

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of the City of Maud

May 19th, 2025

The Maud City Council met in regular session on May 19th, 2025.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by Mayor Jimmy Porterfield.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Porterfield.
3. The Roll Call was made by City Clerk David Zeller. Present for the meeting were Council Members Lee Davis, Kurtis Dustman, Bobby Shatto and Chad Votaw. City Attorney Mat Thomas was also present. The Mayor Declared a Quorum.
4. The Mayor welcomed the visitors.
5. Katie Springer addressed the Council regarding flooding issues at her residence on N Oxford. She stated that the rainwater floods her property from the alley and asked if there was anything the City could do to improve the drainage in that area.
6. Lee Davis moved to approve the consent agenda. Chad Votaw seconded. The vote was Davis-aye, Votaw-aye, Dustman-aye, Shatto-aye. The Mayor declared the motion carried.
7. No items removed.
8. Interim Police Chief Orrin Beckham introduced himself to the Council and to the audience. He outlined some of his certifications and his motivation to become a Law Enforcement Officer. He has been a full-time Officer for 8 years, and previously worked as a Deputy at Pottawatomie and Lincoln Counties. Chief Beckham reported that he has been working on inventorying the PD and has found several items not accounted for. He is trying to track them down. He is rearranging the PD to make it more functional. He is working on an inventory of the evidence room. He currently has 9 investigations in progress including one for poisonous spraying of an individual, one for harrassment and several animal investigations. He has issued 14 citations since he took over.
9. Emergency Management Director Zeller reported that he had spent several evenings watching severe weather. No major damage reported. He also reported that he had completed his OK First weather refresher training for the year as well as his Floodplain Management training for the year.
10. Chad Votaw moved to approve Street and Alley Purchase Order 20049. Lee Davis seconded. The vote was Votaw-aye, Davis-aye, Dustman-aye, Shatto-aye. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

11. Clerk Zeller informed the Council that Pottawatomie County E911 had been rescheduled until June due to inclement severe weather.

12. Rick Postman addressed the Council regarding the goats on the property next to his on W Young. He complained regarding the smell of the goats and the noise. City Attorney Mat Thomas stated he would do some research and draft an ordinance to address the issue. No further action taken.

13. Amy Bassett addressed the Council regarding limbs overhanging the streets on the school bus routes. She stated that the limbs damage the lights on the busses and asked for the limbs to be trimmed. She also addressed faded and missing stop signs at several intersections, and potholes on Washington. She also stated that the City needs to do something to provide better housing in the City as the school is losing students due to insufficient housing. Mayor Porterfield informed her that we have some street/stop signs ordered and will be replacing more as time allows and that he would get with the County on getting trees trimmed and we would look into the potholes on Washington. No further action taken.

14. Chad Votaw moved to reappoint Matthew Peters as Municipal Judge for an additional two year term. Bobby Shatto seconded. The vote was Votaw-aye, Shatto-aye, Davis-aye, Dustman-aye. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

15. The Council discussed the renewal of a lease agreement with Reach Oil and Gas Company for the mineral rights under the Rodeo Grounds. Chad Votaw moved to approve the renewal of the lease agreement. Lee Davis seconded. The vote was Votaw-aye, Davis-aye, Dustman-aye, Shatto-aye. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

16. Mayor Porterfield informed the Council that Police Chief Doneisha Brawner had resigned effective May 5 to take a position with Seminole County Sheriff's Office. Kurt Dustman moved to accept the resignation. Bobby Shatto seconded. The vote was Dustman-aye, Shatto-aye, Davis-aye, Votaw-aye. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

17. Bobby Shatto moved to go into executive session to discuss the employment, promotion, demotion, disciplining, or resignation of a Police Chief for the City, pursuant to Title 25 O.S. Section 307.B(1). Chad Votaw seconded. The vote was Shatto-aye, Votaw-aye, Davis-aye, Dustman-aye. The Mayor declared the motion carried and the Council convened in Executive Session.

18. Executive Session.

19. Lee Davis moved to come out of Executive Session and to resume regular session. Chad Votaw seconded. The vote was Davis-aye, Votaw-aye, Dustman-aye, Shatto-aye. The Mayor declared the motion carried and the Council resumed regular session.

20. Bobby Shatto moved to retain Orrin Beckham as Interim Chief until the June Council meeting and to advertise the position in the newspaper and on the CLEET website until then. Chad Votaw seconded. The vote was Shatto-aye, Votaw-aye, Davis-aye, Dustman-aye. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

21. Holly Finch addressed the Council regarding flooding issues on S Katy. Clerk Zeller presented pictures of flooding issues on N Oxford and E Main. The Council discussed the issues and what could possibly be done to correct the issues. Mayor Porterfield and Clerk Zeller will look into what the City can do regarding the issues and report back. No further action taken.

22. The Council discussed spraying and weedeating around stop signs. Mayor Porterfield stated that it is the homeowner's responsibility to mow and weedeat around the signs. Public Works Superintendent Teresa Wilkerson stated that she was working on code enforcement for several properties, but she would see about getting the signs on vacant properties sprayed and mowed around. No further action taken.

23. Mayor Porterfield introduced Amanda Needham to the Council. She has been hired as the Utility Clerk/Court Clerk.

24. Bobby Shatto moved to adjourn. Lee Davis seconded. The vote was Shatto-aye, Davis-aye, Dustman-aye, Votaw-aye. The Mayor declared the motion carried and adjourned the meeting at 8:52 PM.



David W. Zeller, City Clerk/Treasurer



Jimmy Porterfield, Mayor