



## CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

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**MEETING DATE:** 03/14/2023

**REQUESTER:** Brenda Hall, City Clerk

**PRESENTER:** Brenda Hall, City Clerk

**ITEM TITLE:** CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2223-112: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, INCREASING REIMBURSEMENT-REFUND ACCOUNT BY \$44,922.99 FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF THE JANUARY FRANCHISE ELECTION COST FROM OG&E AND APPROPRIATING THE SAME TO THE ELECTIONS ACCOUNT TO OFFSET FUTURE ELECTION COST FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE FISCAL YEAR.

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### **BACKGROUND:**

The OG&E Franchise Election was held on January 10, 2023. It is customary for the utility franchisee to reimburse the City for the cost of said election. As a result, Staff has received a check from OG&E for said expenses in the amount of \$44,922.99.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Council has called an election for May 9, 2023, to submit a question to the registered voters to consider raising the Hotel Guest Room Tax from 5% to 8% for out of town travelers who stay in Norman hotels. Council has also discussed calling an election in June 2023 for the purpose of asking voters to consider a water rate increase to address critical water related needs.

The cost of elections has continued to increase over time and a city wide election now costs approximately \$45,000. As a result it is necessary to appropriate the funds received from OG&E to cover future election cost for the remainder of this fiscal year.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the \$44,922.99 received from OG&E be receipted into Reimbursements-Refunds, Miscellaneous General (account 109-365251) and \$44,922.99 be appropriated from the General Fund Balance (account 10-29200) to Miscellaneous Services, Elections (account 10120195-44744).