

CITY OF STILWELL

CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday February 2, 2026 – 5:30 p.m.
City Hall – 20 South First Street

City of Stilwell Mission Statement:

“The City of Stilwell is committed to providing an attractive, sustainable and secure environment for the enjoyment of residents and visitors. Fulfilling this commitment requires an open approach to business, a cooperative atmosphere in government, and a concern for the health and safety of all our citizens. Our constant goal is realistic innovation coupled with intelligent planning and quality action resulting in a positive and progressive city both now and in the future.”

Invocation, Flag Salute, Call to Order

Roll Call: Time: 5:32 p.m.: Coye Nettles – Present, Barrett Harris – Present, Debbie Johnson – Present, Jim Spray – Present, Lane Kindle – Present, Mayor Jean Ann Wright – Present, City Attorney Jeff Jones – Present, City Clerk-Treasurer Larry Nettles – Present

Guests: Kathy Seibold, Chad Smith, Dale Dandridge, Renee Fite, Cindy Carson, Drake Littledeer, Derrick Ross, Charley Coombes,

Mayor’s Comments: Good weather for a change. Kudos to the city workers who went above and beyond during the bad weather of the past few weeks.

Public Comments – Comments will be accepted at this time from the general public.

- Individuals must sign in with both name and address before discussion on agenda items begins on the sign-in sheet provided for that purpose.
- Moderator will call upon each speaker in order of signing until the 15-minute time limit is expired; however, preference will be given to Stilwell residents
- Each speaker will be limited to 3 minutes of speaking time
- The cumulative total of all comments from the public shall not exceed 15 minutes.
- In compliance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, no action or discussion is permitted by the city council on any issue or topic raised by a speaker during this public comment period unless on the currently published agenda.
- Comments related to a specific agenda item may be allowed at the time the agenda item is addressed.

FYI:

1. Last reimbursement for the Safe Routes Project has been filed.
2. ARPA Funds final closeout has been completed.

3. Annual SAM registrations, which are required for grants, for the City and SIA have been updated and submitted.
4. State Map of city boundaries has finally been completed.
5. Opioid Grant Quarterly Report has been filed.

Departmental Reports

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Police | <input type="checkbox"/> 911 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fire | <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal Works |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EMS | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Development |

Consent Agenda - A

1. Approval of minutes of Regular Meeting January 5, 2026, and Special Meeting January 21, 2026.
2. Approval of blanket purchase orders in the sum of \$71,806.00
3. Approval of payment of claims for:
 - a. \$237,957.80 from Fund 10 – General
 - b. \$1,050.00 from Fund 20 – Capital Improvement
 - c. \$0 from Fund 21 – Fleet management
 - d. \$0 from Fund 30 – Street & alley
 - e. \$0 from Fund 50 – Cemetery
 - f. \$0 from Fund 60 – Federal Grant Two – Second Street Project
 - g. \$0 from Fund 90 – Federal Grant One – Safe Routes to School
 - h. \$0 from Fund 91 – Special Projects – Golf Course
4. Approval of January 2026 payroll in the sum of \$264,242.79.
5. Approval of Resolution READ-2026: A Resolution of the City of Stilwell, Oklahoma, Notifying the Residents and Business Operators of Said City of Support and Encouragement for “NEA’s Read Across America: A National Celebration of Reading” on Monday, March 2, 2026.
6. Acceptance of donation of K-9 “Harry” from Westville Police Department.

Motion to Approve: Lane **Second:** Coye

Coye – Yes, Barrett – Yes, Debbie – Yes, Jim – Yes, Lane – Yes

Motion Carried 5-0

Consent Agenda - B

1. Discussion with possible decision to approve, reject, and/or amend individually any consent agenda item(s) discussed or commented on, requiring a separate vote for each.

NO ACTION NEEDED

Old Business

- ~~1. WITHDRAWN – Discussion with possible action to approve, reject and/or amend the following proposed additions/changes to the Personnel Policy Handbook to be effective July 1, 2026:~~

~~ARTICLE EIGHT – ABSENCES - F. SICK LEAVE: ACCRUAL:~~

~~e. Sick leave may accrue to 960 hours (120 days). Sick leave in excess of 960 hours is paid to the employee each pay period until sick leave balance falls below the 960 hours maximum. Effective July 1, 2026, excess leave shall be paid at current Oklahoma minimum wage.~~

NO ACTION

2. Discussion with possible action to approve, reject and/or amend the following proposed additions/changes to the Personnel Policy Handbook to be effective February 2, 2026:

ARTICLE EIGHT – ABSENCES - F. SICK LEAVE: ACCRUAL:

g. Sick leave shall accrue from the first day of employment and may be taken as unpaid leave, but shall not be available as paid leave until the completion of the probationary period.

NO ACTION

Agenda

1. Discussion with possible action to approve, reject and/or amend the following proposed additions/changes to the Personnel Policy Handbook to be effective July 1, 2026:

ARTICLE EIGHT – ABSENCES - F. SICK LEAVE: ACCRUAL:

e. Sick leave may accrue to 1560 hours (195 days). ~~960 hours (120 days). Sick leave in excess of 960 hours is paid to the employee each pay period until sick leave balance falls below the 960 hours maximum. Effective July 1, 2026, Sick leave shall have no cash value if not used.~~

Motion to Approve: Lane **Second:** Barrett

Coye – Yes, Barrett – Yes, Debbie – Yes, Jim – NO, Lane – Yes

Motion Carried 4-1

2. Discussion with possible action to approve, reject and/or amend the following proposed change to the Personnel Policy Handbook to be effective July 1, 2026:

ARTICLE EIGHT – ABSENCES - F. SICK LEAVE:

~~7. Reimbursement:~~

~~The employee shall be reimbursed for any sick leave accrued as follows:~~

- ~~a. Up to four hundred eighty (480) hours upon resignation or termination;~~
- ~~b. Up to seven hundred twenty (720) hours upon retirement.~~

NO ACTION

3. Discussion with possible decision to approve, reject and/or amend request by Lakin Girdner for Cruise Night on the first, third, or fourth weekend of May, 2026.

NO ACTION

4. Discussion with possible decision to approve, reject and/or amend a budget increase of \$330,000 for the Police Department for dispatch and additional officers' salaries and benefits.

Motion to Approve: Jim **Second:** Barrett

Coye – Yes, Barrett – Yes, Debbie – Yes, Jim – Yes, Lane – Yes

Motion Carried 5-0

5. Discussion with possible decision to approve, reject and/or amend a request for canopy netting for Edna M. Carson Park for \$18,395.00, including installation, from Capital Improvement – Sports Facilities – Park Equipment not requiring a budget adjustment.

Motion to Approve: Lane **Second:** Jim

Coye – Yes, Barrett – Yes, Debbie – Yes, Jim – Yes, Lane – Yes

Motion Carried 5-0

6. Discussion with possible decision to approve, reject and/or amend requested approval by Paulo Franco for a 2022 Champion Crest, 60' x 14' Mobile Home at 922 N Flint Street (zoned to include mobile homes) with water, gas, and electricity on the property.

Motion to Approve: Jim **Second:** Lane

Coye – Yes, Barrett – Yes, Debbie – Yes, Jim – Yes, Lane – Yes

Motion Carried 5-0

7. Discussion with possible decision to approve, reject and/or amend requested approval of 4K Excavation to Demolish several dilapidated structures & clear overgrown area, located at 84165 Hwy 59 in the amount of \$16,000 from General Fund – Community Development – Abatements Account #10-15-660401 not requiring a budget adjustment.

Motion to Approve: Lane **Second:** Jim

Coye – Yes, Barrett – Yes, Debbie – Yes, Jim – Yes, Lane – Yes

Motion Carried 5-0

Possible Executive Session for discussion of Items 8-14 as per Title 25 O.S. 307 (B)

Motion to ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION at 6:10 p.m.: Debbie

Second: Barrett

Coye – Yes, Barrett – Yes, Debbie – Yes, Jim – Yes, Lane – Yes

Motion Carried 5-0

8. Discussion with possible decision concerning extra duty pay for Assistant City Clerk as per Title 25 O.S. 307(B)(1).

NO ACTION

9. Discussion with possible decision to confirm full-time employment of Billy Ames as Night Shift Lieutenant and K-9 handler at \$23.26 /hr. with full benefits effective 01/19/2026 as per Title 25 O.S. 307(B)(1).

Motion to Approve at \$23.76 per hour to match FOP pay agreement: Barrett

Second: Jim

Coye – Yes, Barrett – Yes, Debbie – Yes, Jim – Yes, Lane – Yes

Motion Carried 5-0

10. Discussion with possible decision to confirm full-time employment of Steve Rankin as Code Enforcement Officer effective 01/23/2026 at an annual salary of \$45,000 as per Title 25 O.S. 307(B)(1).

Motion to Approve: Jim **Second:** Barrett

Coye – Yes, Barrett – Yes, Debbie – Yes, Jim – Yes, Lane – Yes

Motion Carried 5-0

11. Discussion with possible decision to confirm full-time employment of Miranda Rankin as Maintenance/Custodian effective 01/23/2026 at \$16.00 per hour with all benefits as per Title 25 O.S. 307(B)(1).

Motion to Approve: Coye **Second:** Barrett

Coye – Yes, Barrett – Yes, Debbie – Yes, Jim – Yes, Lane – Yes

Motion Carried 5-0

12. Discussion only concerning FOP negotiations as per Title 25 O.S. 307(B) (2).

DISCUSSION ONLY

13. Discussion with possible decision regarding HUD and Rolling Hills as per Title 25 O.S. 307(B)(3)(4).

DISCUSSION ONLY

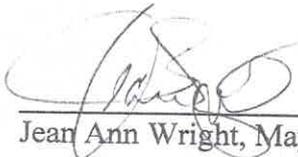
14. Discussion with City Attorney with possible decision to approve, reject and/or amend recommended response to any claims, arbitrations, or other legal actions as per Title 25 O.S. 307(B)(4).

DISCUSSION ONLY

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

ATTEST



Jean Ann Wright, Mayor



Larry Nettles, City Clerk-Treasurer

Agenda Posted: **Friday January 30, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.**
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