**CITY OF** **SPENCER**

**Regular Joint City Council & Utility Authority Meeting**

**Thursday, July 15, 20221 at 7:00 p.m.**

Pursuant to legal notice required by the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, including posting of an agenda as required by the terms, thereof, the Spencer City Council & Utility Authority met in regular session on July 15, 2021, in the Municipal Building (City Hall), 8200 N.E. 36th Street, Spencer, Oklahoma 73084.

**Item No.**

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

**NOTE: The meeting will be held concurrently with the Utility Authority Meeting since there is only one agenda item for both Regular City Council and Utility Authority meeting.**

1. Roll Call and declaration that a quorum is present.

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|  | **Present** | **Absent** |
| Chairman/Mayor Calvin | X |  |
| Vice Chairman/Mayor Scanlan | X |  |
| Trustee/Council Member Williams | X |  |
| Trustee/Council Member Fair | X |  |
| Trustee/Council Member Canaday | X |  |

**A quorum was declared, and the meeting went forward.**

1. The Flag Salute lead by Vice Mayor Scanlan and Invocation by Chairman/Mayor Calvin
2. CITIZENS DESIRING TO BE HEARD: Citizens desiring to be heard will be given three (3) minutes to speak on any item on the agenda. Citizens must have signed up by 12 Noon the preceding Wednesday before the meeting to be recognized. (Public Participation Resolution #35-07-05)

Christina Mahoney, 4805 Able Street, Spencer, OK 73084

1. Upset of the fee charge for requesting records information. Told by the City Clerk that she could not give the information until a $50 deposit. Stating that at the last meeting she was told that she could not be charged for 30 days.
2. Stating violations of open records act in which she has been requesting records from City Hall since the end of May 2021. Stating that her request started with an email to the City Manager Shamia Jackson in which she felt that tone quickly changed from cordial to tense. She was told to submit her request in writing which she did and attempted to find the fee and it was nowhere to be found. Also, stated that she has submitted copies from City Clerk Mrs. Taft has not received them because she must pay a fee for copies. Stating this is a violation of the law.
3. Letter to the citizens of Spencer. Stating that the council members do not return calls to the citizens. Upset about three of the five council members were issue cell phones provided by the city. Shared her issues regarding of the members of the Park Boards members dismissal.

To hear the detailed discussion, it is available on YouTube search for City of Spencer Council meeting July 15, 2021.

1. NEW BUSINESS: Discussion, consideration, and possible actions of New Business items to direct City Staff to take appropriate action. (“New Business,” as used herein, shall mean any matter not known about or which could not have been reasonably foreseen prior to the time of posting.) (GG)

**None**

6. CONSENT DOCKET: (individual items may be deleted from the Consent Docket under item #6). Assignment

6.1. Approval/Ratification of the Joint City Council & Utility Authority meeting minutes

from May 20, 2021. (GG)

6.2. Approval/Ratification of the Joint City Council & Utility Authority meeting minutes

from June 30, 2021. (GG)

6.3. Approval/Ratification of June 2021 bi-weekly Payroll and Accounts Payables. (GG)

**Vice Chairman/Mayor Scanlan motioned to approve Consent Docket with item #6.3 and the removal of 6.1 and 6.2. Chairman/Mayor Calvin seconded the motion. The vote was as follows. Yeas: Trustee/Council Member Fair, Vice Chairman/Mayor Scanlan and Chairman/Mayor Calvin Abstain: Nays: Trustee/Council Members Williams and Canaday**

7. Discussion, consideration, and possible action on items removed from the Consent Docket.

**Discussion: Asked that Items #6.1 and 6.2 be removed and tabled. Trustee/Council Member Williams and Canaday would like the discussion in the minutes to be little more detailed. Trustee/Council Member Williams also requested that the May 20, 2021, minutes be amended to add her statement that was made at the start of the meeting.**

8.1. Sanitation bids. Recommended Company - Republic Services

**Discussion:** Detailed information provided in the council’s agenda packets. Mr. Long presented the information regarding the Sanitation bids. He reported that as the council is aware about a year ago or a little bit longer than that the council authorized the city management preparation specifications throughout our sanitation collection and disposal. That is now completed, and the bids were received but right in the middle of all of this we had the COVID experience and begin to really push the limit on the companies. If the council had elected to go with another bidder to deliver carts in a timely matter. He stated that it was discussed and felt like we did not want to risk in the event of a change not having carts delivered in a timely matter to the citizens of this community as well as commercial accounts. The council at that time withdrew the bids and all the bidders were notified of the decision that had been made. We then came back, and council authorized to extend Waste Management contract for a 12-month period. Which expires the first week of October. At that time council stated that they wanted to re-advertise again and go out and solicit bids from those firms that might be interested in bidding on the project for residential and commercial. Mr. Long stated that this has been done. At the May 20, 2021, City of Spencer Regular City Council meeting authorized the office of the City Manager to prepare requests for proposals for solid waste collection and disposal. Sealed bids were received by the City of Spencer and Utilities Authority until 4 p.m. on Wednesday, June 30th. A mandatory pre-meeting was scheduled for Monday, June 21st at 10 a.m. in this chamber to discuss and go over the specification documentation bid package in every aspect that would be reviewed and evaluated in that process. We had three firms to attend this meeting. We had Waste Management our present collector, Republic Services and we had WCA which has changed its name to Green Valley or something like that. Exceptionally good meeting everyone asked question as well as exchanged valuable information as we discussed the future and additional services that potentially could be provided. From that meeting those companies elected to submit bids. The bids would be open at any point in time as the city would review and look over those bids and we would submit that information to council and the council would make the decision on the direction that you wanted to pursue. We have three great firms interested in providing sanitation and disposal services to the city of spencer. As you are aware Waste Management has served the City of Spencer for the past 26 years and we have Republic who works extensively in a lot of communities in this metropolitan area and the state as well and WCA has accounts in this area as well. Mr. Long stated that for the purpose of this meeting he will only be talking about two firms because the high bidder was WCA. Mr. Long highlighted some things that he wants the council to be aware of. First, he explained that when looking at the approximate combined accounts of residential and commercial that is a fluid number because people are moving in and out and opening and closing businesses. So, the numbers that he will gave are rough estimate of typically the average accounts that we will deal with in City Hall. That total ranges between $1457 and $1461. He reiterated again these are fluid number it changes, and it will go a little higher and a little lower but that kind of a mean average of what you will have to look at.

Republic’s bid for commercial is $8803.91, Waste Management’s bid for commercial $7359.69 it is a little higher $1444 higher. On Republic’s bid for commercial when you look at the 1404 residential accounts Republic was the low bid, representing $15,308.50 compared to $16,430.19 giving you a difference of $1131. Meaning the Republic was $1121 lower than Waste Management for residential. Mr. Long continued to say that what we have is a split bid. If you combined the bids, you are looking at a rough average of Waste Management being about $3000 lower. There are some variables in which you have the landfill nearby for Waste Management and secondly annually the number of vouchers that people can use to go to the landfill. That is something you would want to consider in all of this. He shared with the council that you see the recommendation that management made was Republic. The reason for recommending Republic is the line share of all the city’s accounts is residential. 1404 accounts versus fifty-three accounts. If you accept Republic’s bid, you are going to be able to maintain and keep your rates close to where they are now. The commercial rates the fifty-three accounts will go up a little. Stated that this will not be overwhelming, but they will go up. In closing Mr. Long stated that we need to look at this and decide who should get the benefit in this bid process your residential or your commercial accounts, so that is the issue and question the council will have to respond to. This will be a five-year contract and management is asking that if council decide to go ahead and authorize negotiations that process would begin, and management would come back to you later and bring the council a contract for your review and consideration.

Attending the meeting was representatives from Republic Service Crystal Benette and the General Manager David Baker. Stating that they are dependable and dedicated to growing with the city. They currently service nearby cities of Jones and Nicoma Park. Representative from Waste Management Rick Padgett mentioned again they have provided service for the City of Spencer for 26 years. Mention their community involvement in spencer such as scholarships etc.

**Trustee/Council Members Canaday motioned to approve Sanitation bid for Recommended Company - Waste Management and authorize negotiations to begin the process. Trustee/Council Members Williams seconded the motion. The vote was as follows. Yeas: Trustee/Council Members Canaday, Trustee/Council Member Fair, Trustee/Council Members Williams, Vice Chairman/Mayor Scanlan Abstain: Nays: Chairman/Mayor Calvin**

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**\*\*UTILITIES AUTHORITY MEETING CALLED TO ORDER MEETING: 7:01 P.M. IN CONCURRENT WITH THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

1. Remarks & Comments:

**Trustee/Council Member Canaday: Appreciate seeing so many people out tonight. Apologize for certain agenda items not on the agenda. Really concerned that the citizens concerns are not being addressed regarding the damages from the flooding.**

**Trustee/Council Member Williams: Apologize to Tanya Mustin for her harsh tone used.**

**Trustee/Council Member Fair: No comment**

**Vice Chairman/Mayor Scanlan: Town representation is important, and the negativity must stop. Due to the personal attacked on social media and protest Vice Chairman/Mayor Scanlan decided to step for the safety and sanity of his family. He wished the City of Spencer well and will still support the City of Spencer.**

**Mayor Calvin: Disappointed of the resignation of Mr. Scanlan but he understands and respect his decision. He stated that it is a shame that his tireless work for the city has resulted in resignation. Encouraging everyone to continue to move forward for the City of Spencer to progress.**

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**Ask staff to advertise the vacant position of Ward 4 in the newsletter and the city’s website.**

**Chairman/Mayor Calvin motioned to approve staff to advertise the vacant position of Ward 4 in the newsletter and the city’s website. Trustee/Council Member Williams seconded the motion. The vote was as follows. Yeas: Trustee/Council Member Canaday, Trustee/Council Member Fair, Trustee/Council Member Williams and Chairman/Mayor Calvin Abstain: Nays:**

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council & Utility Authority meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

**Trustee/Council Member Williams motioned to Adjourn. Chairman/Mayor Calvin seconded the motion. The vote was as follows. Yeas: Trustee/Council Member Canaday, Trustee/Council Member Fair, Trustee/Council Member Williams and Chairman/Mayor Calvin Abstain: Nays:**

Respectfully Submitted,

Tanya Mustin

Tanya Mustin, Minute Taker