

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OKLAHOMA OPEN MEETING LAW, THE AGENDA WAS  
POSTED MARCH 15, 2024, AT 11:12 A.M. AT THE CUSHING CITY HALL,  
100 JUDY ADAMS BOULEVARD, CUSHING, OKLAHOMA**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
CUSHING CITY COMMISSION  
HELD AT 100 JUDY ADAMS BLVD.  
MARCH 18, 2024  
7:00 P.M.**

**THE BOARD MAY DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND VOTE ON ANY ITEM LISTED ON  
AGENDA IN ANY ORDER.**

- 1. Call to Order**
  - a. Roll Call**
  - b. Declaration of Quorum**
  - c. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Regular Meeting of the Cushing City Commission was called to order on March 18, 2024, by Chairman Lofton. Vice-Chairman Orton led in prayer. Commissioner Roberson led in the pledge of allegiance.

PRESENT: ROBERSON, BRANYAN, DOWELL, ORTON, LOFTON  
ABSENT: NONE

RECESS: THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CUSHING CITY COMMISSION WAS RECESSED AT 7:03 P.M.

RECONVENE: THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CUSHING CITY COMMISSION WAS RECONVENED AT 7:18 P.M.

- d. Proclaim March 17-23, 2024, as National Safe Place Week.**

Angie Freeny with Payne County Youth Services was present to accept the proclamation and spoke of the current Safe Place locations in Cushing and the impact the program has provided for youth in the local communities.

- e. Proclaim the month of April 2024 as Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month.**

Deputy Chief Myers and Sargent Watts were present to accept the proclamation. Deputy Chief Myers provided the history of the autism registry, Sargent Watts provided an exclamation about what the purpose of the registry does and how it is to better help the officers and how to apply to be on the registry.

- 2. Public Input and Unscheduled Personal Appearances**

**Citizens wishing to participate in Public Input may do so by emailing their comments to [citymanager@cityofcushing.org](mailto:citymanager@cityofcushing.org) by 12:00 pm (noon) on March 18, 2024. Comments must include the citizen's full name and address (addresses will not be read aloud). Comments received by the deadline and meeting criteria will be read into the record. Comments will be limited to 3 minutes on agenda items only. The purpose of this agenda item is to provide an opportunity for citizens to comment on agenda items. Commissioners do not engage in discussion under this agenda item, and staff members are directed not to, as**

well. If you seek discussion or inquiry, please contact a Commissioner or the office of City Manager. Responses to citizens' comments, if any, will occur under the applicable agenda item or may be reserved for further responses by phone call, personal meeting, or a posting on the City's website.

Linda Gaither expressed concern about the noise of the dogs barking in her neighborhood and also about the amount of traffic during the school drop off and pick up times of the day.

### **3. Consent Agenda**

- a. Approve claims and payroll totaling: \$740,034.89
- b. Approve minutes: February 20, 2024 (Regular)  
March 4, 2024 (Special Joint with CMA Board of Trustees)
- c. Authorize the purchase of aviation fuel and expend up to \$60,000.00.
- d. Authorize the purchase of no-lead fuel and diesel fuel and expend up to \$30,000.00.
- e. Approve payment to Oklahoma Municipal Management Services in the amount of \$4,200.00 for payment of Invoice No. 17076 for inspection services.
- f. Authorize the City Manager to issue a purchase order to TKO Equipment Sales and Rental, LLC in an amount up to \$13,650.00 for demolition and clearing of lots at 609 North Cleveland, and to authorize payment.
- g. Authorize the City Manager to issue a purchase order to John Vance in an amount up to \$90,742.00 for the purchase of two (2) new Dodge Durango Police Vehicles, and to authorize payment.
- h. Statement of cash and investments as of February 29, 2024.

MOTION: A MOTION WAS MADE BY VICE-CHAIRMAN ORTON TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOWELL AND RESULTED IN THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE.

AYES: ROBERSON, BRANYAN, DOWELL, ORTON, LOFTON

NAYS: NONE

### **4. Items Removed from Consent Agenda**

None.

### **5. General Business**

- a. Authorize the Chairman, Board of Commissioners, to execute an agreement with Oklahoma Municipal Management Services (OMMS) in an amount up to \$15,000.00 to lead the recruitment of the next City Manager, and to authorize payment.

MOTION: A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER BRANYAN TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH OKLAHOMA MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$15,000.00 TO LEAD THE RECRUITMENT OF THE NEXT CITY MANAGER, AND TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON AND RESULTED IN THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE.

AYES: ROBERSON, BRANYAN, DOWELL, ORTON, LOFTON

NAYS: NONE



**7. Other New Business, if any, which has arisen since the posting of the agenda and could not have been anticipated prior to the time of the posting (25 O.S. §311 (9))**

None.

**8. City Manager's Communications**

City Manager Brannon announced that our employees who were deployed with the military have returned to the states. Mr. Brannon also announced that the Great American Cleanup is scheduled for April 14<sup>th</sup> and gave a brief update on the upcoming dog park. Mr. Brannon spoke of Unit 10 at the Power Plant is to be set to undergo repair; Tracy Gerald from Cooper Machinery Services was present and gave an update on the repairs that are to be done. Mr. Brannon expressed appreciation to the commissioners for attending the State of the City Presentation. City Manager Brannon announced that he will put the maps of the proposed walking/bicycle trail on the city's Facebook page this night after the meeting.

Mr. Brannon gave a brief update on current street repair projects. Chairman Lofton asked City Manager Brannon for an update on the 69 kv with an underbuilt, Mr. Brannon deferred the question to the Electrical Superintendent Michael Starks. Mr. Starks gave a brief update on the substation being about 98% completed and the 69 kv with an underbuilt project is projected to be completely finished and online by May 30, 2024.

**9. Commissioners Community Announcements**

Commissioner Brayan spoke of his want for Cushing to be as nice as it can be, and Cushing Pride has a lot to do with the success of that in our town. Mr. Brayan spoke of the dog noise issue, trash in yards and lawn clippings. Mr. Brayan spoke of his experience in the 100 mile bicycle ride and the economic impact it had on the towns that participated, it would be a terrific opportunity in the future for Cushing to participate in. Mr. Brayan expressed thanks to City Manager for his compassion and leadership with Autism Awareness. Mr. Brayan spoke of the effort and money it takes staff to keep the city running, appreciates the staff who put in the effort.

Commissioner Dowell dittoed what Commissioner Brayan said.

Commissioner Roberson spoke of how great it is to have a clean community and encouraged everyone to volunteer for the Great American Cleanup. Mr. Roberson announced the next Cushing Pride Recycling event will be March 24, 2024, from 12 p.m. – 2 p.m. Commissioner Roberson also announced that Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> in the Cushing Memorial Park will be Gibble Easter Festival at 10 a.m., thanks to Dawn and Geoff Beasley and the Dunkin Theatre and other sponsors who continue to support the event and keep it going. Mr. Roberson thanked Angie Freeny and the Payne County Youth Services for the great work they do in Payne County and announced their annual fundraising event that will be held on April 6<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Roberson thanked Ms. Gaither for attending and expressing concerns and has full faith that City Manager Brannon will collaborate with her through this issue. Mr. Roberson went on to express thanks to the Police Department and Mr. Brannon for their engagement and awareness of Autism Awareness. Mr. Roberson expressed thanks to Connie Scothorn with CLS and Tracy Gerald with Cooper Machinery Services for being here tonight.

Vice-Chairman Orton expressed best wishes to the employees who was deployed and has now returned home. Mr. Orton thanked City staff for continuous work to keep city running and encouraged everyone to bring kids to the Easter Egg Hunt in the park.

Chairman Loft echoed what everyone else said before him.

## 10. Adjournment

MOTION: A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON TO ADJOURN THE MARCH 18, 2024, MEETING OF THE CUSHING CITY COMMISSION AT 8:01 P.M. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY VICE-CHAIRMAN ORTON AND RESULTED IN THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE.

AYES: ROBERSON, BRANYAN, DOWELL, ORTON, LOFTON,  
NAYS: NONE

  
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RICKY LOFTON, CHAIRMAN  
CUSHING CITY COMMISSION

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

  
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JERRICA WORTHY, CITY CLERK