

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OKLAHOMA OPEN MEETING LAW, THE AGENDA WAS  
POSTED MAY 12, 2023, AT 10:45 A.M. AT THE CUSHING CITY HALL,  
100 JUDY ADAMS BOULEVARD, CUSHING, OKLAHOMA**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
CUSHING CITY COMMISSION  
HELD AT 100 JUDY ADAMS BLVD.  
MAY 15, 2023  
7:00 P.M.**

**THE BOARD MAY DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND VOTE ON ANY ITEM LISTED ON AGENDA IN  
ANY ORDER.**

- 1. Call to Order**
  - a. Roll Call**
  - b. Declaration of Quorum**
  - c. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Regular Meeting of the Cushing City Commission was called to order on May 15, 2023, by Chairman Lofton. Vice-Chairman Orton led in prayer. Commissioner Roberson led in the pledge of allegiance.

PRESENT: ROBERSON, BRANYAN, DOWELL, ORTON, LOFTON  
ABSENT: NONE

- d. Swearing in of new Commissioner/Trustee Nancy Dowell.**

Municipal Judge William W. Ahrberg administered the oath of office to Nancy Dowell.

- e. Swearing in of Police Officer Jonathan Walker.**

Chief Claxton introduced Officer Jonathan Walker and Municipal Judge William W. Ahrberg swore in Officer Walker.

- 2. Public Input and Unscheduled Personal Appearances**

Citizens wishing to participate in Public Input may do so by emailing their comments to [citymanager@cityofcushing.org](mailto:citymanager@cityofcushing.org) by 12:00 pm (noon) on May 15, 2023. Comments must include the citizen's full name and address (addresses will not be read aloud). Comments received by the deadline and meeting criteria will be read into the record. Comments will be limited to 3 minutes on agenda items only. The purpose of this agenda item is to provide an opportunity for citizens to comment on agenda items. Commissioners do not engage in discussion under this agenda item, and staff members are directed not to, as well. If you seek discussion or inquiry, please contact a Commissioner or the office of City Manager. Responses to citizens' comments, if any, will occur under the applicable agenda item or may be reserved for further responses by phone call, personal meeting, or a posting on the City's website.

Terry stated that he received communication about a property on Walnut Street that is receiving significant storm water runoff.

- 3. Consent Agenda**

- a. Approve claims and payroll totaling: \$856,704.94**
  - b. Approve minutes: April 17, 2023 (Regular)  
May 1, 2023 (Annual Organizational Meeting)**

- c. Authorize the purchase of aviation fuel and expend up to \$60,000.00.
- d. Authorize the purchase of no-lead fuel and diesel fuel and expend up to \$30,000.00.
- e. Approve payment to Oklahoma Municipal Management Services in the amount of \$4,200.00 for payment of Invoice No. 12030 for inspection services for the period of 03/28/2023 to 04/21/2023.
- f. Authorize the City Manager to issue a purchase order to Merrifield Office Products in the amount of up to \$6,891.76 for new furniture for the Senior Citizens Center, and to authorize payment.
- g. Authorize the City Manager to issue a purchase order to Motorola Solutions, Inc. in the amount of up to \$7,891.93 for two (2) 800Mhz Motorola radios and appurtenances, and to authorize payment.
- h. Approve the write-off of outstanding municipal court obligations in the amount of \$6,515.70.
- i. Acknowledge five expiring terms on the Cushing Youth and Community Center Advisory Board.
- j. Acknowledge two expiring terms on the Cushing Library Board.
- k. Acceptance of Airport Rescue Grant #3-40-0023-024-2022 from the Federal Aviation Administration for the Cushing Regional Airport.
- l. Authorize the City Manager to issue a purchase order to BioClean Remediation in the amount of up to \$7,438.62 for mold remediation at City Hall, and to authorize payment.
- m. Authorize the City Manager to issue a purchase order to Interworks, Inc. in an amount up to \$7,414.40 for eight (8) desktop computers and to authorize payment.
- n. Approve Certificate of Order and authorize the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners to sign Certificate of Order, State Auditor and Inspector Form 127.
- o. Authorize the City Manager to execute a professional services agreement with Relation Insurance Services, Inc. dba Premier Consulting Partners for insurance brokerage services, and to authorize payment.
- p. Statement of cash and investments as of April 30, 2023.

Consent agenda item 'K' was removed from the docket.

MOTION: A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 'A' – 'J' AND 'L' – 'P' AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BRANYAN AND RESULTED IN THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE.

AYES: ROBERSON, BRANYAN, DOWELL, ORTON, LOFTON

NAYS: NONE

#### **4. Items Removed from Consent Agenda**

##### CONSENT AGENDA ITEM 3-K:

Commissioner Branyan reminded commissioners this was previously proposed and declined due to mask mandate. Mask mandate has now been removed.

MOTION: A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 3'K' AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BRANYAN AND RESULTED IN THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE.

AYES: ROBERSON, BRANYAN, DOWELL, ORTON, LOFTON

NAYS: NONE

**5. General Business.**

- a. Authorize the Chairman, Board of Commissioners, to execute a labor agreement with the International Association of Firefighters, Local 2565, for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024.**

MOTION: A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO EXECUTE A LABOR AGREEMENT WITH THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS, LOCAL 2565, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2023, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOWELL AND RESULTED IN THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE.

AYES: ROBERSON, BRANYAN, DOWELL, LOFTON, GRIFFITH

NAYS: NONE

**6. Resolutions**

- a. RESOLUTION NO. 08-2023: A resolution appointing William W. Ahrberg as Municipal Judge of the City of Cushing for the term of July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2025.**

MOTION: A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER ORTON TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 08-2023 AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON AND RESULTED IN THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE.

AYES: ROBERSON, BRANYAN, DOWELL, LOFTON, GRIFFITH

NAYS: NONE

- b. RESOLUTION NO. 09-2023: A resolution appointing Sidney Wade Shaw as Alternative Municipal Judge of the City of Cushing for the term of July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2025.**

MOTION: A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER DOWELL TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 09-2023 AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON AND RESULTED IN THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE.

AYES: ROBERSON, BRANYAN, DOWELL, ORTON, LOFTON

NAYS: NONE

**7. Ordinances**

- a. ORDINANCE NO. 05-15-23-01: An ordinance amending Section 4-10 of the Cushing City Code prohibiting the keeping of swine in city limits and certain exceptions; providing for severability; and declaring an effective date.**

Commissioner Orton voiced concerns and issues with this ordinance.

MOTION: A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 05-15-23-01 AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOWELL AND RESULTED IN THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE.

AYES: ROBERSON, BRANYAN, DOWELL, ORTON, LOFTON

NAYS: NONE

- 8. Other New Business, if any, which has arisen since the posting of the agenda and could not have been anticipated prior to the time of the posting (25 O.S. §311 (9))**

None.

## **9. City Manager's Communications**

City Manager Brannon distributed the May City Manager's Report to the Commissioners and highlighted a few items in the report.

## **10. Commissioners Community Announcements**

Vice-Chairman Orton announced that school is almost out, and everyone needs to be aware of children outside playing, also announced the aquatic center is ready for kids.

Commissioner Roberson congratulated Officer Walker and welcomed Commissioner Dowell back. Mr. Roberson announced that Cushing Pride would host the recycling event this coming Sunday from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Commissioner Dowell congratulated Officer Walker and expressed thanks to the community and other commissioners for the confidence to have her join the commission again. Mrs. Dowell announced that school is almost over and encouraged everyone, kids, and adults to participate in the library summer reading program.

Commissioner Branyan had no announcements.

Chairman Lofton congratulated Officer Walker and welcomed Commissioner Dowell back.

## **11. Executive Session**

- a. **Executive Session pursuant to 25 O.S. §307(B)(2) to discuss the status of negotiations with the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) Local 2565 for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024.**
- b. **Executive Session pursuant to 25 O.S. §307(B)(2) to discuss the status of negotiations with the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Lodge 106 for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024.**
- c. **Executive Session pursuant to 25 O.S. §307(B)(4) to discuss claim of Krina LLC dba La-Z-L Motel.**

RECESS: THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CUSHING CITY COMMISSION WAS RECESSED AT 7:40 P.M.

RECONVENE: THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CUSHING CITY COMMISSION WAS RECONVENED AT 7:55 P.M.

MOTION: A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING AGENDA ITEMS 11A AND 11B. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY VICE-CHAIRMAN ORTON AND RESULTED IN THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE.

AYES: ROBERSON, BRANYAN, DOWELL, ORTON, LOFTON

NAYS: NONE


EXECUTIVE SESSION: ENTERED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:57 P.M. RETURNED FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:26 P.M.

## **12. Adjournment**

MOTION: A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON TO ADJOURN THE MAY 15, 2023, MEETING OF THE CUSHING CITY COMMISSION AT 9:27 P.M. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BRANYAN AND RESULTED IN THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE.


AYES: ROBERSON, BRANYAN, DOWELL, ORTON, LOFTON

NAYS: NONE.

  
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RICKY LOFTON, CHAIRMAN  
CUSHING CITY COMMISSION

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

  
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JERRICA WORTHY, CITY CLERK