



CITY OF NORMAN, OK CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE

**Municipal Building, Executive Conference Room, 201 West Gray, Norman,
OK 73069**

Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at 5:30 PM

MINUTES

The City Council Conference of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met in Conference in the Executive Conference Room in the Municipal Building, on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, at 5:30 PM, and notice of the agenda of the meeting was posted at the Norman Municipal Building at 201 West Gray and on the City website at least 24 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Stephen Holman
Councilmember Ward 1 David Gandesbery
Councilmember Ward 2 Jacy Deck
Councilmember Ward 3 Robert Bruce
Councilmember Ward 4 Helen Grant
Councilmember Ward 5 Trey Kirby
Councilmember Ward 6 Kyle Steele
Councilmember Ward 8 Scott Dixon

ABSENT

Councilmember Ward 7 Kimberly Blodgett

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Darrel Pyle, City Manager
Ms. Shannon Stevenson, Assistant City Manager
Ms. Kathryn Walker, Assistant City Attorney
Mr. Chris Mattingly, Director of Utilities
Mr. Ken Giannone, Capital Projects Engineer
Mr. Jason Olsen, Director of Parks and Recreation
Ms. Daniela Rodriguez, Deputy City Clerk
Mr. Scott Sturtz, Director of Public Works
Mr. Clint Mercer, Director of Finance
Ms. Lora Hoggatt, Planning Services Manager

AGENDA ITEMS

1. CONTINUED DISCUSSION REGARDING THE LINDSEY STREET WATER TOWER.

Presenter: Mr. Chris Mattingly, Director of Utilities

Item 1, continued:

Mr. Mattingly updated Council on the Lindsay Street Water Tower project, reporting that no bids were received for the painting project. He explained that contractors indicated the bid package was overly complex due to multiple painting scenarios and that many preferred private-sector projects over municipal work because of additional requirements. Staff recommended rebidding the project with a simplified scope consisting of a basic two-coat white protective paint system to preserve the structure while future uses are evaluated. Estimated costs are approximately \$500,000 for painting and \$400,000 for demolition.

Mr. Mattingly stated that the simplified painting project would protect the tower from further deterioration, provide a neutral "blank canvas" for any future artwork or branding, and preserve the option of repurposing the tower. He noted that lighting or projection features could be bid separately to reduce overall costs and avoid unnecessary contractor markups.

In response to Council questions, Mr. Mattingly explained that the proposed two-coat system is expected to last approximately 10 to 15 years and would coat only the exterior of the tower, as the structure is no longer in service. He said preserving the tower would maintain the possibility of future use as a reclaimed water storage facility for irrigation, although previous studies found the infrastructure costs for such a system were currently prohibitive.

Council also discussed opportunities to expand the City's reclaimed (gray) water system in the future. Mr. Mattingly explained that while Norman currently has limited reclaimed water infrastructure, staff will continue pursuing grant opportunities and evaluating future demand, potential customers, and rate structures that could make water reuse projects financially feasible.

Council generally expressed support for proceeding with a simplified two-coat painting project to preserve the tower while continuing to evaluate long-term reuse opportunities. Staff was directed to move forward with obtaining updated pricing, exploring alternative procurement methods, and returning to Council with recommendations.

ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting was Adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor