IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OKLAHOMA OPEN MEETING LAW
THE AGENDA WAS POSTED FEBRUARY 20, 2026 AT 11:25 A.M.
AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 723 SOUTH LEWIS, STILLWATER, OKLAHOMA

MINUTES
STILLWATER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL HEARING ROOM
723 S. LEWIS
FEBRUARY 23, 2026

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. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Stillwater City Council led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

a. Black History Month Proclamation

Mayor Joyce read the proclamation declaring February 2026 as Black History Month. Karen Washington and Jim Beckstrom accepted the proclamation.

4. CONSENT DOCKET

a. Approve February 9, 2026 regular meeting minutes.
b. Approve a budget amendment to return unused project appropriations for the Fire Station #2 project to the fund balance of the Fire Fund.
c. Approve a budget amendment to return unused project appropriations for completed projects (airport apron rehabilitation, police vehicle upfitting, and parking at 10th and Husband) to the fund balance of the City Capital Fund.
d. Approve a budget amendment to return unused project appropriations for Airport apron rehabilitation to the fund balance of the Airport Fund.
e. Approve budget amendments to reflect the receipt of a grant from the Department of Justice for the Equitable Share Program.
f. Approve budget amendments to reflect receipt and appropriation of a donation for wildfire equipment.
g. Approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Stillwater and FEMA - Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS)
h. Approve the award of contracts by CMAR, Lippert Brothers, Inc., for Project Work Package #6 (Directional Signage and Information Monitors) for the Stillwater Regional Airport Terminal and Improvements Project; Approve Amendment No. 6 to the CMAR Agreement which includes a partial conversion to guaranteed maximum price in the amount of $93,539 for the relevant portion of work identified as Project Work Package #6; and authorize the City Manager to sign the Amendment and related exhibits Amended A-1 and C-6.

i. Accept permanent easement and temporary construction easement, and authorize the mayor to execute the easement documents for:
   - Parcel 5A and Parcel 5.1 -- Sangre Waterline Project with Preston Stuteville and Meagan Ewy

j. Approve The Oklahoma Purchasing System (TOPS) Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Independent School District No. 15 of Atoka County a/k/a Atoka Public Schools and member public agencies to become a member of the TOPS purchasing cooperative.

k. Award a unit price contract to Ellsworth Construction OKC, LLC for $1,970,768.56 for FY25 Pavement Management Program (PMP) Task Order No. 1 projects (Bid No. 43-2025); authorize the City Manager to execute the Construction Agreement; authorize total expenditures of $2,242,845.42, which includes the construction contract, materials testing, and contingency; and approve associated budget amendment.

Councilor Clark removed item g. from the Consent Docket.

MOTION BY COUNCILOR HAWKINS, SECOND BY VICE MAYOR DZIALOWSKI TO APPROVE THE CONSENT DOCKET MINUS ITEM G.

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

5. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS NOT SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

There were no requests to speak on agenda items not scheduled for public hearing.

6. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT DOCKET

g. Approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Stillwater and FEMA - Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS)

Emergency Management Director Rob Hill stated that on March 14, 2025, Stillwater experienced significant wildfire activity driven by high winds and dry conditions, creating rapidly changing and dangerous conditions across portions of the community. This event highlighted limitations in our ability to communicate immediate life-safety messaging at the speed and scale required by a fast-moving wildfire. Mr. Hill reported that rapidly shifting fire behavior outpaced some notification methods, and the absence of fully integrated, redundant alerting systems limited our capacity to deliver targeted evacuation orders and urgent protective instructions in real time. He stated that the March 14 wildfire underscored both the dedication of public safety agencies and the need to strengthen how we deliver emergency alerts. To address these gaps, this agreement will provide the City of Stillwater access to the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) through our existing mass notification platform, RAVE. This will expand our ability to send Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA), activate the Emergency Alert System (EAS) through television and radio, and broadcast through NOAA Weather Radio using Civil Emergency Messages (CEM). Unlike traditional mass notification systems that require residents to opt in, IPAWS allows us to send alerts directly to smart devices within the affected area ensuring faster, broader delivery of critical life-safety information when it is needed most. Mr. Hill reported that there will be a one time setup fee of $1,200.00 to activate this component in the RAVE system.

Mr. Hill answered Council's questions.

MOTION BY COUNCILOR CLARK, SECOND BY VICE MAYOR DZIALOWSKI TO APPROVE ITEM G. FROM THE CONSENT DOCKET.

ROLL CALL VOTE: JOYCE-YEA, DZIALOWSKI-YEA, HAWKINS-YEA, CLARK-YEA, HARDIN-YEA.

NAY-NONE. MOTION CARRIED WITH FIVE YEA VOTES.

7. RESOLUTIONS

a. Resolution No. CC-2026-3: A resolution of the Stillwater City Council approving the submission of an application for FFY2027 Highway Safety Grant Funds from the Oklahoma Highway Safety Office to be used by the Stillwater Police Department for Impaired Driving Enforcement and Authorizing the Mayor or Vice-Mayor to execute any related grant documents.

City Attorney Kimberly Carnley stated that this resolution approves the submission of a grant application for FFY2027 Highway Safety Grant Funds for equipment and personnel overtime expenses for impaired driving enforcement for the Stillwater Police Department. She reported that approval of this resolution authorizes a grant application for $37,218 for the program and authorizes the Mayor or Vice Mayor to sign related grant documents. Ms. Carnley stated that there is no required cost share.

MOTION BY VICE MAYOR DZIALOWSKI, SECOND BY COUNCILOR CLARK TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. CC-2026-3 AS PRESENTED.

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

b. Resolution No. CC-2026-4: A resolution of the City Council of the City of Stillwater approving the Bookend Hotel Redevelopment Agreement by and among the Stillwater Economic Development Authority, the City of Stillwater, And Republic Properties, LLC.

City Attorney Kimberly Carnley stated that this resolution approves the Bookend Hotel Redevelopment Agreement between the City, SEDA and Republic Properties, LLC. This Redevelopment Agreement is in connection with the action SEDA took on January 26, 2026 to approve the Development Assistance Financing to Republic Properties, LLC in an amount not to exceed one million paid in arrears. She reported that approval of this resolution approves the Redevelopment Agreement and authorizes and directs, the Mayor, on advice of Special Counsel, Center for Economic Development Law, to prepare, negotiate, finalize and execute necessary documents to implement and carryout out terms of the Redevelopment Agreement.

MOTION BY COUNCILOR HAWKINS, SECOND BY VICE MAYOR DZIALOWSKI TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. CC-2026-4 AS PRESENTED.

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

8. ORDINANCES

a. First Reading

Ordinance No. 3593: An ordinance amending the Stillwater City Code by amending Chapter 29, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article I, In General, by creating Section 29-18, Prohibition On The Use Of Dynamic Braking Devices; Repealing All Ordinances To The Contrary; And Providing For Severability

City Attorney Kimberly Carnley stated that this ordinance would prohibit the use of dynamic braking (also known as Jake Braking) except for the purpose of avoiding imminent danger or in the case of a wheel brake failure. She stated that passing of this ordinance is the first step in the process of working with the

Oklahoma Department of Transportation to identify areas along State highways that may need signs posted for enforcement.

MOTION BY VICE MAYOR DZIALOWSKI, SECOND BY COUNCILOR HAWKINS TO ADVANCE ORDINANCE NO. 3593 TO SECOND READ AS PRESENTED.

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

b. Second Reading

Ordinance No. 3590: An ordinance amending Stillwater City Code Chapter 23, Land Development Code, Article I, General Provisions, Section 23-7, Definitions; Article V, Use Categories And Limitations, Division 1, Generally, Section 23-96, Definitions; Article VI, Land Use Classifications, Division 3, Residential Districts, Section 23-140, RMI (Multi-Family Intermediate) District, and Section 23-141 RMU (Multi-Family Urban) District; and Article IX, Landscaping, Screening, and Environmental Standards, Section 23-230, Generally; Repealing All Ordinances To The Contrary; and Providing For Severability

MOTION BY COUNCILOR CLARK, SECOND BY COUNCILOR HAWKINS TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 3590 AS PRESENTED.

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

Ordinance No. 3592: An ordinance amending the Stillwater City Code by creating a new Chapter 30, Municipal Code Lien Enforcement; Creating Section 30-1, Adoption Of The Municipal Code Lien Enforcement Act Of 2025; Creating Section 30-2, Definitions; Creating Section 30-3, Code Violation Fees And Costs Enforced In Rem; Owner-Occupied Property Exception; Priority; Creating Section 30-4, In Rem Foreclosure Of Municipal Code Liens; Creating 30-5, Code Enforcement; Identification Of Properties; Petition; Notice; Repealing All Ordinances To The Contrary; And Providing For Severability.

MOTION BY VICE MAYOR DZIALOWSKI, SECOND BY COUNCILOR HAWKINS TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 3592 AS PRESENTED.

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

9. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS & BOARDS

a. Miscellaneous items from the City Attorney:
   i. Request for an Executive Session pursuant to 25 O.S. §307(B)(4) for the purpose of confidential communications between the City Council and its attorney concerning all aspects of litigation in Hosterman v. City of Stillwater, et al., United States Federal District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma, Case No. CIV-24-976-SLP. It is the opinion of the City Attorney that disclosure of this matter will seriously impair the ability of the City to conduct litigation and/or proceed in the public interest.
b. Miscellaneous items from the City Manager:
   - City Manager Brady Moore asked residents to mark their calendars for the City of Stillwater's annual Trash-Off community clean-up event on Saturday, March 28, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. This event empowers volunteers to help keep Stillwater clean. Work gloves, safety vests, and trash bags will be provided, and participants may receive verified community service hours. An award will be presented to the group that collects the most trash. Individuals and groups who

wish to participate must RSVP by March 25. To register, contact Chris Franks at (405) 533-8482 or complete the online RSVP form at stillwaterok.gov/trashoff.

c. Miscellaneous items from the City Council:
   - Councilor Hardin reminded residents that it's that time of year to file taxes and the Stillwater Library is offering assistance. Community members can schedule appointments for free tax preparation assistance from the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) online at: stillwaterok.gov/LibraryTaxes, or by calling (405) 372-3633, extension 8103. Appointments are available now through April 7.
   - Councilor Clark announced that with the arrival of wildfire season, City staff want to remind residents that weather conditions in Oklahoma can change quickly and increase fire danger. High wind gusts, low relative humidity, and elevated temperatures can all contribute to rapid fire spread. Before conducting any controlled burn, Staff strongly encourage residents to contact the Stillwater Fire Department. This simple step can help prevent unintended wildfires and protect lives, property, and natural resources. For updates, safety information, and seasonal fire guidance, follow SFD on Facebook and Instagram at S-T-W Fire, or call one of the stations.
   - Councilor Hawkins reported that the City is accepting applications for various committees, including the Board of Drainage Appeals, Stillwater Public Art, Building Trades Board, and more. Committees are essential for development and infrastructure projects within our community. If anyone would like to get involved in their local government and make Stillwater even greater, please consider serving on one or more of these committees.
   - Vice Mayor Dzialowski announced that the Watershed Quality Division is currently hosting its annual Rain Barrel Event, giving residents the opportunity to purchase a rain barrel for conserving water and reducing stormwater runoff. Rain barrels collect and store water from your roof, which can later be used to water lawns and gardens. Orders must be submitted online by April 26, or by April 24 if ordering by mail. The pick-up event will take place on Saturday, May 2, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Public Works Facility, located at 707 E. 8th Avenue.
   - Mayor Joyce reminded residents that the annual Mid-South Endurance Race and affiliated events will be March 12-14 this year and will include the half marathon and 50K ultra. The City is excited to welcome all Mid-South visitors and friends and wish the best of luck to participants. There will be road closures in various areas of town during the race, and traffic may be congested at times. We ask that everyone allow additional travel time and keep an eye out for cyclists, runners, and walkers in and near roadways. Many thanks to Bobby and Crystal for organizing this annual event and all the hard work they put into this, and thanks to our City departments for their help, as well.

i. Discussion about scheduling items for future meetings.

10. QUESTIONS & INQUIRIES

None.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Confidential communication between City Council and its attorney concerning all aspects of litigation in Hosterman v. City of Stillwater, et al., United States Federal District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma, Case No. CIV-24-976-SLP.

MOTION BY MAYOR JOYCE, SECOND BY COUNCILOR CLARK TO RECESS THE STILLWATER CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 5:53 P.M.

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

Stillwater City Council meeting recessed at 5:53 p.m. to convene the Stillwater Economic Development Authority meeting.

Stillwater City Council reconvened at 6:24 p.m.

MOTION BY COUNCILOR HARDIN, SECOND BY COUNCILOR HAWKINS TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:24 P.M

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

12. RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Possible action related to Hosterman v. City of Stillwater, et al., United States Federal District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma, Case No. CIV-24-976-SLP, including possible action to appoint council representatives for participation in a judicial settlement conference.

MOTION BY VICE MAYOR DZIALOWSKI, SECOND BY COUNCILOR HAWKINS TO RECONVENE THE REGULAR STILLWATER CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:32 P.M.

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

MOVE BY COUNCILOR CLARK, SECOND BY COUNCILOR HARDIN TO APPOINT MAYOR JOYCE AND VICE MAYOR DZIALOWSKI AS COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE IN THE MATTER OF HOSTERMAN VS. CITY OF STILLWATER, ET AL.

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

13. ADJOURN

MOTION BY COUNCILOR CLARK, SECOND BY COUNCILOR HARDIN TO ADJOURN THE FEBRUARY 23, 2026 REGULAR 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 February 23, 2026 regular meeting of the Stillwater City Council adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

WILLIAM H. JOYCE, MAYOR
STILLWATER CITY COUNCIL

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CITY CLERK