

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OKLAHOMA OPEN MEETING LAW
THE AGENDA WAS POSTED SEPTEMBER 21, 2023 AT 4:53 P.M.
AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 723 SOUTH LEWIS, STILLWATER, OKLAHOMA**

**MINUTES
STILLWATER CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
COUNCIL HEARING ROOM
723 S. LEWIS
SEPTEMBER 25, 2023**

**PRESENT: MAYOR WILLIAM H. JOYCE, VICE MAYOR AMY DZIALOWSKI,
COUNCILORS CHRISTIE HAWKINS, KEVIN CLARK AND TIM HARDIN**
ABSENT: NONE

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Joyce called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. GENERAL ORDERS

- a. Presentation and discussion of Electric Utility Rate Study results and recommendations

Electric Utility Director Loren Smith reported that in October, 2022, Trustees approved staff to enter an electric cost of service/rate design agreement with LM Vedder Consulting. The rate study has been completed and LM Vedder will present data and recommendations for consideration. Mr. Smith introduced Lisa Vedder, LM Vedder Consulting.

Lisa Vedder, LM Vedder Consulting, gave a brief history of her background and experience. She presented the history of SUA electric rates, key events since the last study, overview of the study, rate design, study results and her recommendations. Ms. Vedder answered Council's questions.

Mr. Smith reminded residents of the future dates for the town hall meetings regarding the electric utility rates.

- b. Presentation and discussion of Stormwater Rate Study results and recommendations

Watershed Quality Manager Zack Henson started his presentation by defining stormwater. He then presented the drainage fee history, current rates, stormwater needs, rate calculations, potential fee adjustments and the recommendation. Mr. Henson answered Council's questions.

3. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS & BOARDS

- a. Miscellaneous items from the City Attorney: None.
- b. Miscellaneous items from the City Manager:
- Interim City Manager Brady Moore reported that this evening Council heard the utility rate study information regarding electric and stormwater. Please join us October 2 for the rate study information about water and wastewater. The Council meetings and study sessions are available on the City of Stillwater YouTube and meetings are replayed on our municipal channel, AT&T U-verse 99 or Suddenlink 14. There will be online town halls to receive feedback and have discussion with our community members in October. On the 10th will be

electric and on the 12th will be water, wastewater, and stormwater. For more information, please go to stillwaterok.gov.

c. Miscellaneous items from the City Council:

- Councilor Hardin stated that the City is accepting applications for a citizen representative to fill the electrical trade position on the Building Trades Board. The board consists of five members who are employed as an architect, engineer, general building contractor, or as a person licensed by the City in one of the trades. Board members must have the ability to attend hearings convened with a minimum of 48 hour notice. The board is empowered by ordinances of the building codes to serve as the appeal body for those codes. It also serves as a review board for other matters concerning building construction such as licensing practices, code adoptions and amendments. The term is three years. If anyone would like to get involved in their local government and help make Stillwater even greater, please consider applying online at: Stillwaterok.gov/citizenboards.
 - Councilor Clark reminded residents that there are multiple street and bridge construction projects throughout Stillwater. The City asks that motorists pay careful attention when driving in construction areas, allow additional travel time, and take alternate routes if possible. For the latest updates and additional information including new projects go to: stillwaterok.gov/roads.
 - Councilor Hawkins announced that its OSU Football season so please consider taking advantage of the Free Park & Ride Shuttle Service. The City of Stillwater and Oklahoma State University Athletics offer free parking and shuttle service from downtown. The shuttle runs every 30 minutes before and after the game. It begins three hours before the game and runs throughout the post-game. There are more than 500 free parking spots available. The pick-up and drop-off location is at 7th Avenue and Lewis Street. Save money, beat the rush, park downtown, and GO POKES.
 - Vice Mayor Dzialowski announced that there is a Citizen Request Tracker on the City's new website. This is an avenue for residents to report concerns regarding drainage and flooding, street light outages, trash collection issues, animal control requests, and much more. Please consider using this system to let our employees know concerns that need to be checked out and possibly repaired. To get started go to: stillwaterok.gov/report.
 - Mayor Joyce stated that the City of Stillwater Electric Utility department sent a team of apprentices to the 2023 MESO (Municipal Electric Systems of Oklahoma) Lineworkers Rodeo earlier this month. The annual event, which was hosted in Bentonville, Arkansas this year, is designed to foster friendly competition with municipalities all over Oklahoma and Arkansas. This event helps in many ways. It helps strengthen professional relationships and promote mutual aid for collaboration with major weather emergencies. Also, teams observe practices of other municipalities in real-life situations to improve and ensure safety in their craft. Congratulations to the Stillwater Lineworkers Rodeo Team on winning several events. The team included: Barrett Matheson, Jason Ley, AJ Hill, and Case Mutz. The City appreciates all of our lineworkers for their continuous efforts to install, repair, and restore power. Their skilled service is vital for all of us.
- i. Discussion about scheduling items for future meetings.

4. QUESTIONS & INQUIRIES

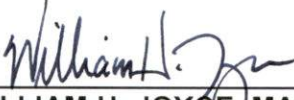
None.

5. ADJOURN

MOTION BY COUNCILOR CLARK, SECOND BY VICE MAYOR DZIALOWSKI TO ADJOURN THE SEPTEMBER 25, 2023 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE STILLWATER CITY COUNCIL.

ROLL CALL VOTE: JOYCE-YEA, DZIALOWSKI-YEA, HAWKINS-YEA, CLARK-YEA, HARDIN-YEA. NAY-NONE. MOTION CARRIED WITH FIVE YEA VOTES.

The September 25, 2023 special meeting of the Stillwater City Council adjourned at 7:11 p.m.



WILLIAM H. JOYCE, MAYOR
STILLWATER CITY COUNCIL



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CITY CLERK