

**SPECIAL ELECTION PROCLAMATION AND NOTICE**

Under and by virtue of Section 27 of Article X, of the Oklahoma Constitution and the Statutes of the State of Oklahoma, and Acts complementary, supplementary, and enacted pursuant thereto, and Ordinance No. 4234-A dated May 20, 2024, authorizing the calling of an election on the propositions hereinafter set forth, I, the undersigned Mayor of the City of Muskogee, Oklahoma, hereby call a special election and give notice thereof to be held in the City of Muskogee, Oklahoma, on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024, for the purpose of submitting to the registered, qualified voters in said City the following propositions:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

Public Safety Buildings, Facilities, and Equipment Projects

Shall the City of Muskogee, State of Oklahoma, incur an indebtedness by issuing its general obligation bonds in the sum of Forty Seven Million One Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$47,175,000) to provide funds for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, expanding, renovating, repairing, and/or equipping public safety buildings, facilities, and equipment, all to be owned exclusively by the City, to be completed with or without the use of other funds, and levy and collect an annual tax, in addition to all other taxes, upon all the taxable property in said City sufficient to pay the interest on said bonds as it falls due, and also to constitute a sinking fund for the payment of the principal thereof when due, said bonds to be competitively sold and bear interest at the lowest rate not to exceed ten percentum (10%) per annum, payable semi-annually and to become due within twenty-five (25) years from their date?

The voting machines or devices used at said election shall set out the proposition as above set forth and shall also contain the words:

YES – FOR THE ABOVE PROPOSITION

NO – AGAINST THE ABOVE PROPOSITION

PROPOSITION NO. 2

Street and Bridge Projects

Shall the City of Muskogee, State of Oklahoma, incur an indebtedness by issuing its general obligation bonds in the sum of Fourteen Million One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$14,110,000) to provide funds for the purpose of constructing, reconstructing, repairing, improving, and rehabilitating streets, roads, bridges, and intersections in the City (including lighting, sidewalks/bikepaths, landscaping, related drainage improvements, driveway reconstruction, utility relocation, and other related improvements), to be completed with or without the use of other funds, and levy and collect an annual tax, in addition to all other taxes, upon all the taxable

property in said City sufficient to pay the interest on said bonds as it falls due, and also to constitute a sinking fund for the payment of the principal thereof when due, said bonds to be competitively sold and bear interest at the lowest rate not to exceed ten percentum (10%) per annum, payable semi-annually and to become due within twenty-five (25) years from their date?

The voting machines or devices used at said election shall set out the proposition as above set forth and shall also contain the words:

- YES – FOR THE ABOVE PROPOSITION
- NO – AGAINST THE ABOVE PROPOSITION

PROPOSITION NO. 3

Community Facilities Projects

Shall the City of Muskogee, State of Oklahoma, incur an indebtedness by issuing its general obligation bonds in the sum of Seventeen Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$17,400,000) to provide funds for the purpose of constructing, expanding, repairing, which may also include improving, renovating, acquiring and equipping community facilities, all to be owned exclusively by the City, to be completed with or without the use of other funds, and levy and collect an annual tax, in addition to all other taxes, upon all the taxable property in said City sufficient to pay the interest on said bonds as it falls due, and also to constitute a sinking fund for the payment of the principal thereof when due, said bonds to be competitively sold and bear interest at the lowest rate not to exceed ten percentum (10%) per annum, payable semi-annually and to become due within twenty-five (25) years from their date?

The voting machines or devices used at said election shall set out the proposition as above set forth and shall also contain the words:

- YES – FOR THE ABOVE PROPOSITION
- NO – AGAINST THE ABOVE PROPOSITION

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECTS AND USE OF PROCEEDS

(Proposition No. 1)

Public Safety Buildings, Facilities, and Equipment Projects

The Public Safety Buildings, Facilities, and Equipment Projects for which the proceeds of

the aforesaid not to exceed \$47,175,000 general obligation bonds shall be expended consist of acquiring, constructing, expanding, renovating, repairing, and/or equipping public safety buildings, facilities, and equipment, all to be owned exclusively by the City. The projects may be accomplished through participation with other governmental agencies and others, and may be accomplished in phases. The specific projects for which at least seventy percent (70%) of the proceeds of the aforesaid bonds shall be expended and the dollar amount of each such project shall be as follows:

New Police Department Building	\$11,500,000
New Fire Station #5 in the vicinity of North York Street	\$4,000,000
Acquisition of firefighting vehicles, apparatus, and equipment including but not limited to fire engines, ladder trucks, brush trucks, rescue air bags, communications equipment, bunker gear, and extrication equipment	\$11,365,000
Acquisition of police vehicles, apparatus and equipment, including but not limited to vehicles, ballistic armor, communications equipment, non-lethal weapons, body cameras, mobile computers, gas masks, firearms, and personal radios	\$19,300,000
Estimated costs of issuance and contingency funds. Any funds not required to complete the foregoing projects shall be utilized for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, expanding, renovating, repairing, and/or equipping public safety buildings, facilities, and equipment, all to be owned exclusively by the City	<u>\$1,010,000</u>
TOTAL: (representing over 70% of \$47,175,000)	\$47,175,000

(Proposition No. 2)

Street and Bridge Projects

The Street and Bridge Projects for which the proceeds of the aforesaid not to exceed \$14,110,000 general obligation bonds shall be expended consist of constructing, reconstructing, repairing, improving, and rehabilitating streets, roads, bridges, and intersections in the City (including lighting, sidewalks/bikepaths, landscaping, related drainage improvements, driveway reconstruction, utility relocation, and other related improvements). The projects may be accomplished through participation with other governmental agencies and others, and may be accomplished in phases. Project costs include related construction testing, inspection, project implementation and administration, planning, permitting, engineering and design, right of way and real property acquisition. The specific projects for which at least seventy percent (70%) of the proceeds of the aforesaid bonds shall be expended and the dollar amount of each such project shall be as follows:

Downtown Muskogee improvements to Broadway from Main Street to 5 <sup>th</sup> Street, including but not limited to utility infrastructure improvements, parking modifications, bike/pedestrian lane, bus stop improvements, alley rehabilitation, sidewalks and lighting, traffic improvements, and greenspace furniture and landscaping	\$3,900,000
East Smith Ferry Road reconstruction from US Highway 64 to Gulick Street, including but not limited to a new three (3) lane road with curb and gutter, underground storm sewer, utility relocation, right of way acquisition, and a dry detention pond	\$5,560,000
Denver Street reconstruction from S. 40 <sup>th</sup> Street to US Highway 69, and S. 36 <sup>th</sup> Street reconstruction from US Highway 64 to Denver Street, including but not limited to sidewalks along Denver Street, sidewalks along S. 34 <sup>th</sup> Street from Denver Street to Arline Avenue, a stormwater detention basin at Denver Street and S. 34 <sup>th</sup> Street, land acquisition, storm sewer improvements, and utility relocation	\$2,100,000
Improvements to the intersection of N. Country Club Road and Shawnee Road (US Highway 62), including but not limited to a wider intersection, protected left turn lane, utility relocation, and drainage improvements to increase the safety of the intersection during rain events	\$1,790,000
Construction and design of a new decorative pedestrian bridge crossing US Highway 69 north of Border Street to replace the existing pedestrian bridge set to be removed in the expansion of US Highway 69	\$460,000
Estimated costs of issuance and contingency funds. Any funds not required to complete the foregoing projects shall be utilized for the purpose of constructing, reconstructing, repairing, improving, and rehabilitating streets, roads, bridges, and intersections in the City (including lighting, sidewalks/bikepaths, landscaping, related drainage improvements, driveway reconstruction, utility relocation, and other related improvements).	<u>\$300,000</u>
TOTAL: (representing over 70% of \$14,110,000)	\$14,110,000

(Proposition No. 3)

Community Facilities Projects

The Community Facilities Projects for which the proceeds of the aforesaid not to exceed \$17,400,000 general obligation bonds shall be expended consist of constructing, expanding, repairing, which may include improving, renovating, acquiring and equipping community facilities, which may also include green spaces, playgrounds, athletic facilities, aquatic facilities,

maintenance facilities, recreation facilities, picnic and multi-purpose shelters, restrooms, concessions facilities, landscaping, utilities and utility relocation, technology improvements, lighting, equipment, furniture, furnishings, park materials, fencing, drainage improvements, water features, waterways, park parking, paths, sidewalks, trails, park roadways, traffic control improvements, demolition, park infrastructure, irrigation and park access and accessibility improvements, along with related construction testing, inspection, project implementation and administration, planning, permitting, engineering and design, right of way and real property acquisition, all to be owned exclusively by the City, and may be accomplished through participation with other governmental agencies and others, and may be accomplished in phases. The specific projects for which at least seventy percent (70%) of the proceeds of the aforesaid bonds shall be expended and the dollar amount of each such project shall be as follows:

Acquisition and installation of a new HVAC system in the Muskogee Civic Center, and any funds not required for the HVAC system will be utilized for interior updates to the Muskogee Civic Center	\$5,500,000
Acquisition and installation of softball, baseball, and football/soccer fields, including but not limited to artificial turf infields, fencing, shade, and irrigation	\$3,725,000
Expansion and improvement of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center, including but not limited to an approximately 13,300 square foot west addition containing a gymnasium with spectator seating, youth center, new entry with dedicated vehicle drop-off, and support spaces including restrooms; an approximately 6,600 square foot north addition containing a four (4) classroom addition (with option to combine classrooms via movable partition); new restrooms accessible to the outdoor basketball courts and play areas; and limited interior remodeling	\$7,800,000
Estimated costs of issuance and contingency funds. Any funds not required to complete the foregoing projects shall be utilized for the purpose of improving, renovating, acquiring and equipping community facilities, all to be owned exclusively by the City	<u>\$375,000</u>
TOTAL: (representing over 70% of \$17,400,000)	\$17,400,000

That only the registered, qualified voters of the City of Muskogee, Oklahoma, may vote upon the propositions as above set forth.

The polls shall be opened at 7:00 o'clock a.m. and shall remain open continuously until and be closed at 7:00 o'clock p.m.

Such election shall be conducted by those precinct officers designated by the County Election Board of Muskogee County, Oklahoma, which officers shall also act as counters and certify the results thereof as required by law. As provided in Title 26, Oklahoma Statutes Section 13-103, the City

authorizes the Muskogee County Election Board to open all precincts located within the municipal boundaries of the City.

WITNESS my hand as Mayor of the City of Muskogee, Oklahoma and the Seal of said City affixed hereto on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk