

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL OF DEL CITY
REGULAR MEETING
May 4, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.
3701 SE 15th Street – City Hall

(Agenda posted on the council bulletin board at 5:00 p.m. on May 1, 2026.)

1. **Call to Order:** at 6:00 PM by **Mayor Greg Childers.**

2. **Roll Call:**

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

Absent: None

City Employees: City Manager JD Hock, City Clerk Joseph Carroll and City Attorney William Mueller.

3. **Invocation:** Given by Councilman Michael Dean.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by City Manager JD Hock.

4. **Public and Council Input**

A. Public:

- Walter Jacques- 4832 Koelsch Dr.- Mayor, when we have been in this city for a long time, we don't always see what newcomers see. The off ramp at I-40 and Sunnyslane is the welcome mat to Del City, so please take time to drive around the city with visitors' eyes and see what might need attention. Look at beautification from the point of trying to attract new businesses to Del City. I would also like to see the focus continued on bike trails connectivity with OKC and MWC.
- Jim Hightower- 3221 Epperly Dr.- The sewer rate went up double on his bill. He called and got voicemail twice, but this needs to change it makes us look bad. Read the facts sheet on how the charge will be 80% of the amount of water charged. Then right under that it says that rates will be averaged. Wasn't aware that the rates being averaged had been done away with. Asked for them to get the residents involved with rates.
- Connie Stivers 228 Burk Way- something is wrong with the water bill. I have talked with friends in other cities and they don't have all the fees that we do. Del City is a trashy looking town. I shouldn't have to call Code Enforcement to look at an address, they should be driving around. I would like to see citations being issued to people that have trash and messy yards. Says the father at 216 Burk Way is constantly burning the rubber in his driveway and that's dangerous for the kids.

- JP Nolan 228 Burk Way- I agree with what everyone has said so far. 216 Burk Way is a disgrace to the city. Code Enforcement keeps saying that it's under investigation and they can't do anything until it's complete.
- Ellen Cotello 4817 SE 19th – Del City needs a pet food bank. I am going to talk with the churches in town to see if we can get this started.
- Ron McCall 3403 S. Wofford- Thank all of you for coming out Saturday night and enjoying the Neighbors Night Out. The turnout was better than last year, and it was a great time.

B. Council:

- Councilman Dean- Thank you all for bringing up the sewer rates. From my understanding it was never supposed to remove the average. Can we get this as an agenda item on DCMSA soon to be looked at? On Bryant in front of the dump is a lot of trash, can we get the SHINE program to clean up? We need to do better at answering the phone. Whether that's taking into consideration vacation schedules if too many people are out at one time or if it's employees needing to show more initiative even if that's not their job to answer it. The City Manager and I have been working on chasing off dumpster divers, specifically near 44th street and Sooner Road. Please, if you see it call the police.
- Councilwoman Finch- asked for the street sweeper to be up and running and get a good lap in before the parade as well as trimming the trees that had been discussed before.
- Councilwoman Browne- said that sewer rates need to get on the agenda and have more people available to answer the phones. Neighbors Night Out was awesome. Polar Rush did an amazing job, and they always support our kids. Thank you to all! Was welcomed to an advisory committee at the Del City Middle School for business leadership and would like to see them get some opportunities within the community. ACOG meeting last Thursday, the CERE project for Rose Lane was presented and everyone was very excited to see it.
- Councilman Tatom thanked the people that came out from Burk Way. Code Enforcement is extremely busy this time of year, but they do address these problems. 216 Burk Way has been addressed several times and are actually on the agenda tonight for the issues being abated. Frontline is also a great resource for reporting things to the city. Assurance that all issues are taken very seriously.
- Mayor Greg Childers- the water billing issues have been ongoing for a very long time. We do need to get things on the agenda and have a discussion about it.

MOTION: TO RECESS FROM THE DEL CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO THE DEL CITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.

MOVED BY: DEAN

SECOND: BROWNE

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

NAYS: NONE

RECESS AT 6:35 P.M.

RECONVENED AT 7:14 P.M.

5. City Manager's Report

- City Manager JD Hock had the original Chisolm Trail walk on May 2 with the Rotary club. We appreciate Larry Hopper for working on that. On May 7th the Del City Elementary stomp team and choir will perform at 10:30 AM. On May 7th the OML will be holding a class called Crack The Code that will be about code enforcement topics. ODOT will be working with us on the traffic light at I-40 and 15th street and have confirmed that the light belongs to the city. We are continuing to work on the visibility issue there. The Mayor and I met with District 1 Commissioner Jason Lowe and discussed items going on in the city including the jail. The current dates on the jail are 2-3 years out if the funding is available. The mental health facility must be complete by December 2026 due to ARPA regulations and wouldn't open or be staffed until April- June 2027. Also discussed property at 29th and Sooner Road.
- Councilman Dean asked if at least one of the code officers could go to the Crack The Code training. Mayor requested to go as well.

Departmental Reports: None

6. Consent Docket

Discussion, consideration, possible action to approve the following items by unanimous consent, with one motion:

- A. Minutes of the regular meeting of Council of April 20, 2026.
- B. Assess abatement costs to property owners in the total amount of \$8,050.40 for cleanup of previously abated properties, in accordance with Del City Code Sections 13-106 through 13-114.

(1) Location: 4012 E RENO
Owner: OMEGA INVESTMENTS LLC
Contractor Fee\$1,000.00
Administrative Expenses\$ 353.54
Mailings, photos, processing, copying, etc.....\$ 16.00
Total Expenses.....\$1,369.54

(2) Location: 216 BURK WAY
Owner: ALLEN CHARLES E JR
Contractor Fee\$1,000.00
Administrative Expenses\$ 353.54
Mailings, photos, processing, copying, etc.....\$16.00
Total Expenses.....\$1,369.54

- (3) Location: 1625 ELM
 Owner: JC CUSTOM HOMES LLC
 Contractor Fee\$425.00
 Administrative Expenses\$ 353.54
 Mailings, photos, processing, copying, etc.....\$16.00
 Total Expenses.....\$794.54

- (4) Location: 1629 ELM DR
 Owner: HARRISON AMIE
 Contractor Fee\$750.00
 Administrative Expenses\$ 353.54
 Mailings, photos, processing, copying, etc.....\$16.00
 Total Expenses.....\$1,119.54

- (5) Location: 1725 ELM DR
 Owner: POLLARD SALLY ANN
 Contractor Fee\$400.00
 Administrative Expenses\$ 353.54
 Mailings, photos, processing, copying, etc.....\$16.00
 Total Expenses.....\$769.54

- (6) Location: 1800 KAREN
 Owner: HALLUM EDDIE
 Contractor Fee\$100.00
 Administrative Expenses\$ 353.54
 Mailings, photos, processing, copying, etc.....\$16.00
 Total Expenses.....\$469.54

- (7) Location: 3600 VICKIE
 Owner: SMITH RONNIE
 Contractor Fee\$150.00
 Administrative Expenses\$ 353.54
 Mailings, photos, processing, copying, etc.....\$16.00
 Total Expenses.....\$519.54

- (8) Location: 3800 CHETWOOD
 Owner: GRIMES BRIAN T
 Contractor Fee\$325.00
 Administrative Expenses\$ 353.54
 Mailings, photos, processing, copying, etc.....\$16.00
 Total Expenses.....\$694.54

- (9) Location: 4737 SE 24TH ST

AYES: TATOM, BROWNE, FINCH, DEAN, AND MAYOR CHILDERS.
NAYS: NONE

9. Purchase – Rubber Mulch for Park Maintenance

Discussion, consideration, and possible action to approve, approve with modifications, or deny the purchase of rubber mulch to place under all playground equipment at all parks from Jelly Bean, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$25,500.00 to account 03-515-213. Authorize Mayor and/or City Manager to endorse necessary documentation.

- Public Works Acting Director Tracy VanHorn explained the cost going to rubber mats.
- Councilman Tatom asked if this was for the pour in place mats. Miss VanHorn said yes, that is what she was looking into.
- Councilman Browne asked when will it come in? Miss VanHorn said that the lead time is like 4 weeks she believes.
- Councilman Dean asked if there will be any weed prevention under the mulch? Miss VanHorn said yes, we will be.

MOTION: TO APPROVE AS WRITTEN.

MOVED BY: BROWNE SECOND: FINCH
AYES: TATOM, BROWNE, FINCH, DEAN, AND MAYOR CHILDERS.
NAYS: NONE

10. Contract Renewal – Reclaiming Hope LLC

Discussion, consideration, and possible action to approve, approve with modifications, ratify or deny the annual Professional Services Agreement between Reclaiming Hope LLC and The City of Del City. Authorize Mayor and/or City Manager to endorse any necessary documentation.

MOTION: TO APPROVE.

MOVED BY: TATOM SECOND: DEAN
AYES: TATOM, BROWNE, FINCH, DEAN, AND MAYOR CHILDERS.
NAYS: NONE

11. Discussion Only – Animal Shelter

Discussion only regarding animal shelter services for FY27.

- City Manager JD Hock has explained we have always used OKC Animal Shelter. We renegotiated last year and prices went up significantly. We are looking into other towns.
- Councilman Dean thinks the increase to our city is because OKC has a no kill

policy. If we go with another location, we can add a page to the website letting people know where they can look for lost animals.

- Councilwoman Finch said that there is shelter in Spencer as well.
- Councilman Tatom we can check around to towns within a reasonable distance.
- Councilwoman Browne said OKC is building a new animal facility costing \$42 million which could be why the cost is increasing.

12. Discussion Only – Traffic and Safety Board

Discussion only of Section 11-4 of the Municipal Code pertaining to the Traffic and Safety Board, including its composition, authority, duties, and procedures. The review may include consideration of potential revisions, clarifications, or updates to better align with current traffic safety needs and operational practices.

- City Manager JD Hock explained what the board is for and if Del City wants to re-establish it.
- Councilman Tatom asked for this discussion. I think we need this. I would also like to see a civilian disabled parking violation unit.
- Councilwoman Finch asked what our liability would be if the volunteer citizens were injured while working?
- Councilman Dean asked if this board would fall under the open meetings act? Yes, but it would be an advisory board only, they wouldn't have authority.
- City Attorney Wheeler we are drifting off topic. This discussion is about re-establishing the Traffic and Safety Board. Advising board is for the City Manager, Mayor and the City Council.
- Councilman Dean asked if the City Manager has blanket authority to change traffic issues.
- Councilwoman Browne asked without the Traffic and Safety Board, I've requested traffic calming measures, how much more can this board do that Council can't get approved? Would like traffic engineers brought in to look at some of the problems.
- Mayor Childers asked if this is something that can evolve over time?
- Councilman Tatom having the board takes the heat off of the requests turned into Council and City Manager and involves the citizens.
- Director of the Chamber, Joshua Schultz suggested adding this Board to an existing board due to a shortage of members to serve on boards.

13. Discussion Only – Appoint – Elect Council Members to Various Trusts, Boards, Commissions, Committees

Discussion only regarding appointing and/or electing Council Members to various Trusts, Boards, Commissions, Committees, etc., including but not limited to service within Municipal Service Authority, Economic Development Authority, ACOG, OMRF, COMCD, Del City Chamber of Commerce.

- City Manager JD Hock explained specialties of Council would be best if on board

- within the areas instead of just the Mayor being the only representation of the City.
- Councilman Dean said it would be great to develop each and everyone of us this way.
 - Councilman Tatom, we have current council members on boards, would they be interested in remaining?

14. Discussion Only – FY27 Budget

Discussion only regarding the projected FY27 Budget, including but not limited to preliminary revenue projections, anticipated expenditures, departmental needs, capital improvement priorities, debt service, personnel costs.

- City Manager JD Hock explained city funds and the biggest expense is insurance. Also explained total costs of hiring a new employee.
- Councilman Dean asked if there is a way to see what money is available to go towards parks. City Manager Hock said yes and explained.

15. Executive Session

Discussion, consideration, possible action, if any, to approve recessing to executive session for discussion concerning confidential matters pertaining to pending investigations, claims, and actions, pursuant to Oklahoma Statutes, Title 25, Section 307 (B) (4), as the Council, on advice of its attorney, has determined that disclosure will seriously impair the public body's ability to process claims or conduct pending investigations, claims and actions with legal consultation.

MOTION: TO RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION JOINTLY WITH THE DCEDA @ 8:16 PM

MOVED BY: BROWNE
AYES: TATOM, BROWNE, FINCH, DEAN, AND MAYOR CHILDERS.
NAYS: NONE

SECOND: FINCH

MOTION: TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION BACK INTO DEL CITY COUNCIL MEETING @ 10:12 PM

MOVED BY: BROWNE
AYES: TATOM, BROWNE, FINCH, DEAN, AND MAYOR CHILDERS.
NAYS: NONE

SECOND: FINCH

16. Action from Executive Session

Discussion, consideration, and possible action deemed appropriate, if any, arising from discussions held in executive session concerning confidential matters pertaining to pending investigations, claims, and actions, as the Council, on the advice of its attorney, has

determined that disclosure will seriously impair the ability of the Council to process the claim or conduct a pending investigation or litigation in the public interest; authorize the Mayor to execute any documents necessary related to the pending investigations, claims and actions.

MOTION: TO TAKE NO ACTION.

MOVED BY: FINCH

SECOND: BROWNE

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

NAYS: NONE

17. Council Input-

- Councilman Browne tomorrow is Cinco De Mayo and my birthday.
- Councilman Dean said the parade is coming up in less than two weeks.

18. Adjournment

MOTION: TO ADJOURN AT 10:15 P.M.

MOVED BY: DEAN

SECOND: BROWNE

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

NAYS: NONE

Approved this 18th day of May 2026.