

MINUTES
BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING

MAY 11, 2026

The Board of City Commissioners met in a regular meeting on May 11, 2026, in the Council Chambers, 113 N. Elm Street, Sallisaw. Notice of the meeting was given by emailing to Sequoyah County Times; emailing KXXMX; by posting at city hall on May 7, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.; by posting on the city's website; and, by giving notice to the City Clerk.

Members present:	Marley Abell, Kenny Moody, Julian Mendiola, Brad Hamilton,	Mayor Member, Ward 1 Member, Ward 3 Member, Ward 4
Members absent:	Josh Bailey,	Member, Ward 2
Staff present:	Brian Heverly, Jordan Pace, Kim Jamison, Robin Whitekiller, Keith Miller, Ben Spyles, Chris Carter, Clint Smith, Travis Buchanan, Gene Martin, Joe Lufkin, Caleb Dotson, John Owens,	City Manager City Attorney City Clerk Director of Finance Community Development Director Computer Technician Senior Code Inspector IT Manager Grants Specialist Director - Equipment Services Patrolman Patrolman Police Chief

Others present: Lynn Adams; Janice Rainey; Kathy Rolston; Chad Mayes; Lawrence Johnson Jr.; Lawrence Johnson Sr.; Janet Rittenberry; Philip Gay; Pamela Gay; Shawn Mannon; Lisa Mannon; Tom Watson; Deb Watson; Davey G. Ray, Sr.; Steve Carter; Angela Powell; Stephen Thompson; Brenda Rudewick; Jason Frank; Destiny Gourd; Kathie Sparks; Julie Becker; Brian Becker; Sherry Cheek; Robin Harris; Janne Moore; Vince Edwards; Joe Gindhart; Wynema Gindhart; Sarah Hardin; Monic Herring; Others Unidentified.

1. Meeting called to order

Mayor Abell called the meeting to order. The meeting began at 6:02 p.m.

2. Declaration of a quorum

A quorum was declared present.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The City Manager led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Discussion and possible action on Ordinance 2026-09; *An Ordinance Adopting An Employee Retirement System, Defined Contribution Plan For City Manager For The City Of Sallisaw, Oklahoma; Providing Retirement Benefits For Eligible Employees Of The City Of Sallisaw, Oklahoma; Providing For Purpose And Organization; Providing For Definitions; Providing For Eligibility And Participation; Providing For Employer And Employee Contributions; Providing For Accounting, Allocation, And Valuation; Providing Benefits; Providing For Required Notice; Providing For Amendments And Termination; Providing For Transfer To And From Other Plans; Creating A Committee And Providing For Powers, Duties, And Rights Of Committee; Providing For Payment Of Certain Obligations; Providing For Duration And Payment Of Expenses; Providing For Effective Date; Providing For Vesting Schedules; Providing For A Fund To Finance The System To Be Pooled With Other Incorporated Cities, Towns And Their Agencies And Instrumentalities For Purposes Of Administration, Management, And Investment As Part Of The Oklahoma Municipal Retirement Fund; Providing For Payment Of All Contributions Under The System To The Oklahoma Municipal Retirement Fund For Management And Investment; Providing For Non-Alienation Of Benefits; Adopting Those Amendments Mandated By The Internal Revenue Code; Providing For Repealer And Severability*

Motion was made by Moody, seconded by Hamilton, for approval of Ordinance 2026-09.
Vote: Moody aye; Hamilton aye; Mendiola aye; Abell aye. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Discussion and possible action on removal of any item from the consent agenda

None.

6. Consent agenda

- a Possible action on minutes of regular meeting of April 13, 2026

- b Possible action on Invoice Paid Report for April 2026

- c Possible action on City Manager Contract for a three (3) year period from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2029

Motion was made by Moody, seconded by Hamilton, for approval of the consent agenda.
Vote: Moody aye; Hamilton aye; Mendiola aye; Abell aye. Motion carried 4-0.

- 7. Discussion and possible action on any item removed from the consent agenda

None.

- 8. Discussion and possible action on Resolution 2026-05; *A Resolution Approving and Adopting the Publication of the Penal Ordinances with Supplements*

Motion was made by Moody, seconded by Hamilton, for approval of Resolution 2026-05.
Vote: Moody aye; Hamilton aye; Mendiola aye; Abell aye. Motion carried 4-0.

- 9. Discussion and possible action on Purchase Order No. 108788, issued to Cullum Equipment Services, Inc. of Sallisaw, Oklahoma, in the amount of \$70,000.00 for the demolition and clean-up of the buildings at 111 N. Elm (old council chambers, civic center, former city hall/police dept offices)

Motion was made by Mendiola, seconded by Moody, for approval of Purchase Order No. 108788 in the amount of \$70,000.00 issued to Cullum Equipment Services, as long as their bid includes removal of the concrete pad. Vote: Mendiola aye; Moody aye; Hamilton aye; Abell aye. Motion carried 4-0.

- 10. Discussion and possible action on Purchase Order No. 108797, issued to Motorola Solutions, in the amount of \$63,500.75 for the 2nd year payment for the multiple in-car camera systems and body-worn cameras for the Police Department

Motion was made by Mendiola, seconded by Moody, for approval of Purchase Order No. 108797. Vote: Mendiola aye; Moody aye; Hamilton aye; Abell aye. Motion carried 4-0.

11. Discussion and possible action on Planning Commission Case No. PC2026-003; plat presentation of Jedic Estates by Rich Looper Construction, LLC

Motion was made by Moody, seconded by Mendiola, for approval of Planning Commission Case No. PC2026-003, Plat of Jedic Estates. Vote: Moody aye; Mendiola aye; Hamilton aye; Abell aye. Motion carried 4-0.

12. Discussion and possible action on Planning Commission Case No. PC2026-004; rezoning request from Agricultural District (A-1) to One-Family Residence District (R-1) by Rich Looper Construction, LLC, and Ordinance 2026-10; *An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Map of Sallisaw and Declaring an Emergency*

Motion was made by Mendiola, seconded by Hamilton, for approval of Planning Commission Case No. PC2026-004 and Ordinance 2026-10. Vote: Mendiola aye; Hamilton aye; Moody aye; Abell aye. Motion carried 4-0. Motion was made by Mendiola, seconded by Hamilton, for approval of emergency clause. Vote: Mendiola aye; Hamilton aye; Moody aye; Abell aye. Motion carried 4-0.

13. Discussion and possible action on Administrative Policy No. 1.020.00, Open Records Act Policy

Motion was made by Moody, seconded by Hamilton, for approval of Administrative Policy No. 1.020.00, Open Records Act Policy. Vote: Moody aye; Hamilton aye; Mendiola aye; Abell aye. Motion carried 4-0.

14. Receive update on current and future projects

The Community Development Director gave an update, for informational purposes only.

15. Receive update on the financial status of the city and activities of the finance department

The Finance Director gave an update, for informational purposes only.

16. Administrative reports

The City Manager reported updates on several ongoing projects and programs. Final approval is still pending from the National Park Service before the soccer field project can be bid, though funding and bid documents are complete. Work on the wastewater treatment basin liner project is expected to begin within 30 days, with preliminary work already underway. Sidewalk projects funded through TSET and TAP grants have been delayed pending future state funding decisions.

The City Manager also reported the municipal pool remains on schedule to open Memorial Day weekend, with staff training and seasonal preparations in progress. Online reservations are now available for RV sites at Brushy Lake, park pavilions, and other City facilities. An update was provided on the City's rebranded Diamond broadband service, which is scheduled for rollout June 1 with increased speeds and no increase to current rates.


Discussion followed regarding strong occupancy rates at Brushy Lake and lifeguard staffing for the pool season. Staff reported sufficient lifeguard applications have been received to begin operations. Council also discussed season pool passes and possible online purchasing availability.

For informational purposes only.

17. Adjourn


Motion was made by Moody, seconded Hamilton, to adjourn the meeting. Vote: Moody aye; Hamilton aye; Mendiola aye; Abell aye. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting ended at 6:26 p.m.

Approved this 8th day of June, 2026.



Marley Abell, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kim Jamison, City Clerk

