Debra Burch, Mayor Melody Anderson, Trustee

Micah Carr, Trustee

Robert Morton, V. Mayor Gary Eaton, Trustee

## MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF SPERRY, OKLAHOMA

DATE:

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 2023

TIME:

6:00 PM

PLACE:

CITY HALL

115 N. CINCINNATI (OLD ARMORY)

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC: At this regular meeting, the Board of Trustees will consider, discuss, may take action on, approve, adopt, amend, not approve, reject, deny, table, or take no action on any item listed on this agenda. For the purposes of this agenda, "appropriate action" includes and encompasses all of the possible actions set forth in this Notice, and includes not taking any action on a specific agenda item.

## **MINUTES**

- 1. MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:43 PM BY MAYOR DEBRA BURCH.
- 2. ROLL CALL, DECLARATION OF A QUORUM BEING PRESENT.
  TRUSTEES PRESENT: GARY EATON, MICAH CARR, ROBERT MORTON,
  MELODY ANDERSON AND DEBRA BURCH.
  TRUSTEES ABSENT: NONE.
- 3. MOTION WAS MADE BY MELODY ANDERSON AND SECOND BY ROBERT MORTON TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON JULY 13, 2023, AND THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON JULY 27, 2023, AS WRITTEN.

  VOTE: YES: GARY EATON, MICAH CARR, ROBERT MORTON, MELODY ANDERSON AND DEBRA BURCH.

  VOTE: NO: NONE.
- 4. DISCUSSION REGARDING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. NO DISCUSSION.
- 5. MOTION WAS MADE BY MELODY ANDERSON AND SECOND BY ROBERT MORTON TO PAY CLAIMS AS PRESENTED.

  VOTE: YES: GARY EATON, MICAH CARR, ROBERT MORTON, MELODY ANDERSON AND DEBRA BURCH.

  VOTE: NO: NONE.
- 6. MOTION WAS MADE BY MELODY ANDERSON AND SECOND BY MICAH CARR TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF SPERRY

AND MICHAEL W. GREEN, CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT TO PROVIDE THE AUDIT FOR THE TOWN OF SPERRY FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023 AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$10,800.00 PLUS THE FILING FEES OF \$100.00 WITH THE STATE AUDITOR AND INSPECTOR PLUS AN ADDITIONAL \$1,000.00 IF MORE THAN \$25,000.00 GRANT FUNDS WERE RECEIVED PRIOR TO JUNE 30, 2023. THE AUDIT WILL INCLUDE THE SPERRY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.

VOTE: YES: GARY EATON, MICAH CARR, ROBERT MORTON, MELODY ANDERSON AND DEBRA BURCH.

VOTE: NO: NONE.

7. MOTION WAS MADE BY MELODY ANDERSON AND SECOND BY GARY EATON TO TABLE THE DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION RELATED TO A PROPOSED AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF SPERRY AND MICHAEL W. GREEN, CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT TO PROVIDE THE AUDIT FOR REST HAVEN CEMETERY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023 AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$3,125.00 PLUS THE FILING FEES OF \$100.00 WITH THE OKLAHOMA STATE AUDITOR AND INSPECTOR. THE BOARD WOULD LIKE TO RENEGOTIATE THE CONTRACTS TO SEE

WHAT THE SAVINGS WOULD BE IF THE GENERAL FUND AND REST HAVEN CEMETERY AUDITS WERE COMBINED.

VOTE: YES: GARY EATON, MICAH CARR, ROBERT MORTON, MELODY ANDERSON AND DEBRA BURCH.

VOTE: NO: NONE.

8. MOTION WAS MADE BY MELODY ANDERSON AND SECOND BY MICAH CARR TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT REQUEST FROM THE SPERRY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TO HAVE A HOMECOMING CONCERT AT THE GAZEBO ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2023 AND THE HOMECOMING PARADE ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2023.

THE ALUMNI WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE LUNCHEON IN THE ARMORY GYM ON SATURDAY.

VOTE: YES: GARY EATON, MICAH CARR, ROBERT MORTON, MELODY ANDERSON AND DEBRA BURCH.

VOTE: NO: NONE.

9. MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT MORTON AND SECOND BY MELODY ANDERSON TO APPROVE THREE (3) BUILDING PERMIT(S) FOR LOTS 1, 2 AND 3 BLOCK 1 HODGSON'S SUBDIVISION. THE LOTS ARE WEST OF SOUTH CINCINNATI AVENUE AND NORTH OF WEST CHERRY STREET. (KEVIN WATKINS)

ACTION BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION ON JUNE 15, 2023: APPROVAL OF THE REQUEST FOR THREE BUILDING PERMITS TO BUILD THREE (3) NEW HOMES ON LOTS 1,2,AND 3 BLOCK 1 HODGSON'S SUBDIVISION PENDING A CURRENT SURVEY SHOWING THE LOTS HAVE A 28' WIDTH.

VOTE: YES: GARY EATON, MICAH CARR, ROBERT MORTON, MELODY ANDERSON AND DEBRA BURCH. VOTE: NO: NONE.

- 10. MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT MORTON AND SECOND BY MICAH CARR TO INVESTIGATE ANIMAL NUISANCE COMPLAINTS, ENFORCE THE LAW AND ISSUE CITATIONS AT THE POLICE OFFICER'S DISCREPENCY. VOTE: YES: GARY EATON, MICAH CARR, ROBERT MORTON, MELODY ANDERSON AND DEBRA BURCH. VOTE: NO: NONE.
- 11. MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT MORTON AND SECOND BY MELODY ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE AMMENDED ORDINANCE 2023-04, AN ORDINANCE INCREASING THE RATE OF NATURAL GAS, ESTABLISHING A TRANSPORTATION FEE TO BE ASSESSED TO EACH NATURAL GAS CUSTOMER, ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

  VOTE: YES: GARY EATON, MICAH CARR, ROBERT MORTON, MELODY ANDERSON AND DEBRA BURCH.

  VOTE: NO: NONE.
- 12. MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT MORTON AND SECOND BY MICAH CARR TO APPROVE THE EMERGENCY CLAUSE FOR ORDINANCE 2023-04. VOTE: YES: GARY EATON, MICAH CARR, ROBERT MORTON, MELODY ANDERSON AND DEBRA BURCH. VOTE: NO: NONE.
- 13. MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT MORTON AND SECOND BY MICAH CARR TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A KYOCERA ECOSYSTEM M4132idn B/W DIGITAL MFP COPY MACHING FROM COPIER & COMPUTER SYSTEMS OF OKLAHOMA AT A COST OF \$4,450.00, WITH THE TOWN OF SPERRY CONTRIBUTING ONE-HALF OF THE PURCHASE PRICE, AS THE COST IS BEING SHARED WITH THE SPERRY UTILITY SERVICES AUTHORITY. VOTE: YES: GARY EATON, MICAH CARR, ROBERT MORTON, MELODY ANDERSON AND DEBRA BURCH. VOTE: NO: NONE.
- 14. MOTION WAS MADE BY MELODY ANDERSON AND SECOND BY MICAH CARR TO APPROVE ESTABLISHING A SEARCH COMMITTEE TO EMPLOY A TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, INCLUDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A SALARY AND JOB DUTIES.

VOTE: YES: GARY EATON, MICAH CARR, MELODY ANDERSON AND DEBRA BURCH.

VOTE: NO: ROBERT MORTON.

15. MAYOR'S REPORT.

A. PROJECT/GRANT UPDATES.

16. POLICE DEPARTMENT: (BOB JOHNSON)

A. MONTHLY CRIME REPORT

17. FIRE DEPARTMENT: (BRAD DEAN)

A. MONTHLY FIRE DEPARTMENT RUN REPORT AND AN ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT AN UPCOMING FUND RAISING EVENT TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2023 AT THE COVE STATION.

B. MOTION WAS MADE BY GARY EATON AND SECOND BY MELODY ANDERSON TO APROVE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT APPLYING FOR A FORRESTRY DEPARTMENT 80%/20% GRANT IN ORDER TO PURCHASE SCBA UNITS.

VOTE: YES: GARY EATON, MICAH CARR, ROBERT MORTON, MELODY ANDERSON AND DEBRA BURCH.

VOTE: NO: NONE.

C. MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT MORTON AND SECOND BY MICAH CARR TO APPROVE A REQUEST FROM CHIEF BRAD DEAN AND EMS DIRECTOR MARY DEAN TO ATTEND A CLASS COVERING IN-HOUSE TRAINING IN LAWTON, OKLAHOMA ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2023 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 15, 2023. THERE IS NO COST FOR THE CLASS, \$154.00 FOR BOOKS, HOTEL FEES NOT TO EXCEED \$500.00 AND A PER DIEM OF \$59.00 PER PERSON, PER DAY NOT TO EXCEED \$590.00 FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$1,300.00 WITH THE FUNDS TO BE TAKEN FROM THE EMERGENCY SERVICES SAVINGS ACCOUNT.

VOTE: YES: GARY EATON, MICAH CARR, ROBERT MORTON, MELODY ANDERSON AND DEBRA BURCH.

VOTE: NO: NONE.

\*\*NOTE: THE DATE OF THE CLASS HAS BEEN CHANGED TO NOVEMBER, 2023.

- 18. MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT MORTON AND SECOND BY MICAH CARR TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:44 PM TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL ISSUES, INCLUDING THE EMPLOYMENT AND SALARY OF EMPLOYEES PURSUANT TO 25 O.S. SECTION 307 B(1), FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING THE FOLLOWING:
  - A) DISCUSSION RELATED TO POSSIBLE PAY INCREASE AND EFFECTIVE DATE OF A PAY INCREASE FOR TOWN OF SPERRY EMPLOYEES: JAMES JOHNSON, DEVAN GALL, AND JACKIE MCLAIN.

VOTE: YES: GARY EATON, MICAH CARR, ROBERT MORTON, MELODY ANDERSON AND DEBRA BURCH. VOTE: NO: NONE.

- 19. MOTION WAS MADE BY GARY EATON AND SECOND BY MELODY ANDERSON TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:01 PM.

  VOTE: YES: GARY EATON, MICAH CARR, ROBERT MORTON, MELODY ANDERSON AND DEBRA BURCH.

  VOTE: NO: NONE.
- 20. READING OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES. NO VOTES WERE TAKEN AND NO DECISIONS WERE MADE.
- 21. MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT MORTON AND SECOND BY MICAH CARR TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ACTION AS A RESULT OF DISCUSSIONS HELD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION RELATED TO:
  - A) APPROVE A PAY INCREASE AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF AUGUST 11, 2023, FOR TOWN OF SPERRY EMPLOYEES: JAMES JOHNSON \$25.00 PER HOUR, DEVAN GALL \$22.00 PER HOUR, AND JACKIE MCLAIN \$20.00 PER HOUR.

VOTE: YES: GARY EATON, MICAH CARR, ROBERT MORTON, MELODY ANDERSON AND DEBRA BURCH.
VOTE: NO: NONE.

22. MOTION WAS MADE BY DEBRA BURCH AND SECOND BY GARY EATON TO ADJOURN AT 9:03 PM.

VOTE: YES: GARY EATON, MICAH CARR, ROBERT MORTON, MELODY ANDERSON AND DEBRA BURCH.

VOTE: NO: NONE.

MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2023.

DEBRA BURCH, MAYOR

ROBERT MORTON, V.MAYOR

MELODY ANDERSON, TRUSTEE

MICAH CARR, TRUSTEE

GARY EATON, TRUSTEE

JEFF STEPHENS, ATTORNEY APPROVE AS TO FORM