

# BROKEN ARROW CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

February 25, 2008

The Broken Arrow City Council met in special session in the City Hall Council Chambers on Monday, February 25, 2008, at 5:00 p.m.

## 1. Call to Order

**Section Minutes:** Mayor McCaleb called the meeting to order at the noted time of 5:00 pm.

## 2. Roll Call

<b>Present:</b>	Philip Tucker, Craig Thurmond, Richard Carter, Mike Lester, Wade McCaleb
<b>Absent:</b>	None

## 3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

**Section Minutes:** Councilman Thurmond led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

## 4. General Council Business

- A. Consideration and possible action on Letter of Intent to purchase approximately 76.26 acres (more or less) located on 71<sup>st</sup> Street (Kenosha Street) in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, Wagoner County

**Item Minutes:** City Manager Jim Twombly presented the item noting this property is located east of the Creek Turnpike with frontage along Kenosha Street. The City has been looking at purchasing the property for construction of an Events Park. The property is currently under contract to John Muhich for development of a mini-storage and commercial purposes. Reasons why this property is attractive for the City are: it is inside the eastside development district; it has excellent access to Creek Turnpike, Kenosha Street and the Broken Arrow Expressway; the parcel is situated nicely from a regional standpoint for regional events.

If the City executes an Option to Purchase, the property will be held for the City to include funds for the purchase in a future bond issue election, since there are no funds available for the purchase the property at this time. The purchase price of \$3,765,000 is included in the Option to Purchase. Approval of this item is for review and consideration of the City's intention to proceed with purchase of the property contingent upon funding being identified as a bond issue project and obtaining voter approval. In the Parks Master Plan focus groups, citizen survey results and at the Chamber Retreat, the need for an Events Park was one of the top items the community sees as a need.

In addition to agreeing on the need for an Events Park and the suitability of this tract of land, Council's discussion included holding a bond election in fall or early winter 2008; points of ingress and egress; amount of infrastructure work needed to facilitate the park.

Special Events Coordinator David Blue addressed Council, noting most festival events only need a hard surface for parking, power and water. Many events formerly held in the City have outgrown the park area available to them and have either moved to other areas or ceased to hold events. Rooster Days will benefit from a larger area. Some events turned down due to lack of space were the Scottish Games, Civil War Re-enactment and International Kite Flight.

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<b>Motion:</b>	<b>Move to authorize the City Manager to execute the Letter of Intent in substantial compliance with the one presented.</b>
<b>Motion by:</b>	Mike Lester
<b>Second by:</b>	Philip Tucker
<b>Ayes:</b>	Philip Tucker, Craig Thurmond, Richard Carter, Mike Lester, Wade McCaleb
<b>Nays:</b>	None

**5. Remarks and Inquiries by Governing Body Members**

**Section Minutes:** There were no remarks or inquiries by governing body members.

**6. Adjournment**

<b>Motion:</b>	<b>Move to adjourn.</b>
<b>Motion by:</b>	Mike Lester
<b>Second by:</b>	Craig Thurmond
<b>Ayes:</b>	Philip Tucker, Craig Thurmond, Richard Carter, Mike Lester, Wade McCaleb
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