

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
NORMAN UTILITIES AUTHORITY MINUTES  
NORMAN MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY MINUTES  
NORMAN TAX INCREMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY MINUTES

July 1, 2014

The City Council of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met in Regular Session in the Council Chambers of the Norman Municipal Building on the 1st day of July, 2014, at 6:00 p.m., and notice and agenda of the meeting were posted at the Municipal Building at 201 West Gray and at the Norman Public Library at 225 North Webster 24 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

PRESENT: Councilmembers Castleberry, Heiple,  
Holman, Griffith, Jungman, Kovach,  
Miller, Williams, Mayor Rosenthal

ABSENT: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Rosenthal.

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Item 3, being:

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES AS FOLLOWS:

CITY COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MAY 21, 2014  
CITY COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF JUNE 18, 2014  
PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS A STORM WATER UTILITY MINUTES OF JUNE 19, 2014  
CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE MINUTES OF JUNE 24, 2014  
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NORMAN UTILITIES AUTHORITY MINUTES OF JUNE 24, 2014  
NORMAN MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY MINUTES OF JUNE 24, 2014  
NORMAN TAX INCREMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY MINUTES OF JUNE 24, 2014

Acting as the City Council, Norman Utilities Authority, Norman Municipal Authority, and Norman Tax Increment Finance Authority, Councilmember Kovach moved that the minutes be approved and the filing thereof be directed, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Griffith;

Items submitted for the record

1. Text File No. GID-1415-1 dated June 23, 2014, by Brenda Hall, City Clerk
2. City Council Finance Committee minutes of May 21, 2014
3. City Council Finance Committee minutes of June 18, 2014
4. Public Meeting To Discuss a Storm Water Utility minutes of June 19, 2014
5. City Council Conference minutes of June 24, 2014
6. City Council minutes of June 24, 2014
7. Norman Utilities Authority minutes of J June 24, 2014
8. Norman Municipal Authority minutes of June 24, 2014
9. Norman Tax Increment Finance Authority minutes of June 24, 2014

and the question being upon approving the minutes and upon the subsequent directive, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Councilmembers Castleberry, Heiple,  
Holman, Griffith, Jungman, Kovach,  
Miller, Williams, Mayor Rosenthal

NAYES: None

The Mayor declared the motion carried and the minutes approved; and the filing thereof was directed.

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Item 4, being:

RESOLUTION NO. R-1415-7: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, HONORING THE 2014 RECIPIENT OF THE CITIZENS HONOR ROLL OF SERVICE.

Councilmember Kovach moved that Resolution No. R-1415-7 be adopted, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Griffith;

Items submitted for the record

- 1. Text File No. R-1415-7 dated June 23, 2014, by Brenda Hall, City Clerk
- 2. Resolution No. R-1415-7

Items submitted for the record

- 1. Roger and Ann Gallagher, 1522 East Boyd Street, accepted the resolution on behalf of the family of Sylvia Martin and thanked the Council

and the question being upon adopting Resolution No. R-1415-7, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:	Councilmembers Castleberry, Heiple, Holman, Griffith, Jungman, Kovach, Miller, Williams, Mayor Rosenthal
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NAYES:	None
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The Mayor declared the motion carried and Resolution No. R-1415-7 was adopted.

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Item 5, being:

ADMINISTERING THE OATHS OF OFFICE TO AND SEATING OF COUNCILMEMBER-ELECT CLINT WILLIAMS, WARD 2; COUNCILMEMBER-ELECT GREG JUNGMAN, WARD 4; COUNCILMEMBER-ELECT JERRY LANG, WARD 6; AND COUNCILMEMBER-ELECT CHAD WILLIAMS, WARD 8.

Presiding Judge David Poarch administered Oaths of Office to the elected and reelected members of the City Council.

Items submitted for the record

- 1. Text File No. AP-1415-1 dated June 23, 2014, by Brenda Hall, City Clerk

Thereupon, Councilmembers Clint Williams, Greg Jungman, Jerry Lang and Chad Williams were formally seated.

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Item 6, being:

ELECTION OF A MAYOR PRO TEM.

Councilmember Jungman nominated Councilmember Chad Williams to serve as Mayor Pro Tem, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Castleberry;

Items submitted for the record

- 1. Text File No. AP-1415-2 dated June 23, 2014, by Brenda Hall, City Clerk

and there being no other nominations, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:	Councilmembers Castleberry, Lang, Heiple, Holman, Jungman, Miller, Chad Williams, Clint Williams, Mayor Rosenthal
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NAYES:	None
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The Mayor declared the motion carried and Councilmember Chad Williams was elected as Mayor Pro Tem.

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Item 7, being:

ELECTION OF A REPRESENTATIVE AND AN ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA GOVERNMENTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Councilmember Holman nominated Mayor Rosenthal to serve as the representative and Councilmember Chad Williams to serve as alternate representative to the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments Board of Directors, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Castleberry;

Items submitted for the record

1. Text File No. AP-1415-3 dated June 23, 2014, by Brenda Hall, City Clerk

and the question being upon nominating Mayor Rosenthal to serve as the representative and Councilmember Chad Williams to serve as alternate representative to the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments Board of Directors, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Councilmembers Castleberry, Lang, Heiple, Holman, Jungman, Miller, Chad Williams, Clint Williams, Mayor Rosenthal

NAYES: None

The Mayor declared the motion carried and Mayor Rosenthal was elected as the representative and Councilmember Chad Williams was elected as the alternate representative to the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments Board of Directors.

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Item 8, being:

ELECTION OF A CITY COUNCILMEMBER TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE CITY OF NORMAN RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

Councilmember Chad Williams nominated Councilmember Castleberry to serve as the representative on the Board of Trustees for the City of Norman Retirement System, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Miller;

Items submitted for the record

1. Text File No. AP-1415-4 dated June 23, 2014, by Brenda Hall, City Clerk

and there being no other nominations, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Councilmembers Castleberry, Lang, Heiple, Holman, Jungman, Miller, Chad Williams, Clint Williams, Mayor Rosenthal

NAYES: None

The Mayor declared the motion carried and Councilmember Castleberry was elected as the representative to serve on the Board of Trustees for the City of Norman Retirement System.

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Item 9, being:

ELECTION OF A REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE OKLAHOMA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Councilmember Miller nominated Mayor Rosenthal to serve as the representative and Councilmember Chad Williams to serve as alternate representative to the Oklahoma Municipal League Board of Directors, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Holman;

Items submitted for the record

1. Text File No. AP-1415-5 dated June 23, 2014, by Brenda Hall, City Clerk

Item 9, continued:

and the question being upon nominating Mayor Rosenthal to serve as the representative and Councilmember Williams to serve as alternate representative to the Oklahoma Municipal League Board of Directors, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:	Councilmembers Castleberry, Lang, Heiple, Holman, Jungman, Miller, Chad Williams, Clint Williams, Mayor Rosenthal
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NAYES:	None
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The Mayor declared the motion carried and Mayor Rosenthal was elected as the representative and Councilmember Chad Williams was elected as the alternate representative to the Oklahoma Municipal League Board of Directors.

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Item 10, being:

RESOLUTION NO. R-1415-1: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, EXTENDING APPRECIATION TO TOM KOVACH FOR SERVING AS WARD TWO COUNCILMEMBER IN NORMAN, OKLAHOMA.

Councilmember Chad Williams moved that Resolution No. R-1415-1 be adopted, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Holman;

Items submitted for the record

1. Text File No. R-1415-1 dated June 23, 2014, by Brenda Hall, City Clerk
2. Resolution No. R-1415-1

Participants in discussion

1. Mr. Tom Kovach accepted the resolution, thanked the Council and others, and made comments

and the question being upon adopting Resolution No. R-1415-1, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:	Councilmembers Castleberry, Lang, Heiple, Holman, Jungman, Miller, Chad Williams, Clint Williams, Mayor Rosenthal
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NAYES:	None
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The Mayor declared the motion carried and Resolution No. R-1415-1 was adopted.

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Item 10, being:

RESOLUTION NO. R-1415-2: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, EXTENDING APPRECIATION TO JIM GRIFFITH FOR SERVING AS WARD SIX COUNCILMEMBER IN NORMAN, OKLAHOMA.

Councilmember Chad Williams moved that Resolution No. R-1415-2 be adopted, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Holman;

Items submitted for the record

1. Text File No. R-1415-2 dated June 23, 2014, by Brenda Hall, City Clerk
2. Resolution No. R-1415-2

Participants in discussion

1. Mr. Jim Griffith accepted the resolution, thanked the Council and others, and made comments

Item 10, continued:

and the question being upon adopting Resolution No. R-1415-2, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Councilmembers Castleberry, Lang,  
Heiple, Holman, Jungman, Miller, Chad  
Williams, Clint Williams, Mayor  
Rosenthal

NAYES: None

The Mayor declared the motion carried and Resolution No. R-1415-2 was adopted.

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#### COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Mayor Rosenthal said it is a tradition that a park bench is placed in one of the City parks to commemorate the service of past Councilmembers and it is indicative of the commitment and the long service of these two individuals that Tom chose to place a park bench in Monroe Park, which was not even on the radar screen six years ago and through the Park Master Plan process and his advocacy, it has transformed the neighborhood and his bench would be very appropriate there. She said Jim Griffith who served 18 years on the Board of Parks Commissioners has chosen Sequoyah Park for his park bench. She learned this evening that he has been personally mowing a part of the park which is not accessible to Park Maintenance Division crews. She said this says a lot about both of these men's commitment to the City.

She extended her appreciation to Will and Claudia because serving on the City Council is a family affair and a huge sacrifice by family members. She thanked them for sharing Tom and Jim for six year. She wished Councilmember Lang and Councilmember Clint Williams well and has forewarned their families that it is a sacrifice and appreciates the sacrifice they are making.

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Councilmember Jungman bid a fond farewell to Jim. He said he and Jim started about the same time except Jim won and he lost. He told Tom not to go too far and that he appreciated his kind words.

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Councilmember Holman told Councilmember Lang and Councilmember Clint Williams there were a lot of big issues facing the City and it would take all of Council working together to make the best decisions. He said sometimes they would disagree but Council has overwhelmingly agreed most of the time. He said he is looking forward to the challenge and getting to know both of them better.

He said Tom was one of the first Councilmembers he got to know outside of City Hall and he had taught him how important it was to always listen and do the best he could to represent everyone in the ward, not just the people who support you. He said he would miss his insights. He said he would miss Jim's Hawaiian shirts, which reminded him that everything did not have to be serious all the time. He said 12 years of combined experience is a lot to lose and it will be missed. He said he knows he can give either one of them a call anytime he needs advice and thanked them for their support and their service on Council.

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Councilmember Lang offered his personal thanks to both of them for serving so well. He said he hoped that he would do as good a job as they did.

He invited citizens to call him and that his number was in the telephone book.

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Councilmember Castleberry said he was the only guy that sat next to both before the new seating chart. He thanked Tom for caring and the time and thought he put into things and for regularly discussing current and future issues with him. He said between Tom and Jim, Council is losing a tremendous amount of institutional knowledge. He said Jim kept him informed about the issues with Parks. He said fresh ideas are great but losing wisdom is tough. He thanked Tom for his leadership and knowledge when it came to McGee/Lindsey improvements/problems and his advocacy of open and transparent government. He said he also appreciates Tom's and Jim's approach to dialogue and

## Councilmember Comments, continued:

conflict. He said Council starts out disagreeing a lot and ended up voting together because Tom did not approach an issue just to get the votes, both tried to work to get a unanimous vote. He said Jim has always been a friend and he considers Tom a new friend. He said he thought the Mayor seated he and Jim together to calm him down a bit because Jim always understood both sides of an issue and went into each vote with an open mind, which he appreciated.

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Councilmember Chad Williams said Jim had been an outstanding example to the community. He said since he had been on Council, he never made a vote until he listened to Jim's point of view because he knew that it was always well thought out and it was not always predictable. He said they did not always agree but it is good to disagree sometimes as long as we are moving towards a common goal to make this City great. He thanked him for his service.

He said Tom had been much more than a fellow Councilmember to him, he had been a friend. He remembered before he decided to run for Council, he was told to contact Tom. He totally disagreed but did so anyway. He said prior to the meeting, he had heard good things and bad things about him. He was taught by his father and mother to give the person the opportunity to prove their character, honesty, and integrity and not to take what other people say as the truth. He left the meeting thinking he really didn't like that guy and we disagreed that day on some core things but we were both there with the same goal, to make the City of Norman a better city than it's ever been. He said since that time disagreements are brought up but in a joking manner and that they always worked together. This week Tom has been on his mind a lot. He was reading about a Sandalwood Tree which has a fragrance that is one of the most sought-after and about a gentleman that harvested Sandalwood. He said Tom might have been treated unfairly by some but he always came back and worked to make the City a better place. He said he wondered what would happen during a study session when Council needed a history lesson because Tom always provided that for them. He said it encouraged him to learn more. He thanked Tom for his time.

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Councilmember Miller said she would miss serving with both of them. She said they have very different personalities, which made Council work better together and their experience, intellect, passionate interest in the community would be missed and both would stay involved in City issues. She said both helped in their own ways when she started. Jim is in her Rotary Club and he held her hand and encouraged her. She said she appreciated his thoughtful and moderate take on everything, which helped her focus on what the issues were. She said Tom is nothing short of a brilliant Parliamentarian and his knowledge is something to see. She said she has learned so much from both of them.

She welcomed Jerry and Clint and said she looked forward to this year.

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Councilmember Clint Williams apologized to Councilmember Chad Williams because their names were going to make this process so much more complicated.

He said he is honored and humbled to be seated as a Councilmember and it had been a long road to get here. He said many of the people in this room had been with him the whole way and many believed in him when he did not believe in himself. He expressed his gratitude.

He said that Tom had earned a good long rest and hoped he enjoyed his time off of Council and if he is half the Councilmember that Tom had been, he will have done a great deal.

He thanked his new colleagues and said it would be quite a ride. He looked forward to it although there would be conflict and tension. He is confident that all the Councilmembers are in this for the right reasons and that Norman is best served when we find ways to work together.

He said he will be responsive and completely transparent to his constituents and always at their service. He said he is their voice to the City Council and not the City Council's voice to them. He said he will represent them to the best of his ability.

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Councilmember Heiple said when he got elected, he said he would try to lead with kindness and both Tom and Jim embody kindness. He said they both have different temperaments, talents, and convictions but they come with historical knowledge and a passion that is heartfelt. He said Tom is a master of Parliamentary procedures and Jim is a kind gentleman with decorum.

Councilmember Comments, continued:

He welcomed both Jerry and Clint to Council and asked them to lead with kindness.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Councilmember Chad Williams moved that the meeting be adjourned, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Holman, and the question being upon adjournment of the meeting, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Councilmembers Castleberry, Lang, Heiple, Holman, Jungman, Miller, Chad Williams, Clint Williams, Mayor Rosenthal

NAYES: None

The Mayor declared the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

Brenda Hall  
City Clerk

Cindy Rosenthal  
Mayor

