



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 4/11/2023

REQUESTER: Wade Thompson, Parks and Facilities Manager

PRESENTER: Jason Olsen, Parks and Recreation Director

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RATIFICATION OF THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY DUE TO A TORNADO ON FEBRUARY 27, 2023, AND REPAIRS DONE TO THE NORMAN POLICE FIRING RANGE AT 4328 SOUTH JENKINS AVENUE, WHICH WAS DAMAGED BY THE TORNADO ON FEBRUARY 27, 2023, AND BUDGET APPROPRIATION AS OUTLINED IN THE STAFF REPORT.

BACKGROUND:

On February 26, 2023, an EF-2 tornado touched down on the south side of Norman. The tornado significantly damaged the classroom building, range observation building, and covered shooting structure. The Classroom building and pistol range site are vital for the training purposes of the City of Norman Police Department.

DISCUSSION:

On Monday, February 27, Facility Maintenance assessed the damage at the City of Norman Police Firing Range. The damage to the range site and facilities includes the classroom building. The classroom building had a portion of the roof and supporting structure torn from the building structure. The damaged interior included the sub-decking, trusses, HVAC, electrical lighting and outlets, information technology, security system, soffit and fascia, artwork, pergola, carpet, paint, and windows.

The two-story range observation building had the roof replaced. An engineer evaluation was needed because the torque on the building caused a slight movement to the roof structure. The covered firing structure was destroyed and unsalvageable and needed to be safely cleaned and hauled off. Several large trees were also twisted and uprooted. There was a forecast of heavy rainfall for the end of the week (0.7 of an inch was later recorded).

Cavins Construction and Environmental Group (CCEG), a Norman-based business, was called to survey the site, and assess the property for damage and the cost of immediate repairs. The Facility Maintenance Division's primary objective was to dry the entire section of the damaged

classroom building and protect it from incoming weather. Protecting the building would mitigate the repair cost increase for the City with water extraction and drywall damage.

The City of Norman's property/casualty insurance covers the facility at 4328 S Jenkins (after deductible). CCEG has turned over all documentation and billing to the insurance company. The insurance company is vetting all costs associated with the repairs to ensure the City is being charged fair market value for the work done to restore facilities at the City of Norman Police Firing Range to the condition it was in before the damage from the tornado.

An appropriation will be needed from the Risk Fund Balance to cover the repair costs until all insurance proceeds are received. The City received an advance insurance payment of \$100,000 on March 28, 2023. The City's deductible is \$50,000. The previously-mentioned insurance advance and future insurance payments will be recorded as revenue in the Risk Fund to partially offset the repair costs. In addition, a few other vendors performed services estimated to be a total of less than \$7,000 that will need to be paid as well.

RECOMMENDATION No. 1:

It is recommended that Council ratify staff actions to repair the damage at 4328 South Jenkins and the declaration of an emergency due to the tornado of February 27, 2023.

RECOMMENDATION No. 2:

It is recommended that Council appropriate \$211,500 from the Risk Management Fund balance (account 43-29000) to Miscellaneous Services – Uninsured Losses (account 43330104-44798) to pay known repair costs.