



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

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BARTLESVILLE CITY COUNCIL**

**Monday, December 2, 2024
5:30 p.m.**

**City Attorney, Jess Kane
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MINUTES

(The Notice of Meeting was posted Dec. 15, 2023 and the Agenda was posted Nov. 27, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.)

City Council in attendance was Jim Curd, Jr., Trevor Dorsey, Tim Sherrick, Larry East and Aaron Kirkpatrick.

City staff in attendance was Mike Bailey, City Manager; Laura Sanders, Assistant City Manager; Jess Kane, City Attorney; Jason Muninger, CFO/City Clerk; Terry Lauritsen, Director of Water Utilities; Micah Siemers, Director of Engineering; Keith Henry, Director of Public Works; Kelli Williams, Chief Communications Officer; Police Chief Kevin Ickleberry; Fire Chief H.C. Call; Mike Richardson, Director of the Municipal Airport; Matt McCollough, Director of I.T.; Larry Curtis, Director of Community Development; Robin Betts, Director of H.R.; Kiley Roberson, Director of the Library and History Museum; Micah Snyder, Planner, Community Development; Mitch Lucas, Building Maintenance Supervisor; and Elaine Banes, Executive Assistant.

- 1. The business meeting of the Bartlesville City Council was called to order by City Attorney, Jess Kane, at 5:30 p.m.**
- 2. Mr. Kane administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Tim Sherrick, Ward 1, Mr. Larry East, Ward 2, Mr. Jim Curd, Jr., Ward 3, Mr. Aaron Kirkpatrick, Ward 4, and Mr. Trevor Dorsey, Ward 5.**
- 3. Roll Call was conducted a quorum established.**
- 4. The Invocation was provided by Pastor Jason Elmore, Friday Nite Church and President of the Bartlesville Ministerial Association.**
- 5. Citizens to be heard.**

Eddie Collins thanked the new Councilmembers for their service. He then provided comments on the Constitution and the resolution he read to the City Council at the November 4, 2024 meeting regarding opposition to flock cameras. He requested a sworn affidavit from a Councilmember or from City Administrator stating that there is a 100% guarantee that the data obtained by the flock cameras will not be distributed to any outside entities.

Shelle Griffith stated her opposition to the Comprehensive Plan and to the flock camera system. She also voiced her preference for Tim Sherrick as Mayor.

Michael Stadelmaier provided comments about the City Council election, his opinion for a need in a change of leadership, and that he supports Tim Sherrick for Mayor and Aaron Kirkpatrick as Vice Mayor.

Sarah Burnett provided comments on the City Council election, the Charter election, her perception of how the community would like new leadership, and that she supports Tim Sherrick for Mayor.

Joshua Lock stated his opposition to the flock cameras and how, in his opinion, the system collects data that affects citizen's privacy. He asked that at the next City Council meeting, that the Council reaffirm its commitment to privacy of citizens and went on to provide additional actions he felt need to be taken to rescind the agreement and remove the cameras. He concluded that he supports Tim Sherrick as Mayor.

Melanie Miller provided comments on the City Council election, leadership changes, and her support for Tim Sherrick for Mayor and reasons why she felt he would be qualified.

Dale Earhart stated his opposition to the flock camera system such as the broader collection than just license plate information.

Joel Rabin noted that his comments are to the new members and congratulated them. He spoke in opposition of the Comprehensive Plan and set out actions he would like for them to take regarding it. He concluded with comments regarding the City Attorney.

Sherri Wilt, President of the Bartlesville Area Chamber of Commerce provided comments of how she and the Chamber works closely with the City Council and City leaders, and how well the two entities and other organization work together. She read and distributed a letter signed by 30 major Bartlesville stake holders welcoming the new City Council members, and how they recognize the strength of the City government and community is at this time. The letter included their hope to continue working together to ensure this trend will continue for years to come.

Tom Gorman, former Mayor, and past and current member on City Boards, offered his congratulations to the new councilmembers. His comments covered Bartlesville's growth and strong financial status, as well as the many large ongoing projects. He concluded that continuity in leadership is very important in the growth and success of Bartlesville.

Shawn Barker provided his opinions on Bartlesville and leadership, specifically how Mr. Curd is his best friend. He added that he felt Mr. Curd has done a lot for Bartlesville and that he did not deserve the maligning treatment he had received over his vote on the drag queen resolution. He added that he felt that Mike Bailey is the best city manager he has seen over many years, a good man. He encouraged the City Council to give a good ear to the citizens and to keep Mr. Curd or Mr. Dorsey as vice mayor for continuity concluding with his support of Mr. Sherrick as Mayor.

6. Discuss and take action on the election of Mayor.

Mr. East moved to elect Tim Sherrick as Mayor, seconded by Mr. Sherrick.

Mr. Kirkpatrick commented on the enthusiasm and sharing of perspective from citizens, then his reasons why he feels Mr. Curd should be Mayor and Mr. East as Vice Mayor. He concluded that for those reasons stated, he would not vote for Mr. Sherrick as Mayor.

Mr. Sherrick provided information about his professional career and how it provides him with tools to be a good Mayor.

Mr. Kane provided that there should be a vote on calling the previous question. There was some confusion as to what he meant, but a roll call was taken.

Voting Aye: Mr. Sherrick, Mr. East,

Voting Nay: Mr. Curd, Mr. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Dorsey

Motion: Failed

Mr. Kane announced that the previous question failed and re-opened discussion on the nomination of Mr. Sherrick for Mayor.

The previous motion stood, moved by Mr. East to elect Mr. Sherrick as Mayor, and seconded by Mr. Sherrick.

Voting Aye: Mr. East, Mr. Sherrick

Voting Nay: Mr. Curd, Mr. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Dorsey

Motion: Failed

Mr. Sherrick moved to elect Mr. Dorsey as Mayor, seconded by Mr. East.

Mr. Kirkpatrick provided comments regarding healthy and unhealthy conflict.

Mr. Kane inquired if Mr. Dorsey was willing to serve in this capacity. Mr. Dorsey provided he did not wish to be Mayor due to availability constraints his job required.

Mr. Kane inquired if Mr. Sherrick would like to modify his nomination.

Mr. Sherrick moved to nominate Mr. Curd as Mayor, seconded by Mr. Dorsey.

Voting Aye: Mr. Curd, Mr. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Dorsey, Mr. Sherrick, Mr. East,

Voting Nay: None

Motion: Passed

Mr. Kane passed the gavel to Mayor Curd who took the meeting.

Mayor Curd stated that he is extremely honored to be Mayor of Bartlesville. He expressed his appreciation for being elected and was humbled by the action. He looks forward to improved communication on all fronts.

7. Discuss and take action on the election of Vice Mayor.

Mr. Kirkpatrick moved to elect Mr. Dorsey as Vice Mayor, seconded by Mr. Dorsey.

Mr. Sherrick inquired about time commitments that may affect Mr. Dorsey if he had to fill in for the Mayor, since that was the reason he declined the Mayor nomination. Mr. Dorsey assured the Council that should he need to stand in for the Mayor, he would adjust his schedule accordingly. Mayor Curd added, at Mr. Kirkpatrick's inquiry, that during his service as Vice Mayor, it was rare that he had to fill in for the Mayor. A brief discussion covered how if the Mayor was temporarily unavailable, the Vice Mayor would fill the seat, but if the Mayor position was permanently vacated for some reason, a new election by the City Council would be held for the position.

Voting Aye: Mr. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Dorsey, Mr. East, Mayor Curd

Voting Nay: Mr. Sherrick

Motion: Passed

8. City Council Announcements and Proclamations.

- A presentation by Police Chief Ickleberry of Meritorious Award was made to Randal Florence in recognition of his exceptional courage and selflessness to ensure the safety and protection of others.

9. 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 Curd 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.

10. Consent Docket

- a. Approval of Minutes
 - i. The Regular Meeting Minutes of November 4, 2024.
- b. Approval of Agreements, Contracts, Engagement Letters, Leases, MOU's, Proposals, and RFP's.
 - i. T-Hangar Aircraft Storage Agreement between BMI Aviation and the City of Bartlesville/Bartlesville Municipal Airport.
 - ii. Agreement for the Multi-Clean professional janitorial service proposal.
- c. Receipt of Bartlesville NEXT Progress Report
 - i. Bartlesville NEXT Progress Report – November 2024

Mayor Curd read the consent docket in full. Mr. Kirkpatrick removed Item 10.b.i. for further discussion.

Mr. Kirkpatrick moved to approve the consent docket with the exception of Item 10.b.i., seconded by Vice Mayor Dorsey.

Voting Aye: Mr. Sherrick, Mr. East, Mr. Kirkpatrick, Vice Mayor Dorsey, Mayor Curd

Voting Nay: None

Motion: Passed

Item 10.b.i. Approval of Agreements, Contracts, Engagement Letters, Leases, MOU's, Proposals, and RFP's.

- i. T-Hangar Aircraft Storage Agreement between BMI Aviation and the City of Bartlesville/Bartlesville Municipal Airport.

In response to Mr. Kirkpatrick's question, Mr. Kane responded that this is a month-to-month lease. He went on to explain that the agreement is a standard form that has been in use for several years. In response to Mr. Kirkpatrick's question if the rates are locked in or can be changed, Mr. Kane stated that if rates change, the agreements will be renewed at new rates. In response to Mr. East's question regarding if utilities are included in the lease amount, Mr. Bailey stated that they were.

Mr. Kirkpatrick moved to approve Item 10.b.i., seconded by Mr. East.

Voting Aye: Mr. East, Mr. Kirkpatrick, Vice Mayor Dorsey, Mr. Sherrick,
Mayor Curd

Voting Nay: None

Motion: Passed

11. Discuss and take possible action to review and reaffirm Resolution No. 3661 Establishing a Format and Rules of Order for the Conduct of City Council Meetings. Presented by the Mayor.

Mayor Curd reported that that this is action taken at the first meeting of the new council, with Mr. Bailey providing that this action is required by City Charter, as amended in 2011, that the Council approve rules of order and code of conduct and reaffirm at the next regular meeting following a City Council election. He offered that if there is anything the Council would like to amend or have questions about, the action can be set for a later date if needed.

In response to Mr. Sherrick's inquiry on how the 10-mile radius was determined referring to Section 1.C.1. and 1.D.1., Mr. Bailey reported that former Mayor Copeland wanted to restrict comments to citizens of Bartlesville but include those who lived in close proximity. Discussion ensued on widening the radius since the City has downstream water customers, for example; how outlying customers can contact City staff with any concerns they may have; how if someone who lives outside the 10 mile radius wishes to speak, Section 1.D.i. allows the Mayor or majority of the Council to allow them to speak; Vice Mayor Dorsey's agreement to widen the agreement with conversation of changing to 20 miles; Mr. Kirkpatrick's opposition to widening it due to those who live outside Bartlesville have their own city/town governments, and that Bartlesville City Council meetings are business meetings about Bartlesville and not outlying communities. Mr. Kirkpatrick and Mr. Sherrick provided a discussion about each of their reasons why the radius should not be widened (Mr. Kirkpatrick) and why it should be widened (Mr. Sherrick).

Mr. Sherrick moved to re-affirm Resolution No. 3661 amending in Section 1.C.i. and Section 1.D.1. to widen the radius to residents residing within 20 miles, seconded by Mr. Dorsey.

After further discussion, Mr. Sherrick moved to amend his motion to re-affirm Resolution No. 3661 amending Section 1.C.i. and Section 1.D.i. to include residents of Washington County, seconded by Mr. Dorsey.

Further discussion covered if there were other downstream customers outside of Washington County that should be allowed to speak since Bartlesville does serve water

to one community in Osage County. Discussion continued with Mr. Kirkpatrick and Mr. Sherrick repeating their previous reasons for and against expanding the radius, and a brief comment about possibly expanding the 15-minute time limit.

Mayor Curd stated that there has been good discussion, and with Mr. Kane's direction, roll call vote should be taken. Mr. East asked for clarity on the motion.

The motion on the floor was confirmed that Mr. Sherrick had moved to re-affirm Resolution No. 3661 amending Section 1.C.i. and Section 1.D.i. to, "Public comment shall be limited to citizens of Bartlesville and residents of Washington County", seconded by Mr. Dorsey.

Voting Aye: Vice Mayor Dorsey, Mr. Sherrick, Mr. East, Mayor Curd

Voting Nay: Mr. Kirkpatrick

Motion: Passed

12. Discuss and take possible action to review and reaffirm Resolution No. 3226 Current Code of Ethics Policy. Presented by the Mayor.

Mayor Curd asked Mr. Bailey to provide background. Mr. Bailey reported that this action is required by City Charter that the City Council review and reaffirm the current code of ethics policy at the next regular meeting following a City Council election. He offered that if there is anything the Council would like to amend or have questions about, the action can be set for a later date.

Mr. East moved to re-affirm Resolution No. 3226 as presented, seconded by Mr. Sherrick.

Voting Aye: Vice Mayor Dorsey, Mr. Sherrick, Mr. East, Mr. Kirkpatrick, Mayor Curd

Voting Nay: None

Motion: Passed

13. Discuss and take possible action regarding City Council liaisons to Authorities, Boards, Commissions and Committees. Presented by the Mayor.

A brief discussion was held on how to proceed. The document to re-affirm was not included in the packet, and Mr. Bailey suggested each new councilmember assume the positions of their predecessors until after the Council orientation and make changes in a future meeting. At that time, the document to re-affirm and any changes in positions can be discussed and approved.

Mr. Sherrick moved that each new Councilmember assume the responsibilities of their predecessors that were held on each Authority, Board, Commission and Committee, and incumbent Councilmembers retain their positions held on each Authority, Board, Commission and Committee, pending discussion at Council orientation and taking a final vote at a later date, seconded by Mr. Kirkpatrick.

Voting Aye: Mr. Sherrick, Mr. East, Mr. Kirkpatrick, Vice Mayor Dorsey, Mayor Curd

Voting Nay: None

Motion: Passed

14. New Business

Mr. Bailey explained "New Business" which is specifically for items that could not have been foreseen prior to the required posting date and time of the agenda. There was no new business to address.

15. City Manager and Staff Reports.

Mr. Bailey reported on holiday trash schedules; Sunset Bridge now under design; water levels are good; yard debris collection is the week of December 9; and that the HWY 60/Nowata Road/Adams Blvd. rehab has been moved by ODOT from 2025 to 2027.

He concluded by thanking the former Councilmembers for their service and how the community is better for service. He also congratulated the new Councilmembers, and Mayor Curd and Vice Mayor Dorsey on their new titles.

16. City Council Comments and Inquiries.

Vice Mayor Dorsey thanked Dale Copeland, Loren Roszel and Quinn Schipper for their service on the City Council. He congratulated Mayor Curd on his new title, as well as congratulations to the new Councilmembers. He added that he appreciated how everyone ran an honorable campaign. He closed by asking Mr. Bailey for additional information on the flock cameras, and if a decision is made to have them removed, the proper and legal way of doing so. Mr. Bailey stated that Police Chief Ickleberry is going to have a public forum on the flock system.

Mr. Kirkpatrick suggested a public forum on the Comprehensive Plan in the near future.

17. There being no further business to address, Mayor Curd adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.



Jim Curd, Jr., Mayor



Jason Muninger, CFO/City Clerk

