

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
TONKAWA, OKLAHOMA
March 27, 2026**

Pursuant to notice as required by law, the City Council of Tonkawa met in regular session at 1:00 p.m. in the City Council Room, 115 S. 7th Street, with Mayor Stacy Burns presiding.

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

Absent:

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Burns called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Receive Budget presentations from the following Departments, Organizations or Committees:

Tonkawa Development Authority – unable to attend

Tonkawa Code Enforcement – Danny Grimes, Code Enforcement, presented his proposed budget.

Grimes noted that he was asking for an increase in wages, fuel and abatements.

Tonkawa Fire Department – Robert Fehring, Fire Chief, presented his proposed budget.

Fehring discussed increases to Ambulance and Fire budgets and the need for a new records management software program. He also proposed the addition of a new employee and gave reasons and benefits associated with the request. Chief Fehring noted capital expenses for the Ambulance side and a plan for station expansion in the future.

Tonkawa Police Department – Nicholas Payne, Police Chief, presented his proposed budget.

Payne spoke about the cost to upfit the new police cars that the City was receiving from Enterprise, increases in fuel cost and the rising cost of vehicle and structure insurance. He also mentioned the need for new software packages and servers. He concluded by talking about his plans for a new Police Department as part of an organized plan for growth in the future.

Payne also presented the proposed budget for Dispatch, mentioning that the City was in desperate need of a new 911 system which would cost approximately \$375,000.00.

3. Adjourn.

Mayor Burns adjourned the Tonkawa City Council meeting at 2:40 p.m.

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

ATTEST:



Brenda K Wooderson

CITY CLERK

Stacy Burns
MAYOR