

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
TONKAWA, OKLAHOMA
January 20, 2026**

Pursuant to notice as required by law, the City Council of Tonkawa met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Room, 115 S. 7th Street, with Mayor Stacy Burns presiding.

Present: Stacy Burns, Mayor
Brandt Harris, Councilman
Charles Conaghan, Councilman
Kenneth Smith, Councilman
Reece Simpson, Councilman
Nicholas Payne, City Manager
Brenda Wooderson, City Clerk
Lee Stout, City Attorney

Absent: None

1. CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE.

Mayor Burns called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
Councilman Conaghan gave the invocation and Mayor Burns led the flag salute.

****CONSENT AGENDA****

All items listed under the Consent agenda are deemed to be non-controversial and routine in nature by the governing body. They will be approved by one motion of the governing body. The items on the Consent Agenda will not be discussed. Any member of the governing body desiring to discuss an item on the Consent Agenda may request that it be removed from the Consent Agenda and be placed in its proper place on the Regular Agenda. It will then be considered at that time.

The City Council found items #2 through #4 non-controversial and routine in nature.

Motion Made By: Simpson to approve the consent agenda.
Motion Seconded By: Smith.

	Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Councilman Harris	X		
Councilman Conaghan	X		
Mayor Burns	X		
Councilman Simpson	X		
Councilman Smith	X		

- 2. Consider and vote upon the minutes of December 16, 2025, City Council Meeting.
- 3. Consider and vote upon the December Payment of Claims.

4. Consider and vote upon the Automatic Aid Agreement between Tonkawa Fire Department and Blackwell Fire Department.

****ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA****

5. None.

****REPORTS****

6. Monthly Financial Report From RS Meacham CPA's

Conner Meacham presented the financial report and reviewed revenues, expenses and cash on hand.

7. City Mayor's Report – None.

8. City Attorney's Report

City Attorney Lee Stout mentioned that he was reviewing sample Golf Cart/UTV Ordinances from four different towns so that he could figure out what worked best for the City of Tonkawa. He also stated that the City had received a tort claim.

9. City Manager's Report

City Manager Nick Payne went over the highlights of the month. He also spoke about revamping the City website and asked for opinions of content that citizens would like to see on the site.

****NEW BUSINESS****

10. Consider and vote on the first round of Budget Work Sessions to be held on January 23, 2026, at 12:30 p.m.

City Manager Nick Payne asked the Council to agree to the time and stated there would be a tour of all City facilities after the work session.

Note: It was decided the next day, January 21, 2026, to reschedule due to the incoming inclement weather.

Motion Made By: Simpson to approve.
 Motion Seconded By: Smith.

	Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Councilman Harris		X	
Councilman Conaghan	X		
Mayor Burns	X		
Councilman Simpson	X		
Councilman Smith	X		

11. Discuss presented Golf Cart Ordinance to finalize the City of Tonkawa Ordinance.

The Council suggested that City Manager Payne have an ordinance drafted specifically for Tonkawa.

12. Consider and vote on any recommendations to the Parks and Recreation Committee.

There were no suggestions and the item was tabled without vote.

****RECESS TO TONKAWA MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY MEETING****

At 6:01p.m. the Tonkawa City Council recessed to the Tonkawa Municipal Authority Meeting.

****RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION****

At 6:06 p.m. the Tonkawa City Council returned to regular session.

13. Consider and vote to enter Executive Session to discuss the possible purchase, or lease of real property or an interest therein pursuant to Title 25 O.S. §307(B)(3).

Motion Made By: Simpson to enter into executive session.
 Motion Seconded By: Conaghan.

	Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Councilman Harris	X		
Councilman Conaghan	X		
Mayor Burns	X		
Councilman Simpson	X		
Councilman Smith	X		

At 6:07 p.m. the City Council entered executive session.

14. Return To Regular Session And Take Any Necessary Action, If Appropriate, On Items Discussed In Executive Session.

No action was taken.

Motion Made By: Conaghan to return to regular session.
Motion Seconded By: Simpson.

	Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Councilman Harris	X		
Councilman Conaghan	X		
Mayor Burns	X		
Councilman Simpson	X		
Councilman Smith	X		

At 6:26 p.m. the City Council returned to regular session.

15. Discuss the eligibility and qualifications of Councilman Brandt Harris to continue to serve as Councilman and Trustee based on residency.

Mayor Stacy Burns presented questions about Mr. Harris's residency and the rumors that he had moved to Missouri.

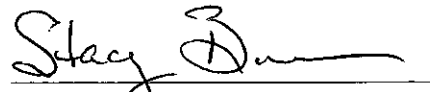
Discussion ensued and it was decided that Mr. Harris could continue to serve if his primary residence was within the City of Tonkawa but if he moved outside of the ward he currently represented then he would have to

16. ADJOURN

Mayor Burns adjourned the Tonkawa City Council meeting at 6:33 p.m.

PASSED IN SESSION AND APPROVED THIS 17th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026.

ATTEST:


MAYOR


CITY CLERK

