

NOTES FROM THE FRONT

THE CITY OF DEL CITY



August 21, 2009

Del City Council

Brian Linley	Mayor
Dick Carter	Ward 1
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Helpful Telephone Numbers



City Hall
(405) 677-5741

Police Department
(405) 677-2443

Fire Department
(405) 671-2891

Economic Development
(405) 671-2812

Public Works
(405) 671-2873

Utility Billing
(405) 671-2820

Inspections & Permits
(405) 671-2814

Community Center
(405) 671-2868

Code Enforcement
(405) 671-2818

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Regular city council meetings take place every first and third Monday at City Hall. The last regular meeting was held at 3701 SE 15th, on August 17, 2009.

- Minutes of regular meeting of the Council of July 6, 2009 and August 3, 2009, also budget amendment for FY 2009-2010 were approved.
- Council approved application to the Workers' Compensation Court for permit to carry own risk Workers' Compensation coverage.
- Council approved Cathy Keller of the City of Nichols Hills, to the Oklahoma Municipal Retirement Fund for the Trustee at-Large position.
- Council authorized to hold a Citywide garage sale on September 24, 25, 26, and 27, 2009 and waive garage sale permit fees for said dates.
- Council authorized participation in a Federal Justice Assistance Grant Program for law enforcement equipment needs and allow staff to secure funding totaling up to \$64,496.00, which would be received as a direct reimbursement grant with no matching contribution.
- Council support resolution to the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments for development of federal TIGER application with US Department of Transportation, in further developing the federal grant for a passenger rail service within the metropolitan Oklahoma City area not to exceed more than \$2,000.00.
- Council approved use of Ray Trent Dog Park for a fundraising event to support dog adoption groups on September 26, 2009.
- Council approved and ratified assessment costs to property owners for cleanup of property previously abated located at :
 - 4317 SE 43rd Street, Owner—William H & P G Rhamy, Del City, OK. Total Cost \$567.04
 - 4504 SE 19th Street, Owner — Brandon Allen Duck, Del City, OK. Total Cost \$1,046.96.
 - 4124 SE 42nd Street, Owner – Home Rescuers 5209 LLC, OKC, OK. Total Cost \$905.74.
 - 4324 SE 38th, Owner – Sooner 12 LLC, OKC, OK. Total Cost \$817.07.
 - 4401 SE 20th Street, Owner — Joseph B. Ford, Del City, OK. Total Cost \$2,182.42.
 - 4528 SE 27th Street, Owner - Quail 10 LLC, OKC, OK. Total Cost \$621.33.
 - 4420 SE 37th Street, Owner - SE 37th Street, Owner - SE 37th Street Trust, Mid Pines, CA. Total Cost \$571.63.
 - 4720 SE 25th Street, Owner— John Paul Henderson, Oklahoma City, OK. Total Cost \$536.53
 - 801 Hampton Drive, Owner -Countrywide Bank FSB, Plano TX. Total Cost \$3,706.12.
 - **Note:** Total abatement cost for 2009 as of to date is approximately \$ **\$23,630.82.**
 - Council approved rejecting the award of Invitation to bid Del City Veteran's Memorial. The two bids received were significantly higher than the engineer's estimate for the project.
 - Council also approved rejecting the award of Invitation to Bid CDBG Sewer Line Replacement Phase 3 due to the bid cannot be awarded since the CDBG Release of Funds has not been issued and the award period has been extended the maximum ninety (90) days. The ITB will be reissued.
 - Council accepted dedication of common area at the Shoppes at Del City Development.

CITY JOB OPENINGS

Building Inspector - \$33,622.90 - \$45,033.74 + Benefits

Vehicle Mechanic - Fleet Maintenance - \$27,671.53 - \$37,062.62 + Benefits

Facility Maintenance Technician - Carpenter \$27,671.53 - \$37,062.62 + Benefits

For further information, contact Human Resources at 671-2827

POLICE REPORT

Mark your calendar!

The Police Department is currently hosting a Citizens Police Academy. The CPA will be open to Del City Residents who will receive an extensive curriculum that educates them as to all aspects of what we do as police officers. They will learn how crimes are reported and investigated also residents interested in attending should pick up an application from the Chief's Secretary as soon as possible. The dates are **August 11th thru September 3rd.**

Firehouse Happenings

Back to School with School Zone Safety

For the second year, the Del City Fire Department is participating in an awareness initiative geared toward School Zone Safety. Beginning on the first day of school for the Mid-Del School District and lasting for two weeks, Del City Fire Department personnel and apparatus will be stationed at various schools zones throughout Del City, reminding citizens and drivers that school is back in session, slow down in the school zones, and watch for students walking in the crosswalks. This initiative is modeled after a similar program in a Dallas suburb and was started last school year in Del City after 3 students were involved in separate auto-pedestrian accidents in front of Del City High School. Fire apparatus turn on their emergency lights and banners are placed on the trucks to catch the attention of drivers who are entering the school zone. Also as part of the initiative, Media Releases are given to local news outlets,

and two local television stations reported live from in front of Del City High School during their morning news program, another did a taped segment for later newscast, a live studio interview was done for another news station the previous night, and local print media ran stories in their newspapers. The School Zone Safety Awareness program is done with one priority in mind; keep our students safe! Remember, school is back in session! Watch for students in school zones, loading and unloading from school buses, and walking to and from school. The Del City Fire Department wish everyone a safe school year.



The Good & The Bad

Clean-up Efforts Continues in Del City...



From the Office of Emergency Management

New Communications System Being Installed

For years, Del City Emergency Responders have had to use two separate radio systems to communicate. The Police Department utilized a UHF radio system and Fire/Rescue operated with a VHF radio system. Del City Emergency Management did not have a dedicated radio system. Now, with the assistance of the Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security, Del City is scheduled to soon be online with the State of Oklahoma 800 megahertz radio system. A Public Safety Interoperability Communications (PSIC) Grant was awarded to the City of Del City earlier in the year for \$1.004 Million. Since then, there has been a lot of behind-the-scenes preparation, anticipating the arrival of the new system. Police, Fire and Emergency Management officials in Del City have worked hard preparing facilities for installation and meeting together to design the Del City "talkgroup" layout for who we want to be able to communicate with. The new 800mHz radio system allows for Del City Emergency Responders to be able to communicate more effectively with each other on incidents and allows Del City responders the ability to communicate with neighboring agencies much easier. Additional channels were added that would allow for command functions and operation functions the ability to communicate more effectively without having to talk over each other. In review of large-scale emergency responses across Oklahoma and the United States, communication failures have been one of the leading issues that have caused a breakdown in emergency response. Hopefully, with the addition of this interoperable communication system, Del City First Responders will be able to learn

from the lessons of others and utilize this system to its potential. Work has been completed on installing radios in all police and fire vehicles, dispatch has had new radio consoles installed, base stations installed at both fire stations, and a first for the City, having the radios installed in a future Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in the basement of the new City Hall. The current radio systems of the police and fire departments will remain in place as a backup communications system and allow for Del City to be able to communicate with those departments who have not switched to the 800mHz system. All police and fire personnel, including the 911 dispatchers, will be undergoing training during the last week of August in anticipation that the system will be fully operational in early September. The ability of Del City Emergency Responders to communicate more effectively with each other and other agencies will greatly improve the response capabilities in the City and across Oklahoma.



CITY UPDATE

2009 - DEL CITY CITYWIDE GARAGE SALE

This year's citywide garage sale is scheduled for September 24th, 25th, 26th, and 27th, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Flyers providing detailed information about the sale are available at City Hall 3701 SE 15th Street and Del City Community Center located at 4505 SE 15th Street. The flyer may also be viewed online at www.cityofdelcity.com. Flyers at City Hall will be located in the same location where you normally get your garage sale permit. Individuals participating in the sale will be allowed two signs each at no charge, you will also be given a permit for your sale. There will be no charge for the permits but a permit is required to participate in the citywide garage sale. The citywide garage sale will be greatly advertised.



Change of Venue U.S. SENATOR TOM COBURN, M.D. TOWN HALL MEETING

Due to Larger Than Expected Turnout U.S. Senator Tom Coburn, M.D. will be holding a town hall meeting at:

First Southern Baptist Church of Del City
6400 S. Sooner Rd.
Oklahoma City, OK 73155
Tuesday, August 25, 2009
4:00 PM -5:00 PM

Instead of Del City Community Center.

Dr. Coburn will take questions and address important issues for Oklahoma at the event.

SPAY/NEUTERED YOUR PUPPY OR DOG ONLY \$17.50

LOW INCOME OWNERS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF DEL CITY.

FOR SERVICE CALL:

VOLUNTEERS FOR ANIMAL WELFARE SPOT CLINIC - (405) 606-8476

OR CALL

BEST FRIENDS OF PETS INC. SNAP PROGRAM - (405) 629-6795

Community events may be broadcast through American Broadcasting school (ABS) by calling (405) 672-6511.

If you have future announcements or events concerning Del City that you would like included in future publications of this newsletter please email your request to: econ@cityofdelcity.com with newsletter in the subject line.

THANKS TO ALL!



ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

The ability to convert ideas to things is the secret to outward success.

Henry Ward Beecher