

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BARTLESVILLE CITY COUNCIL**



**Monday, October 7, 2024
5:30 p.m.**

**City Hall, Council Chambers
401 S. Johnstone Avenue
Bartlesville, OK 74003**

**Mayor Dale Copeland
918-338-4282**

MINUTES

(The Notice of Meeting was posted December 15, 2023 and the Amended Agenda was posted October 4, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.)

City Council present were Mayor Dale Copeland, Vice Mayor Jim Curd, Jr., Councilmembers Trevor Dorsey, Loren Roszel and Quinn Schipper.

City staff present were Mike Bailey, City Manager; Jess Kane, City Attorney; Jason Muninger, CFO/City Clerk; Laura Sanders, Assistant City Manager; Micah Siemers, Director of Engineering; Kelli Williams, Chief Communications Officer; Kiley Roberson, Library and Museum Director; Fire Chief H.C. Call; Police Chief Kevin Ickleberry; Deputy Police Chief Andrew Ward, Greg Collins, Special Project Manager; Alicia Shelton, Internal Finance Supervisor; Tammy Hudgins, External Finance Supervisor; Jody Shahan, Golf Course Supervisor; Police Captain Daniel Elkins, Security; Steve Roper, Engineer; and Elaine Banes, Executive Assistant.

- 1. The business meeting of the Bartlesville City Council was called to order by Mayor Copeland at 5:30 p.m.**
- 2. Roll call was conducted and a quorum established.**
- 3. The Invocation was provided by Councilmember Quinn Schipper.**
- 4. Citizens to be heard.**

Eddie Collins provided comments about the recent drag queen show at Unity Square opposing the event, and his experience at the event involving the local police officers working the event. He also asked for the amount of funds used to pay for the police offers who worked the event.

Joel Rabin provided his comments about the recent drag queen show and his opposition to the event, as did citizen Jason Atherton.

Aaron Kirkpatrick provided his comments about his plan to address homelessness, Highway out of Homelessness.

Ken Cannon stated his interest in the failure history of the water meters and if the City has any plans regarding water meters.

- 5. City Council Announcements and Proclamations.**

There were no announcements or proclamations.

- 6. Authorities, Boards, Commissions and Committee Openings**
 - One opening on the Ambulance Commission

- One opening on the Bartlesville Library Board
- One opening on the Bartlesville Museum Trust Authority
- One opening on the Bartlesville Water Resources Committee (Ward 4 Representative)

Mayor Copeland read the openings and encouraged citizens to volunteer on City Committees. Applications can be found at www.cityofbartlesville.org or at City Hall in the city Manager's Office.

7. Consent Docket

a. Approval of Minutes

- The Regular Meeting Minutes of September 3, 2024.

b. Approval and/or Ratification of Appointments to Authorities, Boards, Commissions, and Committees.

- Appointment of Ms. Laura Jensen and Mr. Andrew Gilbert to three-year terms each on the Bartlesville Redevelopment Trust Authority at the recommendation of Councilmember Roszel.
- Appointment of Mr. John Howk to a three-year term on the Board of Adjustment at the recommendation of Mayor Copeland.

c. Approval and/or Ratification of Agreements, Contracts, Engagement Letters, Proposals, and Memorandums of Understanding.

- Lease Agreement between Edward Smothers and the City of Bartlesville/Municipal Airport to store aircraft for aeronautical activity in Hangar 8.
- Professional Services Agreement between Heckenkemper Golf Course Design and the City of Bartlesville for agronomy consulting services for Adams Municipal Golf Course.
- Design Contract with CEC Corporation and the City of Bartlesville for engineering design for rehabilitation of six different asphalt streets included in the 2023 issuance of the 2020 General Obligation Bond.
- FY-2024 Audit Engagement Letter between Arledge and Associates P.C. and the City of Bartlesville to perform an audit of the City of Bartlesville financial statements.
- Agreement between TargetSolutions Learning LLC and the City of Bartlesville/Bartlesville Fire Department for online Fire/EMS/Hazmat training program and records management.
- Facility Rental Agreement between The Center and the City of Bartlesville/Bartlesville Public Library for the annual downtown Spooktacular event.
- Agreement between Kellogg and Sovereign Professional E-Rate Managements Services Fee Schedules and the City of Bartlesville/Bartlesville Public Library for FY 2025-2026 E-Rate services, covering E-Rate, Oklahoma Universal Service Fund and FCC's new Cybersecurity Pilot Project.
- Hosted Services Agreement between Quipu Group, LLC and the City of Bartlesville/Bartlesville Public Library for FY 2025 to keep a record of customer incidents, i.e., accidents or removing customers due to policy infractions.
- Authorization to the City Manager or his designee to sign Voluntary Labor Agreements for volunteer hours worked in exchange for complimentary golf at Adams Municipal Golf Course.
- Purchase and Sale Agreement for Jerry Benedict d/b/a Adams Golf Club.
- Master Services Agreement with Parkhill, Smith, and Cooper for Airport Consulting Services.

d. Receipt of Land Donation

- Receipt of a donation of 0.14 acres +/- of land described as Lot 6, less the East 45 feet, of Block 19, Capitol Hill Addition to the City of Bartlesville, Washington County, Oklahoma, from Weare-West Family Trust, Arvest Bank, Trustee, addressed as 216 S. Wyandotte Ave.

e. Approval of Resolutions

- i. Amending the FY 2024-2025 Budget appropriating unanticipated grant revenue in the Restricted Revenue Fund of the Community Development Department for the use of grant funds from Phillips 66 for a tree planting program.
- ii. Amending the FY 2024-25 Budget appropriating unbudgeted revenue for the Police Department.

f. Receipt of Bartlesville NEXT Progress Report

- i. Bartlesville NEXT Progress Report – September 2024.

g. Receipt of Financials

- i. Interim Financials for one month ending July 31, 2024.
- ii. Interim Financials for two months ending August 31, 2024.

h. Receipt of Bids

- i. Bid No. 2024-2025-006R for Tuxedo Bridge over Caney River
- ii. Bid No. 2024-2025-008 for Concrete
- iii. Bid No. 2024-2025-009 for Asphaltic Concrete & Aggregate Base
- iv. Bid No. ~~1013-1014-010~~ 2024-2025-010 for Custom Aerial Fire Apparatus

Mayor Copeland read the consent docket in its entirety. Mr. Roszel removed Items 7.d.i., and Vice Mayor Curd removed items 7.a.i., 7.c.ii., 7.c.ix and 7.c.xi. for further discussion.

Vice Mayor Curd moved to approve the consent docket with the exception of Items 7. a.i., c.ii., c.ix., c.xi., and d.i., seconded by Mr. Roszel.

Voting Aye: Mr. Schipper, Mr. Roszel, Mr. Dorsey, Vice Mayor Curd, Mayor Copeland
 Voting Nay: None
 Motion: Passed

Item 7.a.i. The Regular Meeting Minutes of September 3, 2024.
 Vice Mayor Curd was not at the September 3, 2024 meeting and his absence is noted in the minutes, but he wanted to make sure that the public knows that he was absent/abstained on Consent Docket Item 7.c.ix. which related to encroachment agreement and release of liability with Sterling Enterprises, Inc. for part of Dink's parking lot that encroaches upon a portion of Frank Phillips Boulevard Right-of-Way. Vice Mayor Curd has ownership in these two establishments.

Also, in the same minutes on Item 4. Regarding a resolution pertaining to public safety, lewd acts in public, protests, and constitutional rights of the public in public spaces, he again wanted to make sure that the public knows that he supports the resolution. His support of the Resolution was provided by Mr. Bailey in Vice Mayor Curd's absence, and was included in the minutes following the record of voting at the meeting.

Item 7.c.ii. Professional Services Agreement between Heckenkemper Golf Course Design and the City of Bartlesville for agronomy consulting services for Adams Municipal Golf Course.

Vice Mayor Curd understands this is for the grow-in for the greens after they are seeded. Mr. Siemers confirmed. Once seeded, Heckenkemper will be on site and be available for advisement as to what is needed.

Item 7.c.ix. Authorization to the City Manager or his designee to sign Voluntary Labor Agreements for volunteer hours worked in exchange for complimentary golf at Adams Municipal Golf Course.

Vice Mayor Curd understands this is a practice entertained before and how the golf course relies on volunteers, and that this will formalize the process. Ms. Sanders confirmed stating that this is common to offer complimentary golf to volunteers and places parameters around them. Ms. Sanders confirmed that the City Manager or his designee could authorize the agreements so they would not have to be approved individually by the Council. Vice Mayor Curd confirmed that the sale from Mr. Benedict has been finalized. Mr. Bailey added that Mr. Benedict chose to retain the gift certificates/gift cards so people that purchased them will be referred to Mr. Benedict who will reimburse them. Vice Mayor Curd expressed his appreciation to staff and the advisory committee for all of the work accomplished to bringing the golf course under the City management. Mr. Roszel also added his thanks to Jerry Benedict for all he has done over the past 38 years and his assistance in the smooth transition of the sale of the golf course. Mr. Bailey stated that Mr. Benedict had hoped to be in attendance, and appreciated everyone's well wishes.

Item 7.c.xi. Master Services Agreement with Parkhill, Smith, and Cooper for Airport Consulting Services.

Vice Mayor Curd inquired if this Agreement is for the final consulting services for the hangar design. Mr. Siemers confirmed stating that funding was made available through the 40% grant through the ODAA and the BDA. The estimated cost is \$4.5 million with 40% paid by the State. Vice Mayor Curd stated that is a great project and looked forward to its completion.

Vice Mayor Curd moved to approve Items 7.a.i, 7.c. ii, xi, and xi. as presented, seconded by Mr. Schipper.

Voting Aye: Mr. Roszel, Mr. Dorsey, Vice Mayor Curd, Mr. Schipper, Mayor Copeland
Voting Nay: None
Motion: Passed

Item 7.d.i. Receipt of a donation of 0.14 acres +/- of land described as Lot 6, less the East 45 feet, of Block 19, Capitol Hill Addition to the City of Bartlesville, Washington County, Oklahoma, from Weare-West Family Trust, Arvest Bank, Trustee, addressed as 216 S. Wyandotte Ave.

Mr. Roszel asked for more information as to why this property is being donated and what the benefit is to the City. Mr. Collins stated that Arvest did not provide the reason why the family trust wished to donate the property. The benefit to the City according to Mr. Collins is that the City is open to these donations for planning and possible development. In answer to Mr. Roszel's inquiry, Mr. Bailey stated that the City would forgive any liens, any taxes upon Council approval. Discussion covered how accepting this type of donation fits in with criteria in place; could be used for affordable housing; the buildings were removed and liens removed; often times property that is being donated is done so to simply to settle the Trust; the property currently is zoned general commercial C-5; it has been used as residential property, and that it could potentially be donated to other organizations. Mr. Roszel stated that he is not in favor of the City receiving property when other organizations could benefit from having it donated to them.

Vice Mayor Curd moved to approve Item 7.d.i., seconded by Mr. Dorsey.

Voting Aye: Mr. Dorsey, Vice Mayor Curd, Mr. Schipper, Mayor Copeland
Voting Nay: Mr. Roszel
Motion: Passed

8. Discuss and take possible action to award Bid No. 2024-2025-006R for Tuxedo Bridge over Caney River. Presented by Councilman Schipper.

Mr. Schipper moved to award Bid No. 2024-2025-006R to Wildcat Construction Co., Inc. Topeka, Kansas, in the amount of \$1,513,685.74, seconded by Mr. Roszel.

Voting Aye: Vice Mayor Curd, Mr. Schipper, Mr. Roszel, Mr. Dorsey, Mayor Copeland
Voting Nay: None
Motion: Passed

9. Discuss and take possible action to award Bid No. 2024-2025-008 for Concrete. Presented by Mayor Copeland.

Mayor Copeland moved to award Bid No. 2024-2025-008 to Bartlesville Redi-Mix, Bartlesville, OK, per the attached form as needed, seconded by Vice Mayor Curd

Voting Aye: Mr. Schipper, Mr. Roszel, Mr. Dorsey, Vice Mayor Curd, Mayor Copeland
Voting Nay: None
Motion: Passed

10. Discuss and take possible action to award Bid No. 2024-2025-009 Part I for Asphaltic Concrete and Part II for Aggregate Base. Presented by Mayor Copeland.

Mayor Copeland moved to award Bid No. 2024-2025-009 Parts I and II to Bison Materials, LLC, Bartlesville, OK per the attached form as needed, seconded by Mr. Dorsey.

Voting Aye: Mr. Roszel, Mr. Dorsey, Vice Mayor Curd, Mr. Schipper, Mayor Copeland
Voting Nay: None
Motion: Passed

11. Discuss and take possible action to award Bid No. 2024-2025-010 for the purchase of a custom aerial fire apparatus for the Bartlesville Fire Department. Presented by Mayor Copeland.

Mayor Copeland moved to award Bid No. 2024-2025-0010 to Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus, LLC, Union Grove, Alabama, in the amount of \$400,000, seconded by Vice Mayor Curd.

Voting Aye: Mr. Schipper, Mr. Roszel, Mr. Dorsey, Vice Mayor Curd, Mayor Copeland
Voting Nay: None
Motion: Passed

12. Public hearing and action on a request to close a portion of a 20-foot-wide utility easement located on the south side of Lot 1, Block 4, Corrected Plat for Covington Park, Bartlesville, Washington County, Oklahoma. Presented by Micah Siemers, Director of Engineering.

Mr. Siemers reported that the applicant, Raymond Crow, is requesting the closure so that he can construct a storage building in the back yard of the property. Staff received no objections from Police, Fire, Planning, Public Works, Water Utilities or Engineering departments. There were no objects from ONG, AT&T or Sparklight. ONG is located in the front and side of the lot. There are communications utilities located within the easement, but they are in the south 10 feet of the easement and would not be affected by the closure. PSO has stated that they have facilities in the vicinity of this easement and do not support closing any portion of the 20' easement.

Staff recommends holding the public hearing and denial of the request to vacate the north 10 feet of the 20- utility easement based upon input received from PSO.

Mayor Copeland opened the public hearing at 6:33 p.m. There being no one appear to speak, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:33 p.m.

Discussion ensued with Mr. Roszel inquiring about the discrepancy of record regarding PSO's utility location in the easement. Mr. Siemers stated that the easement was not surveyed by the City or PSO as a result of this request, but that he had confidence in the current City's records. Discussion covered whether to table the item or take no action until PSO or the property owner can perform a survey to confirm PSO's exact presence in the easement. There was no motion made, therefore no action was taken on Item 12.

13. Public hearing and possible action on proposed text amendments to the Zoning Regulations for the City of Bartlesville, such revisions shall include modifications to Section 7.3 (Child and Adult Care Facilities) and Section 4.2 (Permitted Uses in Residential Districts). Presented by Larry Curtis, Director of Community Development.

Mr. Bailey introduced the item with Mr. Collins reporting that staff is recommending amendments to the Zoning Regulations pertaining to residentially based child care facilities in an effort to reduce regulatory burden on child care providers and align local regulations with the minimum standards required by Oklahoma State Statute, Title 10, Chapter 18 and the Oklahoma Department of Human Services. Additionally, the Bartlesville NEXT Strategic Plan indicated child care as the highest priority under Emerging Issues. The Strategic Plan also noted that approaches to addressing the local child care shortage could include collaborating with local groups to help find solutions and helping to advocate for reform of child care regulations that act as barriers to new facilities. To this end, staff collaborated with the Strategic Childcare Committee, coordinated by the City Manager's office, and received feedback that the proposed amendments are favorable. The City Planning Commission held a public hearing on September 24, 2024 with no one appearing to speak. The City Planning Commission recommended approval.

Using a powerpoint, Mr. Collins provided a summary of proposed amendments as follows:

1. Remove the distinction between small and large child care homes with all residentially-based child care facilities classified as Child Care Homes regardless of the number of children. The State of Oklahoma limits this to 12 children in a home.
2. Child Care Homes will be permitted by right in all residential zoning districts with a Minor Home Occupation License only, eliminating the need for a public hearing to obtain a special zoning permit unless the facility wishes to request a modification to the requirements.
3. Extend permissible hours of operation from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., allow on-street parking for drop-off and pick-up if off-street parking is not feasible. Eliminate the overall prohibition of associated on-street parking.
4. Eliminate specific requirements for outdoor play area enclosure. Instead, play areas shall be enclosed with safe fencing; flexibility in materials and height is allowed, provided safety is ensured and the OKDHS requirements are met.

Mayor Copeland opened the public hearing at 6:51 p.m. Appearing to speak was Tim Sherrick who commented on a child care operation in his neighborhood that is respectful of the neighbors. There being no one further appear to speak, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:52 p.m.

Mr. Roszel moved to adopt the ordinance amending Sections 4.2 and 7.3 of the Zoning Regulations for the City of Bartlesville, pertaining to residentially based child care facilities as presented, seconded by Mr. Dorsey.

Voting Aye: Mr. Schipper, Mr. Roszel, Mr. Dorsey, Vice Mayor Curd, Mayor Copeland
Voting Nay: None
Motion: Passed

14. Presentation, discussion and possible action on the report and proposed recommendations for the strategic direction of Adams Municipal Golf Course. Presented by JJ Keegan.

Mr. Keegan reported that the City Council approved an agreement between the City and JJ Keegan to complete a comprehensive review of Adams Municipal Golf Course at their July 1, 2024 meeting. He presented a review of his report with a PowerPoint (attached) stating that he completed his findings in September and presented the draft report to the golf course steering committee on September 18th. The following are some of the recommendations made to the committee:

- The City of Bartlesville should self-manage the golf course instead of retaining a private firm or leasing the facility.
- The City should anticipate continuing to fund capital improvements via the General Fund based on the issuance of voter-approved bonds.
- The USGA or the Oklahoma State University Turf Management should be retained to assist with the identification of trees for removal to ensure adequate sunlight on the green surfaces being renovated.
- A PGA Professional with a Bachelor's Degree preferred college degree with a business emphasis desirable should be retained by January 1, 2025, to ensure a smooth transition upon renovation completion.
- The current rates should remain in place until the course reopens.
- Season Pass sales should be suspended.
- The Steering Committee will present the City Council at the December meeting proposed rates based on recommendations submitted as part of the strategic plan acknowledging the current rate is far below market.
- The Steering Committee will review, with the guidance of the newly retained General Manager/Head Golf Professional, the continuing role of the Operations Committee that should remain inactive during the renovation.
- The options for food service, including the acquisition of a food truck, will be examined.
- The golf course will be updated and rebranded with a new logo upon the course reopening.

Discussion covered how this is a watershed moment for the golf course to set it on a path for success; the golf course is not just a business but an asset; organizations who depend on the golf course should be included in discussions; youth development events would be desirable; suggestion of a marketing strategy; the Steering Committee will remain in place and involved, pausing the Operating Committee during transition; and that the hiring of the golf professional will be instrumental in developing programs. Further discussion covered rate increases and the process of determining rates such as value equals experience minus price; Mr. Keegan's advice that once the course is fully mature, raise the rates fully at one time; competitive rates were examined in comparison to Hillcrest Country Club where there is a four to five times the amount of expense for the same number of rounds; Adams Municipal Course is the perfect venue for new golfers and non-golfers, as well as experienced golfers; how most golfers play within a 10 mile range of "home", as well as some who will possibly travel from as far away as Tulsa; and golf course operational expenses which can be comparable to the operation and maintenance expenses of City parks.

Vice Mayor Curd moved to approve the report and proposed recommendations for the strategic direction of Adams Municipal Golf Course, seconded by Mr. Roszel.

Mayor Copeland commented that he agrees with Mr. Keegan that the golf course is one of the best. Ms. Sanders stated that staff is very excited for the future of the golf course. Mayor Copeland expressed his appreciation to Mr. Keegan for the report. Mr. Dorsey stated he appreciated all of the work involved in the report and participation of everyone involved. He added that he feels the City golf course is pretty phenomenal and has the potential to be even better. Mr. Schipper compared the City

taking over the airport and how management had to learn about airport operations successfully to becoming a golf course owner and learning everything involved in golf course management. Mr. Bailey added that the City has received good candidates so far for the golf professional position and feels that once that position is filled, the course and course activities will see immediate benefits.

Voting Aye: Mr. Roszel, Mr. Dorsey, Vice Mayor Curd, Mr. Schipper, Mayor Copeland
Voting Nay: None
Motion: Passed

15. Discuss and take possible action to approve a resolution directing City staff to develop a plan for a task force to recommend solutions to address the rise in Bartlesville's unsheltered homeless population and associated issues. Presented by Councilmember Schipper.

Councilmember Schipper thanked his fellow Councilmembers and City staff for providing input into this report and for Mr. Bailey's assistance in preparing the proposed resolution. He provided a brief summary on the resolution. The time-limited task force will be formed to study the rise in Bartlesville's unsheltered homeless population and associated issues. This task force will also be expected to recommend solutions to address these issues. The resolution outlines a general plan for the makeup and responsibility of the task force, but it leaves open certain details that are best established by the task force itself. The resolution does specify the goals and types of solutions upon which the task force should focus. The specific goals outlined in the resolution are as follows:

- Primary Goal: Reduction in the unsheltered homeless population in Bartlesville.
- Secondary Goals:
 - Reduce vandalism, littering, and other illegal acts associated with the unsheltered homeless population.
 - Increase confidence in public safety of and increase utilization of public spaces by addressing concerns linked to homelessness.
 - Address public health concerns while improving conditions for unsheltered individuals.
- Tertiary Goal: Determine the value of an ongoing committee once the task force accomplishes its purpose and make an appropriate recommendation.

The proposed resolution is only the first step in the creation of this task force as City Staff will use this framework to bring a formal document necessary for the creation of the task force to the City Council's regularly scheduled meeting in November.

Discussion covered that this is a great place to start; research what has worked and not worked in other comparable communities; addressing the needs of the unsheltered; make-up of the membership of the task force; membership could include ward representatives, a member of the unsheltered community, representation of organizations who assist and work with the unsheltered, mental health representation, business owner that has been adversely impacted, and a resident that has been adversely impacted; the document that actually establishes the committee will include the makeup and will be presented at the November meeting; limiting the task force to six months for recommendation may not be enough, the time can be expanded if needed; this is a recognized concern and part of the City's strategic plan; and concerns about being sure to address the problem and not the symptoms of homelessness. It was agreed that goals need to be measurable, the task force is a great start, and appreciation to Mr. Schipper for bringing this forward.

Mr. Schipper moved to adopt the resolution as presented, seconded by Mr. Dorsey.

Voting Aye: Mr. Dorsey, Vice Mayor Curd, Mr. Schipper, Mr. Roszel, Mayor Copeland

Voting Nay: None
Motion: Passed

16. Discuss potential cost recovery methods for police and other City department expenses related to special events. Presented by Mike Bailey, City Manager.

Mr. Bailey reported there is a great deal of information in the staff report on the research conducted. In summary, he stated that there is no single way any City he researched is reporting on this, no magic bullet, no immediately obvious way to recover costs for special events. There were many questions to be answered in order to offer reasonable, legal policy recommendations to the City Council. The most significant are addressed as follows:

- Can the City require event holders to pay for Bartlesville police officers as security at their events?
Yes, it can if their event requires a special event permit, or if they lease a public space for their event.
- Can different types of events be charged different rates?
Yes, but the rate must be based on factors that are independent of the event's content, content neutral. In other words, the City cannot discriminate based on who puts the event on, who attends the event, or what the content of the event is.
- Can the City charge an event for police officers that were related to a protest of their event?
Mr. Bailey stated that in his opinion he does not think the City can since this would be related to the content of their event. He also does not believe the City can charge protestors for the police officers related to their protest, since protests do not require special event permits or a lease of space.
- What would be some criteria that the City could use for charging for police officers at an event?
The easiest would be based on number of attendees, but that may not always work. For instance, a 5k covers a large area, but may have relatively few attendees. Whereas, a play in the park may draw significantly more people, but they will be more condensed. There are also considerations for alcohol served at some events, traffic control, etc. And finally, many events already hire police officers and have arrangements with reserve officers for crowd and traffic control and security.

With these questions as a basis for understanding the issue, there are a number of methods that could be used to charge for officers at special events, but the most obvious and unbiased is based on the average daily (or perhaps average hourly) attendance of the event. It would be simple to assign a certain number of officers based on the attendees of an event, but research would be needed as to what ratio is appropriate. In its simplest form, utilizing a ratio of officers to attendees creates wildly different rates for events. Unexpectedly, the variable that has the greatest impact on the total cost is actually the length of the event and not just the total number of attendees. Events that cover days or even months will have a much higher total cost than an event that lasts only hours.

Mr. Bailey continued stating that there are ways to balance this somewhat by creating maximums or allowing event holders to opt out. However, both of these methods could place all or a majority of the cost back on the municipality if the City deems that additional officers are needed. However, Fantasyland of Lights, Sunfest, Christmas in the Ville, etc. generally do not invest substantial amounts in security. As such, the increases for these events could be cost prohibitive. One other option for a basis for determining the fee for security would be the area of the event. However, a quick analysis showed that this method produced more uneven results than the previous method. As such, it is not an option without serious constraints that again, must not be based on the content of the event. There are other options including a mutually negotiated number of officers. However, if agreement cannot be reached or if the event holder is unwilling to provide the necessary officers that our Police Department feels are necessary, there would be an issue. He believes this would leave the City in the same position as the City is in now and the City would provide the appropriate number of officers to ensure the public safety and enforcement of our laws.

Examples taken from Carrollton, Texas and Oklahoma City show that they require the event holder to work with the police department to determine the amount of officers, the security risk, etc. If the Council wants to develop a policy, then staff will work with officers to determine metrics, underlying fundamentals, with the next step to meet with groups who have public events to discuss what are needs and costs. These events are very important to the economy of our community, and it is not the City's desire to discourage Sunfest, Freedom Fest, etc. Therefore, a cost prohibitive policy would be in everyone's best interest.

Mr. Bailey concluded that the event that caused concern and ask that a policy be researched was the recent Pride Celebration. There were fears of public safety due to protests. In the past, there have been marches here, with protestors, that did not request protection, but Administration decided to provide extra security for the safety of all involved. If the Council wishes to go forward with a policy, Mr. Bailey would engage three groups, Community Development, the Police Department, and the City Attorney. He added that although this is not an action item, he would appreciate input and direction.

Mr. Dorsey appreciated Mr. Bailey following up on his request to research this subject stating that there are citizens who feel that community standards are not being met, such as the expense of security funded by the City. Discussion covered how an overtime budget is included in the police department's budget annually; if that is depleted, funds are taken from other departments or the General Fund; the funding of security for the Pride Celebration was taken from the Police Department overtime budget; the Pride event provided an opportunity for additional police training that was used during the event and will be beneficial in many ways; the Pride event was held without incident; Council appreciated the police department and how they handled the event; and the mobile command center was successfully utilized for the event.

Council input continued with Mr. Roszel commenting that it is governmental authority to provide for public safety; how it is the right use of funds; and compared it to how police are present at parades, football games, directing traffic at schools, etc. He feels that it is a function of the government and organizations should not be charged because of subject matter or message. He feels no further time should be expended on a policy. Mayor Copeland commented that he received positive feedback about the Pride event and pointed out that taxpayers pay for the golf course even if they do not play golf as a comparison. He added that he was not opposed to gathering more information to fine tune this area much like the City did with surveys about the golf course. He concluded that moving forward to see what merits would arise from additional research would be interesting. Vice Mayor Curd commented that there are some events around the country that provoke violence and that the Council and City may potentially need a policy and additional information would be welcome. Mr. Schipper commented that Mr. Bailey's report held a great deal of good information. Mr. Roszel agreed with the good information in Mr. Bailey's report and for the excellent job the police department provided at the Pride event. He stated that he feels that anybody's suggestions or alludes to the fact that the police witnessed laws being broke and did nothing, is ludicrous. Mr. Bailey stated his appreciation for the input and will proceed with additional research and will bring the results back to the council at a later date. Mr. Dorsey reminded the public that the report, as well as all of the staff reports addressed at every meeting, are available on the City's website.

17. New Business.

There was no new business.

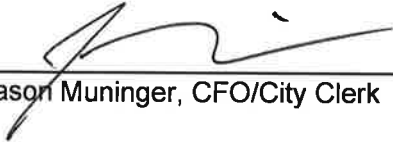
18. City Manager and Staff Reports.

Mr. Bailey reported on the Pathfinder improvements, the electronic recycling event that will be held on October 19 at Sooner Park, and the free yard debris cleanup the week of December 9.

19. City Council Comments and Inquiries.

There were no comments or inquiries from the City Council.

20. There being no further business to address, Mayor Copeland adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.



Jason Muninger, CFO/City Clerk



Dale W. Copeland, Mayor

