

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
TOWN OF MEEKER  
Tuesday, January 20, 2026**

**A regular meeting of the Meeker Board of Trustees** was held at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at Meeker City Hall, 510 W. Carl Hubbell Blvd, Meeker, OK. The following items were scheduled for consideration at that time:

**Donna Weber called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.**

**Roll call:** Donna Weber, Mike Orman, Lanny Thompson, Kenneth Massey, and Aaron Head.

**Town Administrator:** Jeff Wilbourn

**Town Attorney:** James Hodgens

**Town Clerk:** Kimberly Haynes

Visitors present: Donna Watkins, Donald Shastid

Kenneth Massey led the flag salute

Lanny Thompson led council in prayer.

**Citizen's Participation:** Donna Watkins inquired about the school zone lights. Who is responsible for them? They are not synced correctly and haven't been in some time. She inquired if this was the school's responsibility. The towns? ODOT?

Town Administrator Wilbourn stated that the school zone flashing lights are controlled by a programmed timer that must be manually adjusted and programmed. Programming requires specialized software and a laptop, and the system is outdated and complex.

He explained that responsibility for the school zone lights is shared between the Town, the school, and the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT). Both the Town and ODOT have access to the programming software, and ODOT has assisted in the past due to the complexity of the system. He noted that the lights are intended to promote student safety, but electronic traffic devices can be difficult and costly to maintain.

2026 Court Dates and Meeker Industrial Trust

Discussion centers around rescheduling the 2026 court dates effective February 2026.

After consulting with Judge Lewis and Mr. Hodgens, all parties agreed that the fourth Tuesday of the month would work for everyone's schedule. Mr. Hodgens added later he is not available to come to the arraignment hearings for court, just the trial dockets.

- Orman made a motion, seconded by Thompson to move the court dates to the fourth Tuesday of the month, beginning February 24<sup>th</sup>
  - **Yea:** Thompson, Massey, Head, Orman and Weber. **Nay:** None. Motion carried.

Rescheduling the 2026 MIA Meetings.

- Orman made a motion, seconded by Thompson to accept the rescheduling of the MIA meetings to meet every other month on Tuesday's, starting February 10, April 14, June 9, August 11, October 13, December 8, at 4:15.
  - **Yea:** Thompson, Massey, Head, Orman, Weber, **Nay:** None. Motion carried

## Legal Update to HB1095 Gun Law

Discussion and legal guidance from the Town Attorney on the potential impacts of HB 1095 on City Hall operations were as follows; Attorney Hodgens stated that he discussed HB1095 with Oklahoma Municipal League (OML) and has prepared a draft ordinance for the Board's consideration, though it was not ready for action at this meeting. He explained that under HB1095, elected officials may carry a handgun if they possess a valid permit and do not require additional approval. Non-elected employees must also possess a valid permit but must receive approval from the City Council prior to carrying.

Mr. Hodgens advised that any employee wishing to carry would need to appear before the board for approval. The proposed ordinance was drafted to ensure compliance with the new state law, should the board choose to proceed.

Mayor Weber suggested that if an employee were to request permission to carry under HB1095, the matter should be discussed in executive session.

Attorney Hodgens responded that he would review the statute governing executive sessions to confirm applicability, noting that discussion involving an employee may qualify. He agreed that such requests would likely be appropriate for executive session consideration. Mr. Hodgens indicated putting this issue back on the agenda for February and he will have the ordinance ready at that time.

## Consideration of a Resolution Calling for a Special Election

Mayor Weber introduced the possibility of holding a special election to seek voter approval for either a one-half percent (0.5%) or one percent (1.0%) increase to the Town's sales tax, which is currently 4%.

Board members discussed the need for additional revenue, comparisons were made from surrounding municipalities' sales tax rates, and estimated revenue impacts. All members agreed that transparency is vital and necessary to the public. People deserve to know how any additional funds would be used.

It was noted that voter support may depend on specifying intended uses for the revenue rather than placing funds into the general fund without designation. Council asked Mr. Hodgens for his input and how to navigate this process. Council will research how county tax is processed and dispensed and see if this is even something we should proceed with.

### **Conclusion:**

The Council agreed to form a committee to discuss potential allocation of sales tax revenue and develop a proposal that would be more clearly defined for voters. Bond Counsel Alan Brooks will be contacted to provide estimates on projected revenue from a half-cent sales tax, the cost and logistics of a special election, and potential ballot dates. No action was taken at this time. Further discussion will occur after the requested information is received, potentially at a special meeting dedicated to the sales tax proposal.

- Weber made a motion, seconded by Head to take no action at this time.
  - **Yea:** Thompson, Massey, Head, Orman and Weber. **Nay:** None. Motion carried.

## **Consent Agenda (A-C)**

- A) Approval of regular meeting minutes for December 15, 2025.
- B) Review of General expenditures PO's 12-01 through 12-42 totaling 66,878.94
- C) Approval of Treasurer's Report information provided by Town Treasurer, Kimberly Haynes.

- Weber made a motion, seconded by Orman to approve all Items A-C.
  - **Yea:** Thompson, Massey, Head, Orman and Weber. **Nay:** None. Motion carried.

## **Department Reports**

No Department reports were presented for lake, library, streets, and museum. However, it was noted that the library will celebrate its 25th anniversary on February 14 and will host a soup supper for the Chamber of Commerce meeting on February 12.

The Fire Department was not present.

No report was provided by the Police Department.

Administrator Wilbourn notes made an announcement regarding a potential full-time hire for the Police Department. Due to an agenda oversight, the matter was not listed for action. A candidate was introduced and provided a brief overview of his background and experience in law enforcement. Board members were given the opportunity to ask questions. No action was taken.

## **New Business**

### **Discussion – OMAG Property Insurance Premiums:**

Administrator Wilbourn reviewed current Oklahoma Municipal Assurance Group (OMAG) property insurance valuations and premiums for several Town facilities and expressed concerns that certain structures may be overvalued, resulting in higher-than-necessary premiums. Facilities discussed included the Police Department building, Library, Fire Station, and both water towers.

It was noted that building valuations, contents coverage, deductibles, replacement cost versus demolition cost, and liability considerations should be carefully reviewed to ensure adequate coverage without over insuring. Particular discussion focused on the old water tower that is no longer in use, including whether it should be insured for replacement or demolition purposes, and the active water tower, which would require replacement if damaged.

The Administrator emphasized the importance of transparency and board input before making any changes to insured values and stated that he would meet with OMAG representatives to request a review and audit of current valuations, coverage, deductibles, and liability provisions. Potential premium savings were discussed, though no reductions would be pursued at the expense of adequate coverage.

No action was taken. The Administrator will gather additional information from OMAG and report back to the Board with findings and recommendations.

## **Adjournment:**

- Weber made a motion, seconded by Orman to adjourn.

- **Yea:** Thompson, Massey, Head, Orman, Weber, **Nay:** None. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

**MEEKER PUBLIC WORKS AUTHORITY**  
**Immediately following Board of Trustees regular meeting**  
**January 20, 2026**

**Donna Weber called the meeting called to order at 6:53 p.m.**

**Roll call:** Donna Weber, Mike Orman, Lanny Thompson, Kenneth Massey, and Aaron Head.

**Consent Agenda (A-C)**

- A) Approval of regular meeting minutes for December 15, 2025.
  - B) Review of PWA PO list # 12-1 through 12-48 totaling \$77,413.00
  - C) Approval of Treasurers Report information provided by Town Treasurer, Kimberly Haynes.
- Weber made a motion seconded by Orman to accept items A-C
    - **Yea:** Thompson, Massey, Head, Orman, Weber, **Nay:** None.

**Department Reports**

Town Administrator. Wilbourn gave update on the telemetry, some leaks that have been repaired and that a new hot water heater was installed at City Hall this week.

- Weber made a motion, seconded by Head to adjourn meeting.
  - **Yea:** Thompson, Massey, Head, Orman, Weber, **Nay:** None.Meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.