

IN ACCORDANCE WITH OKLAHOMA MEETING LAW  
THE AGENDA WAS POSTED TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2017  
AT THE CUSHING CITY HALL  
CUSHING, OKLAHOMA

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE  
CUSHING CITY COMMISSION  
AND  
CUSHING MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY  
AND  
CUSHING HOSPITAL AUTHORITY  
AND  
CUSHING INDUSTRIAL AUTHORITY  
AND  
CUSHING EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AUTHORITY  
MAY 18, 2017  
6:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING CEREMONIES.

THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CUSHING CITY COMMISSION, CUSHING MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY, CUSHING HOSPITAL AUTHORITY, CUSHING INDUSTRIAL AUTHORITY, AND CUSHING EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AUTHORITY WAS CALLED TO ORDER ON MAY 18, 2017 BY CHAIRMAN AMON.

2. ROLL CALL, DECLARATION OF A QUORUM BEING PRESENT.

PRESENT: BRANNON, THOMPSON, AMON  
ABSENT: NONE

3. GENERAL BUSINESS.

- A) STUDY SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FY 2017-2018 CITY OF CUSHING AND TRUST AUTHORITIES BUDGETS.

CITY MANAGER SPEARS PROVIDED A SUMMARY OF THE GENERAL FUND. MR. SPEARS STATED THAT PROJECTED YEAR END REVENUES ARE NOT DOWN SIGNIFICANTLY IN COMPARISON TO ORIGINAL PROJECTIONS. CITY MANAGER SPEARS STATED THAT STAFF CONTINUE TO LOOK FOR WAYS TO REDUCE EXPENSES. MR. SPEARS STATED YEAR END PROJECTIONS FORECAST ENDING THE YEAR WITH A \$4.9 MILLION FUND BALANCE.

CITY MANAGER BEGAN GOING THROUGH THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET BY DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER BRANNON INQUIRED ABOUT THE VEHICLE SITUATION IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. POLICE CHIEF FOLDEN STATED THE DEPARTMENT STILL USES SOME 2009. COMMISSIONER BRANNON INQUIRED HOW MANY OF THE CAMERAS ARE DOWN. CHIEF FOLDEN STATE AT LEAST THREE. COMMISSIONER BRANNON STATED THAT THE CAMERAS

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NEED TO BE REPAIRED AND SOME OF THE 2009 FLEET NEED TO BE REPLACED. COMMISSIONER BRANNON CONTINUED TO SAY HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT GO BACK TO PURCHASING TWO NEW FLEET EACH YEAR AND MOVING THE PURCHASE TO THE 2009 SALES TAX FUND.

COMMISSIONER BRANNON INQUIRED ABOUT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT STAFFING. CHIEF FOLDEN PROVIDED AN UPDATE.

CHAIRMAN AMON INQUIRED ABOUT THE DEMOLITION BUDGET. CHAIRMAN AMON SPECIFICALLY INQUIRED IF THE COMMISSION WOULD BE ABLE TO AMEND THE BUDGET IF DEMOLITION COSTS EXCEEDED THE PROPOSED BUDGET AMOUNT. CITY MANAGER SPEARS STATED THAT WOULD BE A POSSIBILITY. COMMISSIONER THOMPSON INQUIRED IF ANY DEMOLITIONS WERE PLANNED FOR THE NEAR FUTURE. CITY MANAGER SPEARS STATED THERE WERE TWO OR THREE THAT THERE HAD BEEN WORK ORDERS ISSUED ON.

THERE WAS A BRIEF DISCUSSION ABOUT THE OUTSOURCING OF WEED AND GRASS MOWING. CITY MANAGER SPEARS STATED STAFF WOULD REEXAMINE THE IDEA.

CITY MANAGER SPEARS REVIEWED THE FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET AS PRESENTED. SAFETY GEAR AND BUNKER GEAR WERE DISCUSSED BRIEFLY. COMMISSIONER BRANNON INQUIRED ABOUT THE CONTINUOUS REPAIRS ON ONE OF THE AMBULANCES. COMMISSIONER BRANNON INQUIRED IF IT WOULD BE COST EFFECTIVE TO LEASE THREE NEW AMBULANCES AND ALLOW CITY MANAGEMENT TO USE THE 2009 SALES TAX FUND MONEY TO COVER THIS EXPENSE. CITY MANAGER SPEARS STATED THERE WAS NOT A COST BENEFIT TO LEASING AMBULANCES BECAUSE THE CITY IS NOT A PRIVATE COMPANY AND THERE IS NOT TAX BENEFIT.

COMMISSIONER BRANNON INQUIRED ABOUT THE STREET DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER BRANNON ASKED WHY CITY MANAGEMENT HAS CHOSEN TO HIRE IN THAT DEPARTMENT VERSUS OTHER DEPARTMENTS ACROSS THE CITY. COMMISSIONER BRANNON TALKED ABOUT THE THEORY BEHIND SKILL BASED PAY AND THE CREATION OF A HIGH VALUE WORKFORCE.

THE COMMISSION BRIEFLY DISCUSSED THE REVENUE OPPORTUNITIES AT THE LAKE.

BREAK:

A BREAK WAS TAKEN AT 7:22 P.M. ALL PARTICIPANTS WERE BACK AT 7:31 P.M.

COMMISSIONER BRANNON INQUIRED IF THERE WERE NO PARK IMPROVEMENTS BUDGETED IN FUND 114. CITY MANAGER SPEARS STATED NO PARK IMPROVEMENTS WERE BUDGETED.

COMMISSIONER BRANNON INTRODUCED THE IDEA OF LOWERING SALES TAX AND THE IMPACT HE BELIEVED IT WOULD HAVE ON THE COMMUNITY.

COMMISSIONER BRANNON INQUIRED ABOUT THE LOAN FROM CMA TO BUILD THE PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER. COMMISSIONER BRANNON INQUIRED WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF THAT LOAN WAS FORGIVEN.

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COMMISSIONER BRANNON INQUIRED ABOUT THE STAFFING LEVEL IN THE UTILITY OFFICE. CITY MANAGER SPEARS STATED HE BELIEVED THE OFFICE WAS ADEQUATELY STAFFED.

COMMISSIONER BRANNON INQUIRED IF CITY MANAGER SPEARS AND OTHER COMMISSION MEMBERS FELT LIKE THE CITY OF CUSHING NEEDS A PUBLIC WORK DIRECTOR. COMMISSIONER BRANNON INQUIRED IF CITY MANAGER SPEARS FELT LIKE THE CURRENT ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER WAS CAPABLE OF MANAGING PUBLIC WORKS. CITY MANAGER SPEARS STATED HE FELT THE ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER WOULD NEED TO ANSWER THIS QUESTION. ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER JEREMY FRAZIER STATED THAT WHILE HE FELT THAT HE WAS CAPABLE OF EFFECTIVELY MANAGING THIS DEPARTMENT FROM AN ADMINISTRATIVE STANDPOINT, THAT THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND THE CITY WOULD BE BETTER SERVED BY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS AN ENGINEER AND ONE THAT SPECIALIZES IN PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS. MR. FRAZIER ADDED THAT HIS EXPERIENCE WAS NOT SPECIFICALLY CONCENTRATED IN THE EXECUTION OF PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS.

DISCUSSION OF THE CUSHING HOSPITAL AUTHORITY AND THE HOSPITAL CONTRACT FOLLOWED. THERE WAS DISCUSSION OF THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE LEASE WITH THE HOSPITAL.

4. ADJOURNMENT.

MOTION: A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER BRANNON TO ADJOURN THE MAY 18, 2017 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CUSHING CITY COMMISSION AND CUSHING MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY AND CUSHING HOSPITAL AUTHORITY AND CUSHING INDUSTRIAL AUTHORITY AND CUSHING EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AUTHORITY AT 9:09 P.M. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER THOMPSON AND RESULTED IN THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE.

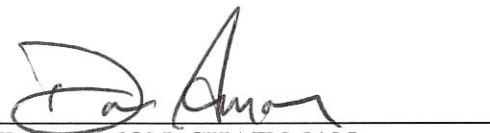
AYES: BRANNON, THOMPSON, AMON

NAYES: NONE

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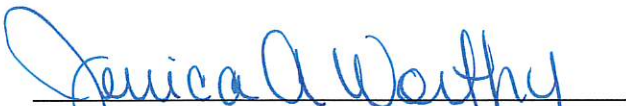
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ATTEST:



JERRICA A. WORTHY, CITY CLERK  
AND SECRETARY TO THE AUTHORITIES