

ATTENTION: CHANGE IN MEETING TIME TO 4:30 P.M.

CITY OF STILWELL

CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday May 4 , 2026 – 4:30 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.”

Call to Order

Roll Call: Time: 4:35 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: Bruce Addington, Dale Dandridge, Brad Doublehead, Jason Helm, Amy Helm, Chad Smith, Derrick Ross, Drake Littledeer, Hiram McFarland, Rochelle Horney, Renee Fite, Charley Combs, Ross Johnson.

Mayor's Comments: Strawberry Festival is this coming weekend, and the weather looks to be very good . The last month had a very successful Cruise Night and a city-wide yard sale. Both were successful enough to be repeated in the future.

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.

Comments by Derrick Ross claiming corruption and wasting money on roads.

FYI:

1. We have received a \$6,000 Grant from Arvest Bank for the Fire Department.
2. Second Street Project had a problem with the final paving which is being corrected by the subcontractor.

Departmental Reports

☐ Police ☐ Fire ☐ Municipal Works ☐ Community Development

Consent Agenda - A

1. Approval of minutes of Regular Meeting April 6, 2026, and Special Meeting April 20, 2026.
2. Approval of blanket purchase orders in the sum of \$71,906.00
3. Approval of payment of claims for:
 - a. \$280,897.72 from Fund 10 – General
 - b. \$39,784.93 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. \$37,682.57 from Fund 91 – Special Projects – Golf Course
4. Approval of April 2026 payroll in the sum of \$375,995.08.
5. Approve a working session in conjunction with the Stilwell Improvement Authority on the proposed budget for the Stilwell Improvement Authority and the City of Stilwell for the FY 2026-2027 for Tuesday May 19, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.
6. Approve a Public Hearing in conjunction with the Stilwell Improvement Authority on the Proposed Budget for FY 2026-2027 to be held at 5:30 p.m., Monday, June 1, 2026.
7. Approve June as enrollment month for all City Health Plans.
8. Approve renewal of 55 Samsara Vehicle Gateway trackers at \$24 per month each for an annual cost of \$15,840 from General Fund Account 10-04-630700 – City Clerk – Software not requiring a budget adjustment.

9. Approve Hydroseeding Bermuda grass on the entire golf course by Fourkiller Lawn Solutions for \$47,916.00 from Special Projects – Street – Construction Acct# 91-12-645303 not requiring a budget adjustment.

Motion to Approve all except #7: Jim Second: Lane

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.

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda Item #7: Jim Second: Debbie

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

Motion Carried 5-0

Agenda

1. Presentation by Rhea Terrapin on Municipal Court Youth Liaison Program.

DID NOT APPEAR

2. Presentation and request for discussion by Drake Littledeer concerning the Stilwell Housing Authority and its relationship to the City of Stilwell.

Question concerning the Housing Authority and the city trying to sell it:

City Attorney Jeff Jones responded with a reiteration of the facts, in detail, emphasizing that the city has no control over the Housing Authority except for the Mayor being the one who appoints the members of the Board of Commissioners. There is no financial benefit to the city or vice versa. The city spent a great deal of time and effort to discover the exact relationship between the two entities. Any discussion of a sale would have been premature.

Question concerning the appointment of the son of a council member to the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners:

Attorney Jones responded that since there is no monetary value to the position and the two groups are legally, functionally, and financially independent, according to state law there is no issue with that appointment. The council member also recused herself from the appointment. Muskogee Housing Authority never gave us the by-laws, so the city followed state law.

THERE WAS NO ACTION REQUIRED BY THE BOARD.

3. Discussion with possible decision on voting for three trustees for the Oklahoma Municipal Assurance Group.

Motion to cast vote for Justin Battles, Tim Lyon and Pam Polk: Lane Second: Coye

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

Motion Carried 5-0

4. Discussion with possible decision to approve, reject, and/or amend a request by Jason Helm for a variance for construction of an outside storage rental facility on Parcel 0000-34-16-025-0-046-00 which is currently zoned R-1, R-2, and/or R-3.

NO ACTION

Possible Executive Session for discussion of Items 5-9 as per Title 25 O.S. 307(B)(1)(2)(3)(4) and (E)(1)(2)(3).

Motion to ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION at 5:16 p.m.: Debbie

Second: Barrett

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

Motion Carried 5-0

NOTE: COUNCILMEMBER KINDLE LEFT THE METING AT 5:45 P.M.

Possible Return from Executive Session as per Title 25 O.S. 307(B)(1)(2)(3)(4) and (E)(1)(2)(3).

Motion to EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION at 6:16 p.m.: Jim

Second: Barrett

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

Motion Carried 4-0

Public Statement of Executive Session Minutes by City Clerk.

Items 5-9 were discussed in Executive Session. No other items were discussed, and no action was taken.

5. Discussion with possible decision to confirm employment of Matthew Gatewood as Full-time Sanitation worker at \$15.00 per hour with full benefits effective April 13, 2026. Title 25 O.S. 307(B) (1).

Motion to Approve: Debbie Second: Coye

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

Motion Carried 4-0

6. Discussion with possible decision to confirm employment of Jared Pathkiller as Full-time Sanitation worker at \$14.00 per hour with full benefits effective April 14, 2026. Title 25 O.S. 307(B) (1).

NO ACTION

7. Discussion with possible decision to accept resignation of Nicole Ames as Full-time Dispatcher effective May 3, 2026. Title 25 O.S. 307(B) (1).

Motion to Approve: Jim Second: Debbie

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

Motion Carried 4-0

8. Discussion with possible decision to confirm employment of Melinda Garrett as Full-time Dispatcher at \$17.00 per hour with full benefits effective May 4, 2026. Title 25 O.S. 307(B) (1).

Motion to Approve: Barrett Second: Debbie

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

Motion Carried 4-0

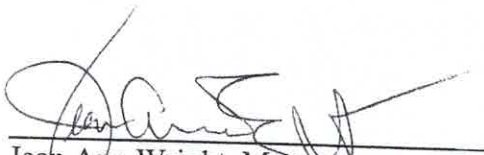
9. Discussion with City Attorney with possible decision to approve, reject and/or amend recommended response to any claims, arbitrations, or other legal actions. Title 25 O.S. 307(B) (4).

DISCUSSION ONLY

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

ATTEST:


Jean Ann Wright, Mayor


Larry Nettles, City Clerk-Treasurer

**Agenda Posted: Fri May 1, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.
Stilwell City Hall, 20 South First
www.cityofstilwell.com**

