

Special Joint Meeting Notice & Agenda City of Davis & Davis Municipal Authority

May 6th, 2026, 6:00 PM
Davis City Council Chambers
308 South 3rd Street
Davis, Oklahoma 73030

Agenda Item #1 Call to order Davis City Council & Davis Municipal Authority.

- Meeting called to order by Mayor and Chairman Brian Davis. Time 6:00 PM.

Agenda Item #2 Roll Call.

- Mayor and Chairman Brian Davis – present; Vice Mayor and Vice Chairman Stan Jones – present; Councilman and Trustee Josh Oakley – present; Councilman and Trustee Clint Grinstead – present; Councilman and Trustee Jeremy Bumgarner – present.

Agenda Item #3 Prayer.

- Prayer led by Jones.

Agenda Item #4 Pledge of Allegiance.

- Pledge led by Davis.

Agenda Item #5 Discussion and planning of fiscal year 2026-2027 budget, all funds.

- Susie Suther, City Manager, goes over the report handed out. It contains the three major funds, their projected expenses and revenue for FY 26, and actual for FY 25 and FY 24. Suther notes that projected revenue and expenses for 2026 are down in General Fund. In DMA revenue and expenses are up. Expenses are up due to the construction of the new Wastewater Treatment Plant and loan repayment. Turner Falls revenue and expenses are also down. The final page includes the ticket sales totals FY 26 through FY 20. In 2020 ticket sales were 395,422 down to 203,150 in 2025. The difference is reflected in the revenue. Grinstead notes that the council knew Covid and post Covid numbers were high. Suther is proposing a couple

changes in this budget. Suther would like to pause the Street Fund allocation to let Turner Falls recover. Suther would like to reduce expenses in several areas. There have been four vacant positions in General Fund that have been removed from the budget. Grinstead circles back to ticket sales and asks when the ticket rates were increased. Suther states the increase could not be found in the minutes but believes it was in 2020 or 2021. Grinstead states the previous budget could have been based off the increase in ticket sales and the increased amount, Suther agrees. In DMA half of a position has been removed and at Turner Falls three full-time positions that were vacant have been removed and will not be filled. By pausing the Street Fund allocation will give the ability to hire a qualified candidate for the Turner Falls Park Manager position. One that is focused on marketing and tourism, has municipal experience, state experience, grant, and aquatic management experience. Suther believes that it will bring something to the Park that there has not been and provide a long-range plan for the Park. Funding is being pursued in other areas including a match grant for fire hydrants. A match grant for Basin 1 manhole replacements. There is a match in the Fire Department Capital Outlay Fund for a Cascade System, the match will come from their capital savings that receives \$1,000 a month from Turner Falls. The Turner Falls operating transfer to General Fund has been reduced by \$200,000. Suther explains something different must be done, revenues at Turner Falls need to increase. Grinstead asks how much the Street Fund transfer is currently. Suther states \$3 May through September and \$2 October through April. Grinstead asks how much Street Fund received in 2025. Suther states the revenue for FY25 was \$675,745. Special and Street receive the same amount. Suther explained for two years during the winter months Turner Falls Special has had to supplement the Turner Falls Operating account. Within this budget proposal, the operating account would cover expenses and special would be left alone as contingency. The Turner Falls transfer to Contingency is still in the budget. Capital Outlay for Turner Falls includes chip sealing Tucker Loop to make it a better site for events. Jones asks if this is the first full year the wagons and teepees were complete. Suther states it is hard to determine exactly when those projects were completed. Jones states there has not been a full summer of data on those projects.

Grinstead notes the number of projects and upgrades done in the last few years has been a lot and there has been no resting period. Jones hopes with good weather we can have good weekends. Suther compares the revenue and expenses in hospitality, noting that maintenance has no revenue and they spend time on hospitality repairs. Suther notes maintenance expenses are down from \$1.4 million last year to \$800,000 this year and progress is being made. Suther notes, one of the reasons that expenses are down is all work was stopped on the Villa Cabin. Grinstead notes numbers are not keeping up with inflation. Suther states we now need to work on our return on investment. There needs to be a plan to be strategic and intentional and know what the return on investment is going to be, taking into consideration the number of years to recoup expenses and when it will become revenue. Also taking into consideration the life expectancy. Suther outlines capital outlay in the budget. One vehicle for the Police Department. Rotation of bullet proof vests will be done like bunker gear is done for the Fire Department. ODIS Police Department software is required to be upgraded this year. Mobile data terminals are also in capital outlay. The technology fee collected on citations will pay for the ODIS upgrade and mobile data terminals from the court fund. Included in the Fire Department capital outlay is the SCBA's and bunker gear, which will come from General Fund, as has been for the last several years. There is \$15,000 for the match on the cascade system that will come from the Fire Department savings. Steets, Cemetery and Parks capital outlay includes \$30,000 for an equipment trailer, the City has the equipment to use but no way to haul it. Also included is a mini excavator, one a little bigger than we currently have, to cut down on man hours on a job. There are a couple of small street overlays included. The \$75,000 truck is not guaranteed to remain in the budget. If the transfer to Street Fund is stopped, Suther would like to remove the truck. Suther is working to purchase a vehicle for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. She is looking into a $\frac{3}{4}$ Ton for the plant. Turner Fall's has a truck on their list, Suther would like to make it a 1 Ton to be able to haul the equipment. Grinstead would like Suther to consider a 1 Ton over the $\frac{3}{4}$ Ton to get more towing capacity. On Fullerton Park there is \$10,000 for the lights at the park to complete some electrical work. Davis asks if we will be adding additional lights to the park this year. Suther states no

new lights will be added, current lights will be reworked and in July a campaign will start for businesses to sponsor some of the light displays and raise money to replenish some of the expenses. Crossbar capital improvements are still being gone over. Suther will update at the next meeting. The bunkhouse roof and a few other items will carry over from this year. Suther will visit more with Ramsey and bring more information to the next meeting. Suther is also waiting for Iron Wolf to finish to see what happens with that. Jones and Grinstead have a conversation about the progress of the Iron Wolf. Jones mentions the side-by-side tours and there were some issues with insurance. Suther states it is happening; they are currently working on signage and banners. In DMA there is a lawn mower for the two plants to share, \$7,000 in water and \$7,000 in wastewater. There is \$70,000 for Water Treatment Plant maintenance upgrades to cover the items that break through the year. In water distribution there is \$30,000 for fire hydrants. That will be the match if we are awarded the grant. If awarded, we will do more hydrants if not then six can be done with the budgeted money. \$7,500 is included for water tower inspections. Engineering is included for the DEQ consent order requirement. \$20,000 for Wastewater Treatment Plant stairs is included. Sewer collections include \$250,000 for a new lift station with the other \$250,000 coming from the Turner Falls budget because one of the most critical lift stations is at Turner Falls. The CDBG low to moderate income survey will kick off, for wastewater there is a \$600,000 matching grant. If the grant is received the funds from it and budgeted money will allow us to do more lift stations. Suther has two critical lift stations to tackle. Manhole replacement is included for \$60,000, if can get a grant then multiple manholes will be bid out, if no grant is received, as many as can be, will be done with \$60,000. The City will seek the Indian Health Services Grant to help with the manholes. DMA Admin includes \$20,000 for GIS mapping. Suther is making it a priority, it can be updated with the Sanitary Sewer Survey. It can be used out in the field to track with manholes, sewer lines, and water lines. Corrections can be made in real time and updated. It can be used for fire hydrant flowing. The software will also correct the boundary issue that is going on with dispatch. Turner Falls includes lift station rehab, a new lift station, water pumps, Tucker Loop chipseal and new sign development. Grinstead asks if the Hanson

material has been considered, look into the cost difference from the limestone, noting the County has used it and it holds up better. There is a washer and dryer included for housekeeping. If purchased out of this year's budget it will be removed from next year. A Harley rake for trail maintenance and a commercial mower is included as well.

Installation of electric and climate control is in the budget for the equipment barn. In the winter, the barn is used to store the trams and without climate control things freeze and bust. Not looking to add air conditioning just propane heat for the winter to take care of the vehicles and equipment. Trading Post needs a roof and windows, and items to help improve the electricity cost. Parkhill looked into turning it into a restaurant, but their structural engineers did not go look at the facility. Suther will have a contractor out to look at the building before updates are made. Suther states the Fire Department has now been without a Chief for a full year. There have not been a lot of great prospects. To attract a qualified candidate, it would require more money. Suther would like to not hire a Fire Chief but hire two Firefighters and operate with the volunteer Chief. Grinstead asks if there has been a volunteer Chief and paid Firefighter situation heard of before and if there were any issues. Shane Archuleta, Volunteer Fire Chief, states he is a fan of the two employees on from 8-4, it will allow the department to respond timely. One of the biggest issues is those hours and the volunteers working their full-time jobs and unable to respond. Davis notes that there is the possibility of hiring a candidate that would be able to help Shane. Archuleta states after-hours and weekends are not an issue it is the 8-4-period they need coverage. Davis asks if we will be looking for a special skill set in candidates. Archuleta states they will be looking for Firefighter One and Firefighter Two. Grinstead asks if the fulltime Firefighter were to role and the volunteers meet there if that would be a good procedure. Cox does not recommend, he set it up for volunteers to go to the station. Suther states the City cannot afford a qualified Chief, budget would need increased at least \$30,000 to be in range. The budget did not increase with the two full-time. Bumgarner questions why two full-time employees are needed with one full-time and one volunteer at the station at all times. Davis explains, Archuleta takes the truck to get eyes on the site early and direct what vehicles are needed and it has been working well. Grinstead asks if there is a benefit to stagger

the two full-time employees' time. Davis states the period of 8-4 is the period they are needed most during the work hours. Davis sees the benefit of having two full-time employees and not needing to wait for a volunteer to show up. Bumgarner asks if the department is full right now. Davis states they are down five or six volunteers. Suther states they plan to work on a social media campaign to bring awareness to the need of volunteers. Suther states the Police department full-time positions are down from ten to seven. Bumgarner asks what will be done about Turner Falls. Suther states the reserves will help cover Turner Falls. Suther will be increasing parking at Turner Falls by five dollars, from ten and twenty to fifteen and twenty-five per spot, to help cover the cost to man those spots. Davis asks if Suther is going to talk to the park manager candidate again. Suther states the position is in the budget, Suther will have a conversation with the candidate so they are fully aware of the budget they will be working with. Grinstead states if the budget works, he is all for the changes and allowing the pause. Grinstead notes the operating costs are higher than before because things are being operated properly now. We are paying for the cost to maintain and that will prevent a big hit again. Suther plans to solicit sponsorships for Red, White and Davis. There will be presale shirts with the sponsorships listed on the back. Gregory is working on a small car show to be held on the same day. Grinstead states businesses and citizens will be top supporters, seeing all the changes and progress that is being made. Grinstead believes marketing ourselves matters. Suther is connected with the Broken Bow City Manager, they have done an excellent job on their downtown and will be using some of their ideas.

Agenda Item #6 Adjourn.

- Motion to adjourn made by Bumgarner. Second by Oakley. Vote: Bumgarner – yes; Grinstead – yes; Oakley – yes; Jones – yes; Davis – yes. Time: 7:08 PM

ATTEST:

/s/ Sirena Gaddis

/s/ Brian Davis

Sirena Gaddis
City Clerk/Treasurer

Brian Davis
Mayor/Chairman