

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

July 3, 2018

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 3rd day of July, 2018, at 6:07 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 Bierman, Castleberry, Clark, Hickman, Holman, Karjala, Wilson, Mayor Miller

ABSENT:

Councilmember Allison

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Miller.

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Item 3, being:

ADMINISTERING THE OATHS OF OFFICE TO AND SEATING OF COUNCILMEMBER-ELECT JOE CARTER, WARD 2; COUNCILMEMBER-ELECT BILL HICKMAN, WARD 4, COUNCILMEMBER-ELECT BREEA CLARK, WARD 6; AND COUNCILMEMBER-ELECT ALEXANDRA SCOTT, WARD 8.

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

Items submitted for the record

1. Text File AP-1718-26 dated June 11, 2018, by Brenda Hall, City Clerk

Thereupon, Councilmembers Carter, Hickman, Clark, and Scott were formally seated.

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Item 4, being:

ELECTION OF A MAYOR PRO TEM.

Councilmember Hickman nominated Councilmember Castleberry to serve as Mayor Pro Tem, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Clark;

Items submitted for the record

1. Text File AP-1718-21 dated June 11, 2018, by Brenda Hall, City Clerk

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

YEAS:

Councilmembers Bierman, Carter, Castleberry, Clark, Hickman, Holman, Scott, Wilson, Mayor Miller

NAYES:

None

The Mayor declared the motion carried and Councilmember Castleberry was elected as Mayor Pro Tem.

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Item 5, being:

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

Councilmember Bierman nominated Mayor Miller to serve as the representative and Councilmember Clark 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 AP-1718-23 dated June 11, 2017 by Brenda Hall, City Clerk

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

YEAS:	Councilmembers Bierman, Carter, Castleberry, Clark, Hickman, Holman, Scott, Wilson, Mayor Miller
NAYES:	None

The Mayor declared the motion carried and Mayor Miller was elected as the representative and Councilmember Clark was elected as the alternate representative to the Oklahoma Municipal League Board of Directors.

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Item 6, being:

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

Councilmember Clark nominated Mayor Miller to serve as the representative and Councilmember Holman to serve as alternate representative to the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments Board of Directors, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Wilson;

Items submitted for the record

1. Text File AP-1718-24 dated June 11, 2018, by Brenda Hall, City Clerk

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

YEAS:	Councilmembers Bierman, Carter, Castleberry, Clark, Hickman, Holman, Scott, Wilson, Mayor Miller
NAYES:	None

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

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Item 7, being:

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

Councilmember Holman 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 Wilson;

Items submitted for the record

1. Text File AP-1718-25 dated June 11, 2018, by Brenda Hall, City Clerk

Item 7, continued:

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

YEAS:	Councilmembers Bierman, Carter, Castleberry, Clark, Hickman, Holman, Scott, Wilson, Mayor Miller
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 8, being:

RESOLUTION R-1718-6: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, EXTENDING APPRECIATION TO ALEISHA KARJALA FOR SERVING AS WARD EIGHT COUNCILMEMBER IN NORMAN, OKLAHOMA.

Councilmember Scott moved that Resolution R-1718-6 be adopted, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Wilson;

Items submitted for the record

1. Text File R-1718-6 dated June 11, 2018, by Brenda Hall, City Clerk
2. Resolution R-1718-6

and the question being upon adopting Resolution R-1718-6, as vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:	Councilmembers Bierman, Carter, Castleberry, Clark, Hickman, Holman, Scott, Wilson, Mayor Miller
NAYES:	None

The Mayor declared the motion carried and Resolution R-1718-6 was adopted.

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Item 9, being:

RESOLUTION R-1718-7: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, EXTENDING APPRECIATION TO KYLE ALLISON FOR SERVING AS WARD EIGHT COUNCILMEMBER IN NORMAN, OKLAHOMA.

Councilmember Clark moved that Resolution R-1718-7 be adopted, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Castleberry;

Items submitted for the record

1. Text File R-1718-7 dated June 11, 2018, by Brenda Hall, City Clerk
2. Resolution R-1718-7

and the question being upon adopting Resolution R-1718-7, as vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:	Councilmembers Bierman, Carter, Castleberry, Clark, Hickman, Holman, Scott, Wilson, Mayor Miller
NAYES:	None

The Mayor declared the motion carried and Resolution R-1718-7 was adopted.

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COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Bierman said Kyle Allison and Aleisha Karjala both served this community admirably and they brought skills and perspective to this Council. She said Kyle brought valuable insight in the committees that they shared together. She said she did not think that anyone cared as much as Aleisha about what she did. She looks forward to serving with Councilmembers Scott and Carter and looks forward to having two new perspectives.

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Councilmember Carter thanked the Mayor for the opportunity to be here tonight and to join this fine group of people. He said he is looking forward to the challenges and ready to go to work.

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Councilmember Castleberry said Aleisha Karjala was the Councilmember in the ward where he used to office. He said Kyle and he worked on a lot of joint issues as there wards were contiguous. He said Kyle came on Council at the same time as his first child was born and Aleisha was traveling back and forth to work in Chickasha. He said both served well even though they had a lot of time constraints. He said he looks forward to working with Councilmembers Carter and Scott.

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Councilmember Hickman said sometimes people do not realize that Councilmembers are volunteers and it does take a fair amount of time and effort to serve the community. He said he appreciated Aleisha and Kyle's service to our community and wish them well in their future endeavors. He said he is excited to welcome Councilmembers Carter and Scott as part of the team and looks forward to the upcoming year.

Councilmember Hickman said the Volunteer Appreciation Reception was held prior to the City Council meeting to thank and recognize all of the people out there who serve on a City boards or commissions. Their services helps Norman be the great city it is.

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Councilmember Wilson welcomed Councilmembers Scott and Carter. She said she and Councilmember Bierman have served one year and were welcomed by Kyle Allison and Aleisha Karjala and she really appreciated their mentorship. She said many times when someone runs for office, they engage in political dialogue and want to vilify people who have a different opinion than themselves. What she found to be true was that the councilmembers have a lot more in common than she realized and they were able to get a lot done because they worked together. She said every person on this Council cares about the community and might have different ways of getting the job done but they all care. She said she really looks forward to working with Councilmembers Carter and Scott.

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Councilmember Clark welcomed the new Councilmembers. She said being a Councilmember is a lot of work but a labor of love. She said Aleisha and she served together on the Library Board before they were elected to Council. She said Aleisha's background of Political Science was invaluable, her commitment is unmatched, and she will be missed. She said she got to know Kyle better when the seating arrangement was changed. She said he did not talk a lot but when he did, it was always very thoughtful and she had been very impressed with him. She said she hopes as Council tackles some very important issues, we can do so respectfully and politely. She said a lot more would be accomplished when all Councilmembers respect one another throughout the process.

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Councilmember Holman said he was sworn in five years ago and during that time he served with 17 different councilmembers. He said with Councilmembers Scott and Carter, that total has changed to 19. He said when he started he was 28 and the next youngest Councilmember at that time had been around 40 years old and two women were on the City Council. He said is it exciting to see how that has changed; a majority of women is on the City Council and half of the City Council is under the age of 35. He said the youngest Councilmember to serve on Council was sworn in tonight. He said he is looking forward to working with the new Councilmembers. He said he will miss Aleisha's perspective and talking with her about some of their commonalities. He said both he and Kyle went to Norman High School together and were on the track team, though Kyle is two years younger.

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Council Comments, continued:

Councilmember Scott extended big thanks to Kyle Allison and Aleisha Karjala for their time on Council. She is excited to serve with this wonderful group of people. She thanked everyone who voted on April 3rd, her birthday. She thanked all her friends and family for coming to the meeting tonight to show their love and support. She thanked her team of volunteers as well. She looks forward to the work they will be doing over the next two years. She said the first Ward 8 meeting is scheduled for Saturday, July 28th.

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Mayor Miller said when she thinks about Aleisha, she thinks about commitment and passion. She knows the constituents in Ward Two felt that as well. She said Aleisha always spoke up for things that she thought were wrong. She had been a huge support for the Lindsey Street merchants. She said Kyle was always reasonable, moderate, and thoughtful. She said even though he did not say a lot, he was always prepared and had good ideas. She welcomed Councilmembers Carter and Scott. She said the Council Retreat will be at the end of the month and there will be an opportunity to look over all the things that Council has been working on. She said she is ready to continue that work.

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ADJOURNMENT

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

YEAS:

Councilmembers Bierman, Carter,
Castleberry, Clark, Hickman, Holman,
Scott, Wilson, Mayor Miller

NAYES:

None

The Mayor declared the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor