

Town of Mountain Park Regular Meeting Minutes
206 Spruce Street
Monday, September 15, 2025 @ 7:00 PM

Andrew Duarte, Acting Mayor

Anita Shelton, Trustee

Melissa Melton, Trustee

Tom Talley, Town Attorney

1. Roll call, Declaration of quorum being present.
2. No public participation
3. Anita makes motion to approve the minutes for the August regular meeting, Melissa 2nd the motion. All approved.
4. Anita makes motion to approve August Encumbrances, Melissa 2nd the motion. All approved.
5. Anita makes motion to approve August **Treasurer's** Report, Melissa 2nd the motion. All approved.
6. Anita makes the motion to approve the purchase orders GF, FD, and ST & Alley, Melissa 2nd the motion. All approved.
7. Reports from officers and boards:
 - a. Fire Chief Denton Ervin said not much was going on. The operational check has arrived (the forestry system grant).
 - b. Police - Stephen Pappas – Busy month. 123 citations, 81 warnings, stolen vehicle pursuit and an arrest for drugs
 - a. Kiowa County (Roads)- Gary Jennings we are about to finish just need one load of oil for a 2nd coat on Spring and Elm. Questions about what to do with Spruce. Going to lay 2 – 40-foot strips and save monies to patch the potholes.
 - b. Road Committee- Mark Johnson- Mark shared time with Gary and wanted to point out the unevenness of the road by the fire station. Gary is aware and is waiting for better weather. They will double check the roads for bumps
 - c. State Park – Misty Neese- Was Not Present
 - d. Christmas Lights in Park – Katie Edgar requested permission to light up the park again Dec 1 – Dec 31s. They would also like to have Santa and food as usual. Anita motions to approve, Melissa 2nd. All in favor.
8. Mountain Park Housing Authority Board needed another member, and needed three members reappointed to the board, Willie Shaw, Earl Melton and Roann Scivaly. There were no volunteers for the open seat. The town will advertise the seated position in the newspaper and on Facebook. Anita made the motion to approve the reappointments, Melissa 2nd the motion, all approved.
9. The board approved having a Christmas Lights Contest for the citizens of the town of Mountain Park, with Melissa making the motion, Anita 2nd the motion. All approved. \$200 investment. 1st place wins \$100, 2nd place \$60, and 3rd place wins a \$40 prize.
10. Jail Agreement between the town of Mountain Park and City and the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Kiowa, State of Oklahoma was approved by Anita with Melissa 2nd the motion. All approved.
11. The ordinance –**Rules of Decorum** during open board meetings passed with Anita making the motion to adopt and Melissa 2nd. Andrew voted. All agreed.
12. Action to auction off the Old City Barn was tabled until more information can be found and provided to the City Attorney and the Board.

13. Melissa made motion to convene into executive session.
 - a. Discuss the employment, hiring, appointment, promotion, demotion discipline or resignation of any individual salaried officer or employee: Deakon Wood
 - b. Discuss the employment, hiring, appointment, promotion, demotion discipline or resignation of any individual salaried officer or employee: Brittney Melton
 - c. Discuss the employment, hiring, appointment, promotion, demotion discipline or resignation of any individual salaried officer or employee, Andrew Duarte
14. Melissa and Anita made the motion to come out of executive session at 8:35.
15. Motion to hire Deakon Woods as the new Police Chief. Anita votes yes. Melissa votes yes. Andrew votes yes.
16. Motion to terminate work relationship with Brittney Melton was made, Melissa abstained from the vote. Anita voted yes. Andrew voted yes.
17. Anita makes the motion to dismiss Andrew from his position as Mayor and the Board of Trustees, Melissa 2nd
18. Anita makes motion to adjourn and Melissa 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.