

Stillwater Sister Cities Council Minutes
September 25, 2025

Stillwater Community Center, Room 100
315 W. 8th
5:00pm

Members Present: Cindy Petree, Linda Ely, Matt Payne, Dale Durham, Becky Irby, Nathan Horton 5:12pm, John Mills 5:

Not present: Debbie Dawson, Judy Nelson, Bob Burk

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:12 pm.

2. Introduction of Guests

Jim Shideler, OSU Global Studies

3. Approval of minutes –April 24, 2025

Motion to accept with corrections made by Linda Ely, seconded by Matt Payne. All votes yes.

4. Discussion/Possible Action

a) OSU Global Studies – Jim Shideler

Jim Shideler provided International Student enrollment at OSU and their goals to encourage enrollment at OSU.

b) CLIC, English Department, Oklahoma State University – Ho’omana (Nathan) Horton

Nathan Horton reported 9 students from Shinshu University in Japan participated in a 4-week program with the OSU English Language Program. Nathan was able to attend many of the activities in OKC/Tulsa. September 30, 2025 will conclude the Afghan Cares Program and Nathan announced there was a large anonymous endowment for scholarships received to support specific needs for refugees in the future.

c) OSU Japanese Student Association/Japanese Club – Jacie Gray

Nathan Horton reported a students involved in the OSU Japanese Student Association will participate as a U.S. Exchange student attending Shinshu University. No major events scheduled on the OSU campus.

d) Discussion, planning, and possible action regarding the Stillwater Sister Cities 40th anniversary between Stillwater, OK and Kameoka, Japan.

May ideas were discussed to celebrate the Stillwater Sister Cities 40th anniversary. A proclamation will be presented at the Nov. 3 City Council meeting. A commemorative

beer release will be scheduled in October. Other ideas included banners, commemorative bench, 5K walk/run, Digital display boards, Nov 7 Pioneer football game, Nov. 8 OSU Football game, TV31.

5. Council/staff announcements of items of interest to the Council.

None

6. Adjourn

Motion by Becky Irby, seconded by Linda Ely. All votes yes. Meeting adjourned at 5:59pm.