

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
HELD BY THE MOORE CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 5, 2026 – 6:30 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
301 N. BROADWAY
MOORE, OKLAHOMA**

The City Council met at Moore City Hall in the Council Chambers, 301 N. Main Street on August 5, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Mark Hamm presiding.

Adam Webb
Councilman, Ward I

Kathy Griffith
Councilwoman, Ward I

Melissa Hunt
Councilwoman, Ward II

Rob Clark
Councilman, Ward II

Sid Porter
Councilman, Ward III

Louie Williams
Councilman, Ward III

PRESENT: Griffith, Porter, Hunt, Williams, Webb, Clark, Hamm

ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: City Manager, Brooks Mitchell; Assistant City Manager, Deidre Ebrey; and City Attorney, Brian Miller.

Agenda Item Number 2 being:

CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING AN INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION OF THE CITY'S ANIMAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING POSSIBLE LIABILITY ISSUES, POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF STATE AND MUNICIPAL LAW, ALLEGATIONS OF A HOSTILE WORK ENVIRONMENT, AND ANY OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO THE INVESTIGATION, INCLUDING FORMATION OF A COMMITTEE TO EVALUATE AND INTERVIEW LAW FIRMS AND ATTORNEYS TO CONDUCT THE INVESTIGATION AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR RETENTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL.

Mayor Hamm began the meeting by emphasizing the Council's commitment to addressing concerns about the operations at the Moore Animal Shelter. He explained that the City Council oversees the City Manager who is responsible for daily operations and staff management. The Charter restricts council members from directly managing City employees.

Comments were received from Heather Boss, 3400 Elmo Way, Moore, Oklahoma and Becca Bean, 1116 Caddell Lane, Norman, Oklahoma that centered around the need for transparency and accountability. They felt that the independent investigation should be free from political influence or limitations and that the Council should act on their findings regardless of any discomfort it may cause.

Mayor Hamm advised that the City Council convened the special meeting to initiate an independent investigation into the Moore Animal Shelter following recent incidents and leadership changes. Mayor Hamm stated that the Council is committed to ensuring that they have the confidence of the people they were elected to represent.

Mayor Hamm requested that any complaints received by the City Manager regarding the Animal Shelter be shared with the City Council. He advised that a committee comprised of three council members will be appointed to conduct interviews and select an independent investigative firm. The City will offer full cooperation with the investigation and make all necessary records available to them. He noted that Assistant City Manager Deidre Ebrey will serve as the primary contact during the investigative process. Once the investigation is complete their findings will be reported directly to the City Council who will determine what action(s) will be taken. Mayor Hamm noted that there are limits on public disclosure regarding personnel matters due to state law; however, they will share as much information as legally possible.

Councilman Clark moved to form a committee, comprised of Mayor Hamm, Councilman Porter, and Councilman Williams, to select an external law firm to perform an independent investigation into the Animal Welfare Department, second by Councilman Webb. Motion carried unanimously.

Ayes: Griffith, Porter, Hunt, Williams, Webb, Clark, Hamm
Nays: None

Agenda Item Number 3 being:

ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Hunt moved to adjourn the Special City Council meeting, second by Councilwoman Griffith. Motion carried unanimously.

Ayes: Griffith, Hunt, Porter, Williams, Webb, Clark, Hamm
Nays: None

The City Council meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

TRANSCRIBED BY:

RHONDA BAXTER, Executive Assistant

FOR:

LOUIE WILLIAMS, MPWA Secretary

These minutes passed and approved as noted this ____ day of _____, 2026.

ATTEST:

VANESSA KEMP, City Clerk