

**THE CITY OF EL RENO HOSPITAL AUTHORITY  
REGULAR MEETING OF  
TUESDAY – NOVEMBER 13, 2018 – 7:30 P.M.  
EL RENO CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
101 N. CHOCTAW AVENUE – EL RENO, OKLAHOMA**

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**MINTUES**

**A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

*Chairman White called the meeting to order at 7:41pm.*

**B. ROLL CALL**

Present: Matt White, Chairman  
JT Chronister, Vice-Chairman  
Tracey Rider, Trustee  
Tim Robinson, Trustee  
Bob Ballhorn, Trustee

Staff Present: Karen Fowler, Deputy Treasurer  
Lindsey Grigg, City Clerk  
Ken Brown, Police Chief  
Kent Lagaly, Fire Chief  
Alli Hernandez, PIO/Deputy Court Clerk  
Matt Sandidge, Assistant Manager  
Dustin Downey, City Planner  
Roger Rinehart, City Attorney  
Buddy Kamm, Airpark Manager  
Jason Duff, Assistant Fire Chief  
Jeff Kouba, Public Works Director

Others: Ray Dyer, El Reno Tribune  
Cindy Carmichael, Mercy  
Paul King  
Ron Ward  
Jim Murphy  
Bryan Hayes

**C. CONSENT AGENDA: *The following items are considered to be routine by the City of El Reno Hospital Authority and will be enacted with one motion. Should discussion be desired on any item, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately:***

1. Approval of minutes of the October 9, 2018 Regular Meeting of the City of El Reno Hospital Authority.

Chronister **MOVED, SECONDED** by Ballhorn to approve Minutes of October 9, 2018.

**VOTE WAS:**

**AYE:** White, Chronister, Rider, Robinson, Ballhorn

**NAY:** None.

**ABSTAIN:** None.

**ABSENT:** None.

*Chairman White declared motion CARRIED by a vote of 5 to 0 with 0 absent.*

**D. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

2. Presentation by Mercy Health Network, Inc. in regard to a Medical Facility Plan in El Reno.

*Bryan Hayes and Cindy Carmichael gave a presentation.*

**Carmichael** stated:

1. Agreement continues operations so there is no lapse.
2. Copy of the Letter provided
3. Clinic/Urgent/EMS facility
4. Ambulance Service Continued. Same subsidy of \$250,000.00/year for a 10year term.
5. 24-hour urgent Care with subsidy of \$350,000.00/year.
6. El Reno expenses included architect fees, going to pay \$250,000.00 to the City upon opening reimbursement and one year later reimburse another \$250,000.00.
7. Mercy would like 35ft signage on I40. Transition care of hospital patients. No process for transition.

**Hayes** handed out the layout and rendering of the EMS facility. The living facility for 4-people and it is subject to change.

**Chronister** asked if the EMS facility had a garage for ambulances. In an emergency, does the ambulance take them to the facility proposed?

**White** stated we have always had emergency, it is needed. The first proposal did not include one. Class IV care has rules about transporting and receiving services that it can provide. Ambulance service – comparable, no interruption and less money to maintain. We have money in the bank and money coming to us. Health care is changing and where would the \$600,000.00 is subsidy come from? The emergency room here 3.5/5 are non-paying. They have 1 more doctor here from when they first began. We are not where we need to be with this item. We have other options we can look at. We need to decide if we are going to file suit or have a settlement, we are exploring options. There is a licensing issue and time is of the essence but we can accomplish it. We hope to have a more defined plan to bring back next month.

**Rider** asked the difference between urgent care and Emergency rooms. (definition provided but Carmichael went on by stating the following) **Carmichael** state the staffing is the same. There is a PA or Nurse Practitioner. There are nurses to assist as in an emergency room. There are four levels of a hospital and we are in the 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Hayes** stated the clinic is a 3-million-dollar campus with a higher operating cost each year, around 1-million per year.

**Rider** stated she had heard from a fire fighter that the EMS with Mercy is the best we have had. She went on to ask if the Affordable Care Act was in network because needs to be.

**Chronister** said an Urgency care has the right to deny services, you can be screened but not treated in an emergency room.

**White** said the contract stated services to provide. There are a lot of questions that need answers. We want to do the right thing for everyone. Business is business.

**Hayes** mentioned that there are rules and regulations. It is simply impossible to tailor everything to a community. We would have to offer something that can be done.

**White** said we are all invested. They are getting there the best that they can with what they have. We will work through the situation, the plan was to always build the facility and bring in doctors. Brad on Country Club has a great Urgent Care. I think Mercy is an option and we all want what is best and what will work on both sides. We are in a good position monetary wise and nothing is free. If transport was told to go to an emergency room, they would go to the nearest facility, which is Yukon I believe. They would not go to what is being proposed. I believe we are getting closer but there is a lot to discuss and review. Healthcare is ever changing and we need it in El Reno.

3. \*\*\*\*Discussion, consideration, and possible action in regard to a Letter of Intent with Mercy Health Network, Inc.

*No Action Taken.*

#### **E. ADJOURNMENT**

Filed in the office of the City Clerk and posted on the bulletin board at the west entrance of the El Reno Municipal Building, 101 N. Choctaw at 4:00p.m. on November 9, 2018.

Chronister **MOVED, SECONDED** by Ballhorn to adjourn.

#### **VOTE WAS:**

**AYE:** White, Chronister, Rider, Robinson, Ballhorn

**NAY:** None.

**ABSTAIN:** None.

**ABSENT:** None.

*Chairman White declared motion CARRIED by a vote of 5 to 0 with 0 absent.*

*The meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.*

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
**Matt White, Chairman**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
**Lindsey Grigg, Secretary**