CITY OF WILBURTON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY MARCH 12th, 2026 5:30 P.M.
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
300 W. MAIN ST. WILBURTON, OK 74578

The Wilburton City Council convened in a Regular meeting held on the 12th day of March 2026 at 5:30pm with Mayor Mayes presiding. Cindee Shero – Salt of the Earth led the group in prayer and Mayor Mayes then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Clerk – Cindee Blankenship conducted roll call with council members responding:

LITTLEJOHN	*PRESENT*	COCKE	*PRESENT*	KENDALL	*PRESENT*
HAYNES	*PRESENT*	GOAD	*PRESENT*		

CITIZENS COMMENTS: *NONE*

1. Consent Agenda:
   a. February 2026 Claims for Payment.
   b. Payment of Payrolls March 13th- April 9th, 2026.
   c. Renewal: Municipal Code Management Service Agreement in the amount of $1500.00 - January 1st, 2026 - January 1st, 2026.

Clarification/scope of the municipal code management service, which covers the codification process every two years and online management of the code book.

MOTION BY LITTLEJOHN SECOND BY COCKE TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA.
Upon roll call, members voted as follows:

LITTLEJOHN	*YES*	COCKE	*YES*	KENDALL	*YES*
HAYNES	*YES*	GOAD	*YES*		

2. Discussion only. Update from Latimer County Tourism Trust Authority. (LCTTA Rep/Amanda Byers)

- *Trails Projects: Still actively being pursued.*
- *Working with Grant Stone to submit a T-Mobile Grant: Application to rehabilitate the Future Visitor Center to cover roof, basement, and flood prevention.*
- *Working on providing support grants for local events:*
  - *Wilburton Roundup Club Summer Rodeo.*
  - *10th annual Relics and Rods (last Saturday in June); Main Street merchants report this as their best retail day.*
- *Visitor's Guide: Aiming for full-page ads to promote events like Relics and Rods and the Poinsettia Festival.*
- *Museum Restoration Grant: Submitted grant for the Carolyn Watson Rural Foundation for arts and culture to restore museum building with lighted shelving, archival materials, and educational programming.*
- *Maps: Working with a cartographer to create foldable pocket-size maps of Latimer County and Wilburton.*
- *Influencer Visit: Jacqueline from Jacqueline's Adventures in Oklahoma to visit April 24-26, with a full itinerary including downtown, Robbers Cave, and City Lake.*
- *Ward 2 Terry Haynes asked of an update on the Ludie museum. Amanda has been in talks with the ladies over it. It is still open/active and they frequently discuss relocation, but not sure where.*

3. Discuss and Take Action if needed to approve removal of Zach Chavez and recommend Ellen Foust to E911 Board. (tabled from Feb.)

Ellen Foust – Oklahoma Conservation Commission would like to volunteer for the seat and seems to be a good fit. She will represent the City of Wilburton alongside Luke Underwood.

MOTION BY HAYNES SECOND BY GOAD TO APPROVE REMOVAL OF ZACH CHAVEZ AND RECOMMENDATION OF ELLEN FOUST TO THE E911 BOARD.
Upon roll call, members voted as follows:

LITTLEJOHN	*YES*	COCKE	*YES*	KENDALL	*YES*
HAYNES	*YES*	GOAD	*YES*		

4. Discuss and Take Action if needed to approve minutes of Regular meeting February 12th, 2026. (Ward 3 – Jayme Goad Absent)

MOTION BY LITTLEJOHN SECOND BY KENDALL TO APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 12th, 2026.
Upon roll call, members voted as follows:

LITTLEJOHN	*YES*	COCKE	*YES*	KENDALL	*YES*
HAYNES	*YES*	GOAD	*ABSTAIN*		

5. Discuss and Take Action if needed to approve minutes of Special meeting February 12th, 2026 (Ward 3 - Jayme Goad Absent)

MOTION BY HAYNES SECOND BY COCKE TO APPROVE MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING FEBRUARY 12th, 2026.
Upon roll call, members voted as follows:

LITTLEJOHN	*YES*	COCKE	*YES*	KENDALL	*YES*
HAYNES	*YES*	GOAD	*ABSTAIN*		

6. Discuss and Take Action if needed to approve Wilburton Housing Authority request for pilot collection moratorium in the amount of $4,378.65 for 2025.

Mayor Mayes is uncertain about the request due to the city not collecting taxes and it being unclear where the funds would come from. Ward 2 Terry Haynes will meet with the housing authority board for clarification and recommends to table the item for now.

MOTION BY LITTLEJOHN SECOND BY HAYNES TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 6 UNTIL NEXT MEETING.
Upon roll call, members voted as follows:

LITTLEJOHN	*YES*	COCKE	*YES*	KENDALL	*YES*
HAYNES	*YES*	GOAD	*YES*		

7. Discuss and Take Action if needed to approve Budget Amendment #9 – Increase General Fund: Revenues – Police Dept Fundraiser, Donations, and Fire Dept Grant in the amount of $17,284.00 and Expenses: Police, Fire, and Senior Citizens in the amount of $17, 284.00 to reflect the listed transactions. (please see attached BA)

MOTION BY LITTLEJOHN SECOND BY COCKE TO APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT #9.
Upon roll call, members voted as follows:

LITTLEJOHN	*YES*	COCKE	*YES*	KENDALL	*YES*
HAYNES	*YES*	GOAD	*YES*		

8. Discuss and Take Action if needed to approve Budget Amendment #10 – Increase Capital Improvement Fund: Miscellaneous Revenue in the amount of $14,000.00 – Reflect the Sale of 2001 Spartan Fire Truck and Expense: Capital Outlay - General Gov in the amount of $1,170.00 – Wilburton Headstart Roof facia board and vent overlay replacement not included in bid.

MOTION BY LITTLEJOHN SECOND BY COCKE TO APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT #10.
Upon roll call, members voted as follows:

LITTLEJOHN	*YES*	COCKE	*YES*	KENDALL	*YES*
HAYNES	*YES*	GOAD	*YES*		

9. **Discuss and Take Action if needed to approve Budget Amendment #11 – Increase Airport Fund -Grant Revenue in the amount of $81,898.00 - reflect draw on Grant Funds, Expenses in the amount of $87,239.00 – Capital Improvement Project: construction of hangar and taxilane, and the Use of beginning Fund Balance – Capital Outlay in the amount of $5,341.00 - 2025 Ford Escape Lease Payment.**

MOTION BY HAYNES SECOND BY GOAD TO APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT #11.
Upon roll call, members voted as follows:

LITTLEJOHN	*YES*	COCKE	*YES*	KENDALL	*YES*
HAYNES	*YES*	GOAD	*YES*		

10. **Discuss and Take Action if needed to Approve Agreement and Submission of Application to Leadership Oklahoma for Mayor - Loran Mayes.**

Mayor Mayes would like to apply for Leadership Oklahoma again. Applications are due April 1st. Fifty-two leaders are chosen from across the state and as a participant, engage with industry leaders and explore the state's opportunities, needs, issues, and resources. The goal of the issues -focused program is to foster cohesiveness among a diverse group of people from a wide range of backgrounds. Tuition is $3,900.00 for the year but does not include transportation, however using the airport car will be beneficial. Dates currently do not conflict with upcoming council meetings. Mayor Mayes will also need a council member to certify the application once submitted.

MOTION BY LITTLEJOHN SECOND BY COCKE TO APPROVE AGREEMENT AND SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION TO LEADERSHIP OKLAHOMA FOR MAYOR – LORAN MAYES.
Upon roll call, members voted as follows:

LITTLEJOHN	*YES*	COCKE	*YES*	KENDALL	*YES*
HAYNES	*YES*	GOAD	*YES*		

NEW BUSINESS

- **Discuss and Take Action to Approve Renewal of OPEH&W Health and Life Insurance Plans/Rates for fiscal year 2026-2027.**

Currently the city has not received any other quotes. OPEH&W has requested renewal submission by March 17th with a 6.5% decrease in rates. The City will go ahead and approve the renewal in order to continue services for now but can also void the agreement later if we do receive and want to go with other options.

MOTION BY HAYNES SECOND BY COCKE TO APPROVE RENEWAL OF OPEH&W HEALTH AND LIFE INSURANCE PLANS/RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027.
Upon roll call, members voted as follows:

LITTLEJOHN	*YES*	COCKE	*YES*	KENDALL	*YES*
HAYNES	*YES*	GOAD	*YES*		

MAYOR UPDATE

- *Spring break activities planned. Take Flight - Tuesday, Library - Wednesday, Big Truck Day - Thursday, and Robbers Cave – daily activities - all week long.*
- *Spring Clean-Up March 16th-20th*
- *Tball and Soccer in full swing; still needing coaches for one t-ball team and field work is ongoing.*

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- *Last week was Deadline week.*
- *Waiting on the Sewer System bill. Regards liabilities of cities when meeting the expectations that DEQ has set out.*
- *OML now has a sign-up for legislative action calls. When there is a bill that affects municipalities, they can send out an action alert so that we can know what bill it is, what it covers, and who to contact.*

ADJOURN.

MOTION BY LITTLEJOHN SECOND BY HAYNES TO ADJOURN AT 6:02PM.

Upon roll call, members voted as follows:

LITTLEJOHN	*YES*	**COCKE**	*YES*	**KENDALL**	*YES*
HAYNES	*YES*	**GOAD**	*YES*		

APPROVED: THURSDAY APRIL 9th, 2026.

Cindee Blankenship
CINDEE BLANKENSHIP, CITY CLERK

Loran Mayes
LORAN MAYES, MAYOR

Allen Littlejohn
ALLEN LITTLEJOHN, WARD 1

Terry Haynes
TERRY HAYNES, WARD 2

Sara Jane Cocke
SARA JANE COCKE, WARD 3

Jayme W. Goad
JAYME GOAD, WARD 4

Julia Kendall
JULIA KENDALL, WARD 5