

**MINUTES
ORDINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 29TH, 2025
5:30 P.M.**

THE ORDINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 12 NORTH ROWE STREET, PRYOR, OKLAHOMA AT THE ABOVE-MENTIONED DATE AND TIME.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: CHRIS GONTHIER, CHOYA SHROPSHIRE, TYLER BROWN, CHARLES TRAMEL (ALT)

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER.

Choya Shropshire called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Members present: Choya Shropshire and Charles Tramel. Members absent: Chris Gonthier and Tyler Brown.

Others present: Mayor Zac Doyle, Terry Aylward, Kemmie Shropshire, Adam Anderson, Houston Brittain, Jennifer Brittain, Kathy LaValley, Nena Roberts, Phyllis Lewellen, Brent Taylor, Marshel Morrison, Chris Curnutt, Reagan Eardman and Drew Stott.

2. PETITIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Reagan Eardman, a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission, petitioned the committee in favor of the proposed disinvestment ordinance. She stated that the ordinance would have a positive impact on existing and incoming businesses, home values, tax revenue, safety, hygiene and overall quality of life for residents.

Nena Roberts petitioned the committee in favor of the proposed disinvestment ordinance. She also expressed concern regarding the absence of committee chair Chris Gonthier, despite his public opposition to the ordinance, and called for his resignation.

Brent Taylor petitioned the committee in opposition to the proposed disinvestment ordinance. He stated that there is low demand for commercial property and excessive fines could be burdensome to tenants and property owners.

Chris Curnutt petitioned the committee in opposition to the proposed disinvestment ordinance. He stated that the ordinance should require a longer notice period to allow property owners to address issues before accumulating excessive fines.

Drew Stott petitioned the committee in opposition to the proposed disinvestment ordinance. He stated the ordinance could be a barrier to businesses that may want to move to the city.

3. DISCUSS, POSSIBLY APPROVE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 29TH, 2025 MEETING.

Motion was made by Tramel, second by Shropshire to approve the minutes of the April 29th, 2025 meeting. Voting yes: Shropshire and Tramel. Voting no: none.

4. DISCUSS, POSSIBLY APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MAY 28TH, 2025 SPECIAL MEETING.

Motion was made by Tramel, second by Shropshire to approve the minutes of the May 28th, 2025 special meeting. Voting yes: Tramel and Shropshire. Voting no: none.

5. DISCUSS, POSSIBLY RECOMMEND COUNCIL ACTION REGARDING AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE "CITY CODE OF PRYOR CREEK, OKLAHOMA" BY AMENDING 10-16-1(E) REGARDING THE QUORUM FOR THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

Motion was made by Tramel, second by Shropshire to recommend Council action regarding an ordinance amending the "City Code of Pryor Creek, Oklahoma" by amending 10-16-1(e) regarding the quorum for the Planning Commission. Voting yes: Shropshire and Tramel. Voting no: none.

6. DISCUSS, POSSIBLY RECOMMEND COUNCIL ACTION REGARDING AN ORDINANCE ADDRESSING THE DISINVESTMENT OF RETAIL SPACES, ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR VACANT AND DILAPIDATED COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE, SIGNAGE REMOVAL, AND DECLARING NEGLECTED PROPERTIES A PUBLIC NUISANCE.

Motion was made by Tramel, second by Shropshire to recommend Council action regarding an ordinance addressing the disinvestment of retail spaces, establishing standards for vacant and dilapidated commercial real estate, signage removal, and declaring neglected properties a public nuisance.

Mayor Doyle stated that the ordinance intends to address blight in the city and its impact on economic development. He explained that the listed penalties are intended to motivate property owners to work on improving the state of their vacant facilities; they are not anticipated to generate revenue. Doyle also stated that he appreciates the community's input and plans to present an updated ordinance that will address some concerns while serving the overall purpose of improving the city's image.

Motion was amended by Tramel, second by Shropshire to table to ordinance for revision until the September 30th, 2025 meeting. Voting yes: Tramel and Shropshire. Voting no: none.

7. DISCUSS, POSSIBLY RECOMMEND COUNCIL ACTION REGARDING AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A MERIT-BASED PROMOTION POLICY FOR CITY EMPLOYEES, REQUIRING THAT ALL PROMOTIONS TO LEADERSHIP AND HIGHER-RANKING POSITIONS BE BASED ON QUALIFICATIONS, PERFORMANCE, AND COMPETENCY, AND AFFIRMING THAT THIS POLICY SHALL PREVAIL OVER CONFLICTING TERMS IN COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS.

Motion was made by Tramel, second by Shropshire to recommend Council action regarding an ordinance establishing a merit-based promotion policy for city employees, requiring that all promotions to leadership and higher-ranking positions be based on qualifications, performance, and competency, and affirming that this policy shall prevail over conflicting terms in collective bargaining agreements. Voting yes: Shropshire and Tramel. Voting no: none.

- 8. DISCUSS, POSSIBLY RECOMMEND COUNCIL ACTION REGARDING AN ORDINANCE OFFICIALLY NAMING THE MULTI-AGENCY FIREARMS TRAINING FACILITY AS THE “SGT. GENE BECK FIREARMS TRAINING FACILITY”; RECOGNIZING HIS MILITARY SERVICE AND COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC SAFETY; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

No action taken.

- 9. DISCUSS, POSSIBLY RECOMMEND COUNCIL ACTION REGARDING AN ORDINANCE DECLARING A CERTAIN 164.98-ACRE TRACT OF LAND DONATED TO THE CITY BY TOM GILES TO BE HENCEFORTH KNOWN AS “GILES PARK”; ESTABLISHING ITS PURPOSES; AND PROVIDING FOR ITS PRESERVATION AND DEDICATION TO OUTDOOR LEARNING AND YOUTH ENGAGEMENT.**

Motion was made by Tramel, second by Shropshire to recommend Council action regarding an ordinance declaring a certain 164.98-acre tract of land donated to the city by Tom Giles to be henceforth known as “Giles Park”; establishing its purposes; and providing for its preservation and dedication to outdoor learning and youth engagement. Voting yes: Tramel and Shropshire. Voting no: none.

- 10. DISCUSS, POSSIBLY RECOMMEND COUNCIL ACTION REGARDING AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE “CITY CODE OF PRYOR CREEK, OKLAHOMA” BY AMENDING 2-1-3 REGARDING THE PURCHASING POLICY FOR THE CITY OF PRYOR CREEK.**

Motion was made by Tramel, second by Shropshire to recommend Council action regarding an ordinance amending the “City Code of Pryor Creek, Oklahoma” by amending 2-1-3 regarding the purchasing policy for the City of Pryor Creek. Motion was amended by Tramel, second by Shropshire to change the required distribution to digital copies. Voting yes: Shropshire and Tramel. Voting no: none.

- 11. UNFORESEEABLE BUSINESS.**

There was no unforeseeable business.

- 12. ADJOURN.**

Motion was made by Tramel, second by Shropshire to adjourn. Voting yes: Tramel and Shropshire. Voting no: none.