



## CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

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**MEETING DATE:** 1/28/2025

**REQUESTER:** James Briggs, Park Development Manager

**PRESENTER:** Jason Olsen, Director of Parks and Recreation

**ITEM TITLE:** CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF EASEMENT E-2425-14: A PERMANENT UTILITY EASEMENT GRANTED BY THE CITY OF NORMAN TO OKLAHOMA GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY AT REAVES PARK AND BUDGET APPROPRIATION

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### **BACKGROUND:**

On April 2, 2019, the citizens of Norman voted in favor of a \$72 million transportation bond issue, which includes nineteen (19) projects. With the anticipated \$67 million in federal dollars being leveraged for these projects, approximately \$139 million is budgeted for the nineteen (19) projects, including the Jenkins Avenue Widening Project. This easement request is from Oklahoma Gas & Electric Company (OG&E) in conjunction with the Jenkins Avenue Widening 2019 Project.

### **DISCUSSION:**

OG&E approached the Parks and Recreation Department to request an easement at Reaves Park for a communication line connecting substations to allow OG&E to temporarily switch stations in the southeast area of town in case of a power outage. During the process of moving power lines underground along Jenkins at Reaves Park, OG&E realized they did not allow enough room to place this communication line in that project. The easement will run along the east property line of Reaves Park near the Jimmy Austin Golf Course. OG&E and Park staff worked together to find an area for this communication line, and the easement will not interfere with park amenities or future projects inside Reaves Park.

Parks and Recreation Staff negotiated a fee of \$12,500 for the easement to assist in removing and replacing pine trees trimmed by an OG&E contractor in 2022. Parks is requesting that the fees from this easement be deposited into Capital Fund revenue account Reimbursement-Other Agency (Account 509-364239) and appropriated to Tree Program Matching Funds, Materials (Account 5079966-46301; Project PR0212).

### **RECOMMENDATION 1:**

Staff recommends acceptance of Permanent Utility Easement E-2425-14 granted to Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company at Reaves Park.

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**RECOMMENDATION 2:**

Staff recommends receipt of negotiated easement fees of \$12,500 into the Capital Fund, Reimbursements-Other Agency and appropriated to Tree Program Matching Funds, Materials.