

**Minutes of the Claremore Cultural Development Authority Regular Meeting  
Council Chambers, City Hall, 104 S. Muskogee Ave.  
Claremore, Oklahoma May 06, 2019**

**Swearing in of Councilors Jennifer Lewis (Ward III), Herb McSpadden (Ward IV), Brian Callender (Ward II), Scott Savage (Ward I) and Mayor Bill Flanagan by Municipal Judge Stan Harrell.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by Mayor Bill Flanagan at 6:00 P.M.

Mayor Flanagan asked City Clerk Sarah Sharp to note that members are present/absent as indicated below:

**Present:** Jennifer Lewis, Ken Hays, Bill Flanagan, Will DeMier,  
Herb McSpadden, Brian Callender, Susan Kirtley, Scott Savage

**Absent:** Justin Michael

**Staff Present:** Jim Thomas, Bryan Drummond, Sarah Sharp, Tim White, Jill Ferenc, Sean Douglas, Ashley Hickman, Suzan Maloy, Lisa Wilson, Tanya Andrews, Chris Paulson, Kyle Clifton, Joe Kays, Larry Hughes, Noelle Hayes, Jonah Humes, Garrett Ball, Stan Brown

Pledge of Allegiance by all.

Invocation by: Councilor Hays

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA**

Motion by Hays, second by McSpadden that the agenda for the regular CCDA meeting of May 06, 2019 be approved as written. Roll call vote: Lewis, yes; Hays, yes; McSpadden, yes; DeMier, yes; Flanagan, yes; Callender, yes; Kirtley, yes and Savage, yes. Motion carried.

**ITEMS UNFORESEEN AT THE TIME AGENDA WAS POSTED**

None.

**CURRENT BUSINESS**

**(1) Approve/Reject the following consent items:**

**(a) Minutes of the Regular Claremore Cultural Development Authority Meeting on April 15, 2019 as printed.**

**(b) All Claims as printed.**

**(c) Approval of Letter of Engagement with Rosenstein, Fist & Ringold for legal services beginning July 1, 2019 (Jim Thomas).**

Motion by Hays, second by Savage to approve the consent items as listed. Roll call vote: Lewis, yes; Hays, yes; McSpadden, yes; DeMier, yes; Flanagan, yes; Callender, yes; Kirtley, abstained; and Savage, yes. Motion carried.

**(2) Presentation of Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget (Jim Thomas).**

Budget message was read under the CCDA portion of the meeting, but pertained to the CCDA, CPWA, and City budget. RSU TV was here to record the message so the City can send it out to the public. A Public Hearing will be held on May 20<sup>th</sup> and approved.

City Manager Thomas read the budget message (see attached copy). Copies of the budget were given to the Council members.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by DeMier, second by Hays to adjourn. Roll call vote: Lewis, yes; Hays, yes; McSpadden, yes; DeMier, yes; Flanagan, yes; Callender, yes; Kirtley, yes; and Savage, yes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:27 P.M.



Sarah Sharp, CMC  
City Clerk

**Minutes of Claremore Public Works Authority Regular Meeting  
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Claremore, Oklahoma May 06, 2019**

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**ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA**

Motion by Hays, second by McSpadden that the agenda for the regular CPWA meeting of May 06, 2019 be approved as written. Roll call vote: Lewis, yes; Hays, yes; McSpadden, yes; DeMier, yes; Flanagan, yes; Callender, yes; Kirtley, yes; and Savage, yes. Motion carried.

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None.

**CURRENT BUSINESS**

**(1) Approve/Reject the following consent items:**

**(a) Minutes of the Claremore Public Works Authority Regular Meeting on April 15, 2019.**

**(b) All claims as printed.**

**(c) Approval of Letter of Engagement with Rosenstein, Fist & Ringold for legal services beginning July 1, 2019 (Jim Thomas).**

Motion by McSpadden, second by Hays to approve the consent items as listed. Roll call vote: Lewis, yes; Hays, yes; McSpadden, yes; DeMier, yes; Flanagan, yes; Callender, yes; Kirtley, abstained; and Savage, yes. Motion carried.

**(2) Discussion and vote to Approve/Reject the First Amendment to the Power Purchase and Sale Agreement between Grand River Dam Authority and Claremore Public Works Authority (Larry Hughes).**

Changes will allow for charging stations for EV charging stations for vehicles. Lowered the late payment fees from 2% to 1.5%. Added voluntary riders for different programs.

Motion by DeMier, second by Kirtley to approve the amendment. Roll call vote: Lewis, yes; Hays, yes; McSpadden, yes; DeMier, yes; Flanagan, yes; Callender, yes; Kirtley, yes; and Savage, yes. Motion carried.

**(3) Discussion and vote to Approve/Reject awarding the construction contract for the Highlands and Parkland Lift Station Generators and Fencing to MJM Construction and Application, LLC in the amount of \$158,855.00 (Garrett Ball).**

Eight sealed bids were received; MJM Construction was the low bidder. The bid was significantly under the engineering estimate; bid was reviewed in detail and references were checked. Staff recommends award of the bid.

Motion by Kirtley, second by Callender to approve contract to MJM Construction and Application, LLC. Roll call vote: Lewis, yes; Hays, yes; McSpadden, yes; DeMier, yes; Flanagan, yes; Callender, yes; Kirtley, yes; and Savage, yes. Motion carried.

**(4) Discussion and vote to Approve/Reject Amended Pipeline License between BNSF Railway Company and Claremore Public Works Authority for a new waterline to cross BNSF property along West First Street (Garrett Ball).**

This is a perpetual agreement instead of a 25 year agreement so the price is increased.

Motion by DeMier, second by Hays to approve amended Pipeline License. Roll call vote: Lewis, yes; Hays, yes; McSpadden, yes; DeMier, yes; Flanagan, yes; Callender, yes; Kirtley, yes; and Savage, yes. Motion carried.

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Meeting adjourned at 6:38 P.M.

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Sarah Sharp, CMC  
City Clerk

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**AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**MAYOR'S REPORT & APPOINTMENTS**

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

**STAFF REPORTS**

**Larry Hughes:** Electric Department received an award from the American Public Power Association (APPA). They were honored in March. 143 communities throughout the U.S. were awarded this honor; one of only 2 in Oklahoma (Claremore and Edmond) to receive this award. Award is for efficiency and reliability within the Electric Department. Our average outage duration time for customers is 35.7 minutes and the national average is 90 minutes. Our staff is required to be onsite in 30 minutes.

**Jim Thomas:** Jonah is working on another quarterly report and Council will receive it shortly.

## CURRENT BUSINESS

### **(1) Approve/Reject the following consent items:**

- (a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on April 15, 2019.**
- (b) All claims as printed.**
- (c) Actual salary claims for pay period ending April 20, 2019 in the amount of \$472,313.82 and estimated salary claims to include contractual agreement for Fire Union Dues, Flexible Spending Accounts, Life Insurance, Fire Pension, Police Pension, Oklahoma Municipal Retirement Fund, Supplemental Vision, and Short/Long Term disability plans, and United Way Contributions for the next pay period in the amount of \$500,000. Payroll at \$500,000 amount to include payables.**
- (d) Approval of Letter of Engagement with Rosenstein, Fist & Ringold for legal services beginning July 1, 2019 (Jim Thomas).**
- (e) First Quarter 911 Report for January 1, 2019 through March 31, 2019 (Stan Brown).**
- (f) Acceptance of a twenty-five foot access easement from Intrinsic Development, LLC on a portion of Catalyah Crossing Addition (Jill Ferenc).**
- (g) Approval of Garver Invoice #15078300-29 in the amount of \$247,854.96 for the Water Treatment Plant (Suzan Maloy).**

Motion by DeMier, second by Callender to approve the consent items as listed. Roll call vote: Lewis, yes; Hays, yes; McSpadden, yes; DeMier, yes; Flanagan, yes; Callender, yes; Kirtley, abstained; and Savage, yes. Motion carried.

### **(2) Discussion and vote to Approve/Reject exemption of Ordinance 132.05 to allow fireworks display at Claremore High School Graduation on May 23, 2019 (Shawn Story).**

Correction: the Graduation Ceremony will be May 17<sup>th</sup> instead of May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Motion by DeMier, second by Kirtley to approve exemption, with the noted change in date. Roll call vote: Lewis, yes; Hays, yes; McSpadden, yes; DeMier, yes; Flanagan, yes; Callender, yes; Kirtley, yes; and Savage, yes. Motion carried.

### **(3) Discussion and vote to Appoint the Vice Mayor for a 4 year term ending in 2023 (Jim Thomas).**

Motion by Hays, second by Savage to appoint DeMier as Vice Mayor. Roll call vote: Lewis, yes; Hays, yes; McSpadden, yes; DeMier, yes; Flanagan, yes; Callender, yes; Kirtley, yes; and Savage, yes. Motion carried.

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**(5) Discussion and vote to Approve/Reject Contract for Medical, Dental and Life Insurance for fiscal year 2019-2020 (Ashley Hickman).**

Dason Gwartney- consultant from Premier Consulting presented the information:

Blue Cross came back with a less than a 1% increase to renew with Blue Cross Blue Shield. This year there will be no increase in premium and there were some changes to the fees for employees that benefit them. We are moving to the Blue Preferred Network which gives employees more freedom. Dental will be moved to a self-funded policy with an estimated \$20,000 in savings. The City's Loss Record on health policy has dropped dramatically at about 30% year-to-date and usually runs 100% for the entire fiscal year. We are still looking at self-funding policy; have run reports and the numbers look favorable for doing that.

Motion by Savage, second by Kirtley to approve Insurance Contract. Roll call vote: Lewis, yes; Hays, yes; McSpadden, yes; DeMier, yes; Flanagan, yes; Callender, yes; Kirtley, yes; and Savage, yes. Motion carried.

**(6) Discussion and vote to Approve/Reject Ordinance No. 2019-6, relating to the City of Claremore- Rogers County Metropolitan Zoning Code as adopted by reference in the Claremore Code of Ordinances, Title XV: Land Usage, Chapter 153: Zoning, amending Chapter 6, Commercial District Provisions; amending Chapter 15, Use Units; and amending Chapter 21, Definitions; and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith (Jill Ferenc).**

The Staff and Planning Commission Recommend Approval. These changes will allow the City to make adjustments in the meantime until the universal zoning code is established, as this will be a lengthy process. Changes mainly affect the Central Business District. Staff worked closely with Claremore Main Street and current businesses with these zonings during the process.

Five members of the public spoke at the Planning Commission meeting. All were in favor of the changes.

Motion by Callender, second by Savage to approve Ordinance 2019-6. Roll call vote: Lewis, yes; Hays, yes; McSpadden, yes; DeMier, yes; Flanagan, yes; Callender, yes; Kirtley, yes; and Savage, yes. Motion carried.



## ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Kirtley, second by Callender to adjourn. Roll call vote: Lewis, yes; Hays, yes; McSpadden, yes; DeMier, yes; Flanagan, yes; Callender, yes; Kirtley, yes; and Savage, yes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 P.M.

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Sarah Sharp, CMC  
City Clerk



May 6, 2019

## FY 2020 Budget Message

Honorable Mayor Bill Flanagan and Members of the City Council,

Pursuant to the City Charter, Article 5, Section 503, this correspondence is for the purpose of transmitting the City Budget Proposal for FY 2020. The budget includes realistic, conservative revenue projections and expenses addressing all municipal operations, along with enterprise funds, trusts, city debt and obligations. The budget as presented is balanced with a focus on supporting long-range strategic goals outlined in the **“Claremore Dreams 2025 Strategic Community Vision”**. The budget tonight represents the mission and values of the City of Claremore that has been the representation on the six previous municipal budgets I have submitted. This piece of legislation will be the most important document approved for the new FY. It outlines both capital equipment and infrastructure that will help shape the future of our City. It is the final product that was introduced to the City Elected leadership in January and February of this year in our Strategic Planning session.

This FY 2020 budget recommendation required difficult choices and decisions, but is sound in its fiscal purpose and is balanced as to revenue projections and expenditures to provide the kind of quality services our Claremore residents and the business community have come to expect. This FY 2020 Budget process began in March with meetings with every department head to discuss their proposed budget requests along with Hopes and Dreams. The administration then called for meetings with the Finance Committee on two separate occasions, consisting of Mayor Flanagan, Councilors Scott Savage and Susan Kirtley, to discuss both revenue projections and expenditures. Unitedly we have come to the conclusion the budget being presented to you is one we can stand behind both as the Finance Committee and the City Administration. The FY 2020 Budget is balanced addressing long term deferred capital investments in infrastructure, community quality of life enhancements and ensuring our employees are compensated fairly both for their weekly service and retirement years.

This evening, for the third year in a row we are *not* recommending any new fee increases in our other city revenue streams. The administration is confident as we continue to apply best practices and efficiencies in our city operations along with our economic development growth patterns, our revenues and expenses can be met with our FY 2020 budget programs as outlined.

The budget does account for additional General Fund Revenue of \$356,000 mostly from Use Tax where internet sales taxes are collected and remitted to the city. We have also accounted for \$1.2 million in General Fund Reserves to balance the operational needs which is a decrease of \$200,000 from the previous FY. The Electric Revenues will transfer \$9,950,000 to support the General Fund Governmental Operations of which almost \$8.5 million are directly supporting Public Safety (Police and Fire). This is an increase of \$100,000 over the previous FY.

**Sales Tax collection:                      FY 2019 current \$11,250,000 YTD collected \$9,598,242**

**Historical Audited**

<b>FY 2018</b>	<b>\$11,240,322</b>
<b>2017</b>	<b>\$11,140,365</b>
<b>2016</b>	<b>\$11,006,628</b>
<b>2015</b>	<b>\$10,871,796</b>

The Sales Tax funds are restricted in their use to the following:

- 1 cent for Streets & Infrastructure,
- 1 cent for debt repayment Expo Center and Waste Water Plant,
- 1 cent Police / Fire / Parks / General Capital.

The City will be preparing for a 1 cent sales tax renewal which expires June 30, 2020. This penny has the broadest use and is necessary to support all governmental city operations.

The Use Tax is one that we are watching closely as we have been collecting internet sales for 18 months and manufacturing and industrial expansion is cyclical. The internet sales collections do not have a lot of historical data to rely on, but we have increased our projection for FY 2020 by \$300,000 based on current collections of FY 2019 \$947,987 through April 2019. We will continue to monitor this closely in the next FY and look for economic trends.

The city is managing its debt payments well as we have FY 2020 Total Debt of \$45 million and annual debt payment \$4.5 million. We are using fund balance reserves to pay for capital infrastructure needs as we determine the needs exist.

The FY 2020 Budget calls for salary increases for all non-union city employees of 2% effective July 1, 2019. We are still in negotiations with the two labor unions and hope to resolve contractual issues soon.

Over the next twelve months, I intend to explore options with our Human Resources Department to develop a better way to compensate all city employees. Our current practice of across the board pay raises does not accurately compensate high performers vs. average workers. Some kind of a fair pay for performance plan will allow City of Claremore to remain competitive in the job market with surrounding communities. This new concept will require all employees to be evaluated and salary increases will be adjusted according to performance rather than across the board pay raises. This will allow for top performers to be compensated for outstanding work product and good / fair performers to receive pay adjustments accordingly.

The City was fortunate this year as we have no rate increase to the employer or the employee for our health insurance plan. We are still exploring options of self-insurance, but are not ready to introduce this option during the FY 2020.

The City Administration continues to strategically address the needs of our organization to ensure we have the right number of employees assigned to assist in the various missions in each department. This year there were 13 new position requests from various departments. Each request was discussed in great detail and a final determination was made to only support two this year. One new position will be funded to support the ongoing mission of the Police Department with an Evidence Technician. Currently this assignment is assigned to a civilian IT person in the Police Department. The Police Department will be receiving capital funds to implement a new body camera and dash cam system for accountability and

protection of the officer's safety. This will require a dedicated IT person to support this program and the new position will be assigned to handle only police evidence and the accompanying court documentation. The Finance Committee and the administration both support this investment in capital dollars in equipment and new personnel to support this organizational program.

The other position is one that will be split between Finance and Human Resources. Currently the payroll clerk functions are performed by the Fire Chief's Administrative Assistant, with no back-up person assigned in case of emergency, vacation, or sick leave. This is an area we feel has liability for our employees and a check and balance that is warranted with these payroll functions. Additionally, the Finance Department eliminated a full-time person last year through reorganization and we are recommending a new Finance / HR person to fill this vacant position.

Our self-insurance Workers Compensation Fund continues to reap the financial and accountability rewards anticipated when we entered this arena in July of 2016. We are funding this plan for FY 2020 at \$580,000 which is a decrease from \$650,000 FY 2015. We have developed a reserve account restricted for worker's compensation issues for funds not expended for the last 24 months in excess of \$600,000. FY 2019 budget \$590,000 we have spent \$284,561 through the end of March 2019. The accountability with the employees, attorneys, doctors, and the Workers Compensation Courts have assisted in these cost savings which cannot be understated.

During the last several years the City Administration has partnered with the Rogers County Board of Commissioners: Steve Hendrix, Dan Delozier and Ron Burrows, to ensure City/County joint efforts for quality of life projects are successful.

Commissioner Delozier and I serve on the Stampede Arena Co-op Trust Board of Directors together and have committed capital dollars to continue making improvements to the park and the new road entrance to Claremore Lake. During FY 2019, the City invested money in relocating electric lines to allow for a new entrance to the lake and new 50- amp stations for the horse trailers and RVs to use during the rodeo. We are also expanding our Wi-Fi access to the lake thru the arena. Additional conversations have taken place regarding existing agreements related to the Expo Center and future program needs and the expansion of current operations with a financial commitment with the County Commissioners and the Rogers County Fair Board.

Commissioner Hendrix and I have had conversations regarding an inter-local agreement regarding the Heritage Hills Trust Authority and committing to major capital improvements that will address deteriorating assets that can have a negative economic development impression on the City of Claremore and Rogers County. Fresh eyes and ideas should allow this Trust Authority to continue on for another 50 years.

Commissioner Burrows and I currently serve on the E911 Trust Authority together and have worked tirelessly to ensure our Public Safety (police and fire) organizations have the best communication system throughout Rogers County allowing us to communicate with each other regardless of boundaries. We also have discussed opportunities where we can collaborate our resources on transportation and bike trails allowing for better public access to the parks and roads throughout the City/County.

The FY2020 Budget continues to focus on areas that will enhance our economic development interests. We are recommending the allocation of capital dollars to CIEDA to purchase property next to our industrial park which will allow for better access to HYW 66 and the North end of our railroad spur.

As many of you will recall at the State of the City Address earlier this year, Mayor Flanagan and I outlined 5 areas that were produced from the **Claremore Dreams 2025 Town Hall Meetings**. The FY 2020 Budget reflects Claremore Dreams 2025.

- 1) **Transportation**
- 2) **Infrastructure / Water, Sewer, Electric**
- 3) **Economic Development**
- 4) **Place Making & Quality of Life**
- 5) **Partnerships**

We promote the second year of the strategic community visioning process we developed in 2017 “**Claremore Dreams 2025**”. Together we identified a 10-year investment strategy that will provide the kind of quality of life venues that will produce dividends for years to come. Our goal was to come together, united by the principle of greater expectations, and as a community we deserved the best in service delivery infrastructure improvements, along with quality workforce development and job recruitments. With this shared vision we can craft a living legacy, which will be passed on to future generations.

I sense there is a passion in our City from Rogers State University, to our Industrial Manufacturing Partners, from our Public Schools to City Public Employees, from our partners with the Rogers County Commissioners to the Cherokee Nation, we are committed to Claremore. We are excited about our future and our future is bright. Claremore Dreams 2025 was about us, its plans were not cobbled together by a few insiders, but it was a community-wide engagement of listening. The community spoke and we listened.

**FY 2020 Budget  
\$87,076,362**

Budget highlights:  
**\$3,787,286 FY 2019 Budget Rollovers:**

**FY 2020 Capital Equipment \$3,424,152**

**FY 2020 Infrastructure \$9,588,028**

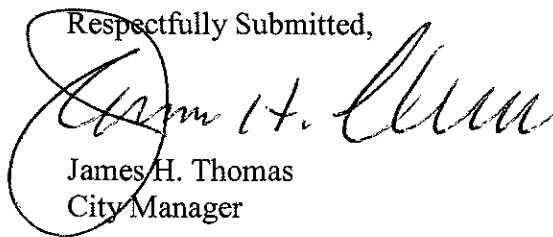
	<b>Equipment/Vehicles</b>	<b>Infrastructure</b>
City Clerk	5,000	-
IT	241,500	17,000
Street	331,600	2,860,000
Park	66,000	585,000
Police	706,279	25,000
Fire	816,343	65,000
Development Services	25,000	696,528
EXPO	155,000	1,075,000
Rec Center	132,000	231,500
Cemetery	2,000	4,000
Sanitation	367,000	15,000
Tree Service	5,000	-
Water/ Sewer	503,430	3,436,000
Stormwater	-	510,000
General Capital Expenditures	55,000	-
Senior Citizens	-	20,000
Shop/ Fleet	13,000	48,000
	<b>\$3,424,152</b>	<b>\$9,588,028</b>

- Phase (2) Comprehensive City Master Plan
- Consulting services for Unified Development Code & District Specific Codes
- Claremore Lake: New Road Entrance opening into the Stampede Park
- Street Infrastructure \$2.6 million Frederick Road/Lowry Bridge
- Water / Sewer infrastructure projects \$3.7 million
- 1st Street Waterline / Talbert Tower Phase 1 & 2
- Expo / Recreation Center capital investments
- Existing Stall Barn upgrades, Storage Building, Masterplan for reinventing existing programs
- Fire Engine pumper truck (retiring 1997 Fire pumper)
- Remove & build new main restrooms at Claremore Lake
- Claremore Lake Boathouse for Police/Fire/Park Rangers
- Sanitation - 16 yard roll off truck and rear loading trash truck

The FY 2020 Budget is hereby submitted with the assistance of Executive Manager of Budget and Finance Suzan Maloy, Senior Staff Accountant Noelle Hayes, Executive Assistant to the City Manager Lisa Wilson and previously appointed elected officials serving on the Finance Committee. They have worked diligently and have done a wonderful job in preparing the budget and I appreciate their efforts. Our best days are still ahead of us, so to our dreams we go with a sense of optimism and realism.

In closing, together our future holds endless possibilities as we support our manufacturers and recruit new industries, expand our commercial retail base, create additional park and recreation uses and improve our infrastructure both above and below ground. I want to recognize our City of Claremore Team. Thank you for all you do: to the Elected Officials for supporting the vision, to first responders keeping our city and citizens safe, to those repairing and sweeping our streets, to our electric department keeping the lights on and our front office staff bringing in collections, to master planning our future, to building our roads and flushing our toilets - it is the combined efforts of the men and women of Claremore who care about our quality of life that makes our community special. I further acknowledge the fabric of Claremore includes our educational system, our partnerships with Rogers County, CIEDA, Cherokee Nation, our hospitality services, our many businesses and our churches. Together we are constantly innovating and creating efficiencies for our citizens as we move toward our dreams of a shining city on the hill.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James H. Thomas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

James H. Thomas  
City Manager