

MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL OF DEL CITY  
SPECIAL MEETING  
March 30, 2026 – 5:00 P.M.  
3701 SE 15<sup>th</sup> Street – City Hall

(Agenda posted on the council bulletin board at 11:00 a.m. on March 27, 2026.)

1. **Call to Order:** at 5:00 PM by Mayor Finch.

**Roll Call:**

In Attendance: Council Members Scott Tatom, Michael Dean, Claudia Browne, and Mayor Pam Finch.

Absent: None

City Employees: City Manager JD Hock, City Attorney William Wheeler and Acting Deputy City Clerk Carrie Reser.

2. **Resolution – 2026 Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Budget Resolution**

Discussion, consideration, and possible action to approve or deny Resolution 03-30-2026A a resolution of the City of del City, Oklahoma, authorizing application to the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department for funding assistance through the 2026 Land and Water Conservation Fund; and establishing certain requirements in connection therewith. Authorize Mayor to endorse the same.

**MOTION: TO PROCEED WITH RESOLUTION MINUS THE SPLASH PAD.**

MOVED BY: DEAN

SECOND: TATOM

AYES: TATOM, BROWNE, DEAN, AND MAYOR FINCH.

NAYS: NONE

- Councilman Dean wonders if the amount of money being put into the project and this water park turns into the only one in Del City can this area handle that type of traffic. Asks if this is the right area for this project and would like to see some progress.
- Mayor Finch said that part of this project includes a parking plan and that it is for the neighborhood to help improve the city.
- City Manager Hock said this grant is a continuing grant that is available every year to apply. The LOI to purchase this property has already been approved, this grant is a way to get some of the money compensated for. We are able to only approve part of the project such as just preparing the property for what project is decided at a later date. Offered several options.
- Councilman Tatom is for a splash pad, wishes each of the wards had one. He would like to see public restrooms, fencing, and locker areas for the amount that is being spent.
- Director Gandy said some of those items had been talked about and it caused the price tag went up quickly with those items. The timeframe they are looking at, they are not sure that it can all be done.
- Councilman Tatom would like for other locations to be considered for a splash pad.
- Councilwoman Browne asked about the property and what the plans were for it.
- City Manager Hock spoke about the history of property and what they have worked out to acquire it.
- City Attorney Wheeler recapped the legal and court history for the property.
- Councilwoman Browne would like the property to be violated and fined to hold them accountable.

- Mayor Finch said that it has been a process to get him to sell property and they have finally come to agreements.
- Councilman Tatom is in favor of acquiring the property and then proceeding from there.
- Councilwoman Browne would like there to be more planning and not seem so rushed on this project.
- Councilman Tatom is on board with purchasing property and then deciding further later.
- Councilman Dean offered the option of completing the land purchase and upgrade while taking away the splashpad and still updating the park and making it a safe area.

**3. Resolution – 2026 Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant 5-Year Maintenance Plan Budget Resolution**

Discussion, consideration, and possible action to approve or deny Resolution 03-30-2026B a resolution of the City of Del City, Oklahoma, approving the developed a five-year maintenance budget plan for the Townsend Park splash pad facility to ensure its continued safe operation and long-term sustainability. The plan outlines anticipated annual costs associated with water usage, electricity, routine maintenance, cleaning, seasonal startup and winterization, and a reserve for repairs and equipment replacement. The grant is through the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department for funding assistance through the 2026 Land and Water Conservation Fund; and establishing certain requirements in connection therewith. Authorize Mayor to endorse the same.

**MOTION: TO APPROVE WITH MODIFICATIONS TO BE DONE AND SIGNED TOMORROW.**

MOVED BY: DEAN

SECOND: TATOM

AYES: TATOM, BROWNE, DEAN, AND MAYOR FINCH.

NAYS: NONE

- City Attorney Wheeler lines out the modifications to the motion that have been made. Including removing splash pads and updating totals.

**4. Resolution – Adoption of Complete Streets Policy and Considerations**

Discussion, consideration, and possible action to approve or deny Resolution 03-30-2026C a resolution of the City of del City, Oklahoma, adopting a Complete Streets Policy, and establishing certain requirements in connection therewith; declaring severability and repealer. Authorize Mayor to endorse the same.

**MOTION: TO TABLE UNTIL THE 4-6-26 MEETING.**

MOVED BY: DEAN

SECOND: TATOM

AYES: TATOM, BROWNE, DEAN, AND MAYOR FINCH.

NAYS: NONE

- City Planner Andrew Meyers explained what this resolution does and when it will go into effect. The complete streets plan helps us cater to complete streets, providing pedestrian walkways, bike ways and car centric and truck centric lanes, helping to cater to all of the users of a street.
- City Manager JD Hock states the purpose of making this resolution is to help us with potential ACOG and TSET Grants because this adoption is necessary to fulfill requirements of upcoming items. City Planner Meyers confirms that it shows that we are working as a regional planning rather than just Del City.
- Councilman Dean said that with this resolution, anytime that we decide to do any major thing basically more than mowing, this new process will make our costs 10X as much as it has been previously due to having to include engineers in planning of everything that must be done, including widening streets, adding sidewalks and bringing other things into compliance. Feels there is a lot that goes along with this.
- Director of Community Development Kyle Gandy spoke about how most of this policy pertains to master planning, but it isn't saying that any repair that we do has to accommodate or transform to what this policy is dictating if the cost is disproportionate to what we are needing accomplished. Doesn't see this policy as a roadblock to what we need to do but is a way to elevate our thinking when it comes to master planning. It does talk about high need areas, and that will be determined through the 2-3 year implementation process using studies done.
- City Manager asked how high need roads are determined. Director Gandy said that Council would have input on it and many factors would come into play.
- City Attorney Wheeler said that the city is the decider of the exceptions on decisions being made. The cost benefit analysis is something to be looked at because it's a yearly requirement that doesn't look like it can be waived.
- Councilwoman Browne asked for the representative that handles this project, Jordan Evans to actually come and speak and give a presentation on it.
- City Attorney Wheeler explains that the exceptions are broad, there is no appeal to it, and there are things that we do to qualify for grant money that this resolution falls under.
- Councilman Dean would like to compare with Midwest City and see what pros and cons they have faced with it.
- Councilman Tatom also recommends contacting surrounding cities to see what worked for them.

## 5. Council Input

- Councilman Dean said no one is against having a splash pad, but the funding of the pool each year is an embarrassing situation.
- Development Director Kyle Gandy gave preliminary numbers on opening the pool and questions were answered.
- Councilman Tatom isn't opposed to the splash pad but is opposed to this project that doesn't allow for the necessary amenities.
- Councilman Browne opposes the location for this splash pad and feels it should be more accessible. Also feels like it was very rushed and would like more planning to go into it as well as more community input.

## 6. Adjournment

**MOTION: TO ADJOURN AT 6:19 P.M.**

MOVED BY: BROWNE

SECOND: TATOM

AYES: TATOM, BROWNE, DEAN, AND MAYOR FINCH.

NAYS: NONE

Approved this 6<sup>TH</sup> day of April 2026.