green

Nays: none

Motion carried.

4. **Consideration, Discussion, and Action:** to approve Resolution 2019-5 a notice of election Spencer made the motion, seconded by Curry. Olsen called for the vote.

Ayes: Baker, Flynn, Cowan, Spencer, Curry, Green

Nays: none

Motion carried.

5. **Consideration, Discussion, and Action:** to hire Derek Vermillion as a volunteer fire fighter. Vermillion has resigned from his full time position and would like to go back to being a volunteer. Spencer made the motion seconded by Curry. Olsen called for the vote.

Ayes: Baker, Flynn, Cowan, Spencer, Curry, Green

Nays: none

Motion carried.

6. **Council Comments:** Spencer asked about the house that belongs to the county. Olsen said we have done everything we can, but that he would talk to Raymond tomorrow to see if we can get it cleaned up.

Cowan asked about the water situation. Rice said we are still in the same boat until he sends in the next quarterly sample.

7. **Mayor Comments:** Olsen read Councilman Robert Spencer's letter of resignation. The acceptance of his resignation is to be put on the next council agenda.

8. **Adjourn:** Flynn made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Baker. Olsen called for the vote.

Ayes: Baker, Flynn, Cowan, Spencer, Curry, Green

Nays: none

Motion carried.

Gary Olsen, Mayor

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Alaya Keierleber, City Clerk