

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
TONKAWA, OKLAHOMA
March 17, 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
Charles Conaghan, Councilman
Kenneth Smith, Councilman
Reece Simpson, Councilman
Nicholas Payne, City Manager
Brenda Wooderson, City Clerk
Lee Stout, City Attorney

Absent:

1. CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE.

Mayor Stacy Burns called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
The invocation was given by Charles Conaghan and the flag salute led by Mayor Burns.

****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: Conaghan to approve the consent agenda.
Motion Seconded By: Simpson.

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

2. Consider and vote upon the minutes of February 17, 2026, City Council Meeting and February 20, 2026, Special Meeting.
3. Consider and vote upon the February Payment of Claims.

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

4. None.

****REPORTS****

5. Monthly Financial Report From RS Meacham CPA's

Meredith Meacham Wilson addressed the Council and stated that she was unable to provide a financial report at this time because she had been unable to access the new software program. She noted that the IT Department and the City Clerk were working to correct the issue.

6. City Mayor's Report - None

7. City Attorney's Report - None

8. City Manager's Report

City Manager Nick Payne spoke to the Council and audience and updated everyone on the latest events and projects within the City. His full report is attached.

9. Code Enforcement/Inspector Report

Code Enforcement/Inspector Danny Grimes provided informed the Council of what he had been working on over the last month including:

- 15 stickers have been placed on structures and vehicles throughout the City.
- 15 letters have been sent out.
- 24 permits have been issued for the year.
- Each permit has had an inspection.

****NEW BUSINESS****

10. Consider and vote to appoint a person to fill a vacant City Council Ward 3 seat and Tonkawa Municipal Authority Trustee seat pursuant to O.S. 11 § 8-109, to serve until the next general municipal election, and until a successor is elected and qualified. Any/All proposed members will be allowed 3 minutes to speak.

The four proposed candidates were Lance Glasgow, Keith Denton, Blake Reed and Shelly Langston.

All were present except Shelly Langston who was out of the country, but had expressed her desire to still be considered.

Each candidate present addressed the Council in the following order speaking about themselves and why they would like to serve as a Council member:

1. Lance Glasgow
2. Keith Denton
3. Blake Reed

The candidates were scored on a point basis with each Council member placing them on a scale from Number 1 choice to Number 4 choice. When voting was done and points totaled the candidate with the most points was Keith Denton.

Motion Made By: Simpson to approve Keith Denton as Councilman to replace Brandt Harris for Ward 3 until term expires.
 Motion Seconded By: Conaghan.

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

11. A. Presentation and discussion of the new Tonkawa Ambulance.

Fire Chief Robert Fehring provided details and answered questions about the ambulance.

- B. Consider and vote to approve an invoice from Banner Fire Equipment, Inc. for the 2025 Road Rescue Ford F550 4x4 Ambulance in the amount of \$461,056.00.

Chief Fehring noted that the extra amount which was not included in the original quote was for the necessity of adding a Lifepak Cardiac Monitor to replace one that was no longer working.

Motion Made By: Smith to pay the Banner bill.
 Motion Seconded By: Simpson.

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

12. Consider and vote to approve Invoice No. 025-536962 from Tyler Technologies in the amount of \$44,653.00.

City Manager Nick Payne mentioned that this was part of the cost associated with the new software program.

Motion Made By: Conaghan to pay the bill for \$44,653.00
 Motion Seconded By: Simpson.

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

13. Consider and vote on appointees Shelby Bruno and/or Koby Mora and any other Council suggestions to the Park and Recreation Committee.

City Manager Nick Payne asked that MC Bruno be added to the appointees also.

Motion Made By: Conaghan to approve all appointees.
 Motion Seconded By: Simpson

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

14. Consider and vote on all Council suggested appointees to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

City Manager Nick Payne said Blake Reed would like to be considered.

Motion Made By: Smith to add Blake Reed.
 Motion Seconded By: Conaghan.

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

15. A. Consider and vote on a contract with Henry Code Compliance.

Danny Grimes fielded questions about the agreement and referred to City Attorney Lee Stout for the related legalities.

Motion Made By: Conaghan to approve the contract agreement.
 Motion Seconded By: Simpson.

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

B. Consider and vote on an Ordinance of the City of Tonkawa, Oklahoma, authorizing the pass-through of inspection fees incurred during construction projects; providing for definitions, fee structure, administration, severability, and an effective date.

This item was tabled until the Council had time to read and review the Ordinance.

16. ADJOURN

Mayor Burns adjourned the Tonkawa City Council meeting at 6:24 p.m.

PASSED IN SESSION AND APPROVED THIS 21st DAY OF APRIL 2026.

ATTEST:



Dynda N. Wood

CITY CLERK

Stacy B...
MAYOR

