

CITY COUNCIL RETREAT
May 18, 2011

The City Council of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met at 4:05 p.m. at Fire Station No. Eight located at 3901 36th Avenue N.W. for a tour of the facilities on the 18th day of May, 2011, and notice and agenda of the meeting were posted at the Municipal Building at 201 West Gray, Fire Station No. Eight at 3901 36th Avenue N.W., and the Norman Public Library at 225 North Webster 48 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

PRESENT:	Councilmembers Atkins, Dillingham, Kovach, Quinn, Mayor Rosenthal
ABSENT:	Councilmembers Butler, Cubberley, Ezzell, and Griffith

RIBBON CUTTING AND TOUR OF FIRE STATION NO. EIGHT.

On May 13, 2008, Norman voters approved a sales tax increase sales tax of 1/2 of 1 percent in addition to present city & state sales tax to be used for public safety to include additional staffing of police personnel, additional fire personnel, vehicles and equipment for such personnel, acquiring, constructing, and equipment two fire stations, one in the vicinity of 36th Avenue N.W. and Tecumseh Road and the other in the vicinity of East Alameda and 36th Avenue East. City Council, in its meeting of December 22, 2010, approved Contract No. K-0910-103 with Diversified Construction of Oklahoma, Inc., for the Fire Station No Eight Project. Mr. James Fullingim, Fire Chief, provided opening remarks and welcomed those in attendance. Mayor Rosenthal provided information and history about the Public Safety Sales Tax and thanked citizens of Norman for approving this five-year sales tax. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by students from All Saints Catholic School. The students sang a song in tribute to those who serve and Miss Olivia McKown sang the Star Spangled Banner.

Deputy Fire Chief Jim Bailey said this station is the first Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Certified Fire Station in the state of Oklahoma and provided statistical information about the project. He said LEED certified buildings often provide healthier work and living environments, which contributes to higher productivity and improved employee health and comfort. Over 90% of the construction waste was recycled, resulting in approximately 100 tons of material that did not go to the landfill. The fire station will use approximately 30% less energy to operate than a similar size building and 50% less domestic water. The vegetation is drought resistant and will require very little water. He said 20% of the building materials are recycled material and the carpet backing is comprised of recycled plastic bottles and glass. All brick and stone materials were either manufactured or quarried within five hundred miles of the site. The fire station utilizes solar tubes in the training room which greatly reduces or eliminates the use of electrical lighting during the daylight hours. The station was constructed with low VOC (volatile organic compounds) glues, paints, caulking and glues.

Tours of the new facility were provided by Fire personnel.

Items submitted for the record

1. Program entitled "Welcome to the Grand Opening of Fire Station 8"

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor