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POSTING DATE: OCTOBER 2, 2025

**SPECIAL CALL
AGENDA
MUSKOGEE CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 6, 2025**

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE MUSKOGEE CITY COUNCIL

Official action can only be taken on items which appear on the agenda. The public body may adopt, approve, ratify, deny, defer, recommend, amend, strike, or continue any agenda item.

When more information is needed to act on an item, the public body may refer the matter to Staff or back to Committee or the recommending body.

Under certain circumstances, items are deferred to a specific date or stricken from the agenda entirely.

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Muskogee, Oklahoma, I do hereby issue a call for a Special Call Meeting of the Muskogee City Council to convene:

DATE: OCTOBER 6, 2025
TIME: 5:30 P.M.
**PLACE: COUNCIL CHAMBERS, THIRD FLOOR
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 229 W. OKMULGEE,
MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA**

ROLL CALL

1. Consider approval of Special Call City Council Minutes of September 25, 2025, or take other necessary action.
2. Consider approval of Ordinance No. 4277-A, an Ordinance granting a ninety (90) day extension of the Cable Provider Franchise Agreement granted to Cebridge Acquisition, L.P., d/b/a Suddenlink Communications, now Altice USA, d/b/a Optimum, pursuant to Ordinance No. 4106-A; Providing for Repealer, Severability, and Declaring an Emergency, or take other necessary action. (Katrina Bodenhamer)

3. Pursuant to Section 307 B.1 Title 25, Oklahoma Statutes, consider convening in Executive Session to discuss a Memorandum of Understanding with City Manager Kendal Francis, City Attorney Katrina Bodenhamer, and City Clerk Tammy L. Tracy, updating their employment contracts to reflect the recent changes in the AFSCME agreement, and if necessary, take appropriate action in Open Session. (Mayor W. Patrick Cale)

The City Clerk is hereby authorized to give each member of the Muskogee City Council notice of this Special Call Meeting as provided by the Charter of the City of Muskogee, Oklahoma.

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Special Call City Council

1.

Meeting Date: 10/06/2025
Initiator: Jennifer Sharp, Admin II
Department: City Clerk
Staff Information Source:

Information

AGENDA ITEM TITLE:

Consider approval of Special Call City Council Minutes of September 25, 2025, or take other necessary action.

BACKGROUND:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Fiscal Impact

Attachments

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MINUTES
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA
MET IN A SPECIAL CALL SESSION
IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL
SEPTEMBER 25, 2025

The City Council of the City of Muskogee, Oklahoma, met in a Special Call Session at 5:30 p.m., on September 25, 2025, in Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 229 W. Okmulgee Ave., Muskogee, Oklahoma, with Mayor W. Patrick Cale presiding.

Invocation was given by Vice Mayor Derrick A. Reed.

Flag Salutes were led by Mayor W. Patrick Cale.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor W. Patrick Cale and the City Clerk called the roll as follows:

Present: Patrick Cale, Mayor; Derrick Reed, Deputy Mayor; Jaime Stout, Councilmember; Tracy Hoos, Councilmember; Shirley Hilton-Flanary, Councilmember; Melody Cranford, Councilmember; Tom Martindale, Councilmember; Mike Brawley, Councilmember

Absent: Dan Hall, Councilmember

Staff Present: Kendal Francis, City Manager; Katrina Bodenhamer, City Attorney; Tammy L. Tracy, City Clerk; Kenna Terrell, Deputy City Clerk; Keri Spencer, Assistant City Attorney

- 1 Hold a Public Hearing and consider approval of Ordinance No. 4275-A, an Ordinance annexing 171.324 acres of territory adjacent to the city limits of the City of Muskogee, Oklahoma being located in THE NW SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 14 NORTH, RANGE 18 EAST OF THE INDIAN BASE AND MERIDIAN AND THE SW SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 14 NORTH, RANGE 18 EAST OF THE INDIAN BASE AND MERIDIAN AND THE NE SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 14 NORTH, RANGE 18 EAST OF THE INDIAN BASE MERIDIAN, MUSKOGEE COUNTY, STATE OF OKLAHOMA, to the City of Muskogee, Oklahoma, said properties being legally described in the background information of this agenda item, with approval of the proposed Service Plan attached as Exhibit B, adding repealer and severability, setting an effective date, and establishing an emergency, or take other necessary action. (Katrina Bodenhamer)

Mayor W. Patrick Cale opened the Public Hearing.

City Attorney Katrina Bodenhamer explained approval of this ordinance will annex properties south of other recently annexed properties in the John T. Griffin Industrial Park into the City limits. She stated the approval would also adopt the Service Plan as

was presented at tonight's meeting.

Dan Chepkasuskas spoke in opposition to the annexation and requested City Council delay the vote.

Mayor W. Patrick Cale closed the Public Hearing.

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Derrick Reed, seconded by Councilmember Shirley Hilton-Flanary to approve Ordinance No. 4275-A, an Ordinance annexing 171.324 acres of territory adjacent to the city limits of the City of Muskogee, Oklahoma being located in THE NW SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 14 NORTH, RANGE 18 EAST OF THE INDIAN BASE AND MERIDIAN AND THE SW SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 14 NORTH, RANGE 18 EAST OF THE INDIAN BASE AND MERIDIAN AND THE NE SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 14 NORTH, RANGE 18 EAST OF THE INDIAN BASE MERIDIAN, MUSKOGEE COUNTY, STATE OF OKLAHOMA, to the City of Muskogee, Oklahoma, said properties being legally described in the background information of this agenda item, with approval of the proposed Service Plan attached as Exhibit B, adding repealer and severability, setting an effective date.

AYE: Mayor Patrick Cale, Deputy Mayor Derrick Reed, Councilmember Tracy Hoos, Councilmember Shirley Hilton-Flanary, Councilmember Melody Cranford, Councilmember Tom Martindale, Councilmember Mike Brawley

NAY: Councilmember Jaime Stout
Carried

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Derrick Reed, seconded by Councilmember Mike Brawley to establish an emergency.

AYE: Mayor Patrick Cale, Deputy Mayor Derrick Reed, Councilmember Tracy Hoos, Councilmember Shirley Hilton-Flanary, Councilmember Melody Cranford, Councilmember Tom Martindale, Councilmember Mike Brawley

NAY: Councilmember Jaime Stout
Carried

W. PATRICK CALE, MAYOR

TAMMY L. TRACY, CITY CLERK

Special Call City Council**2.**

Meeting Date: 10/06/2025
Submitted For: Katrina Bodenhamer, City Attorney
Initiator: Katrina Bodenhamer, City Attorney
Department: City Attorney
Staff Information Source: City Attorney

Information**AGENDA ITEM TITLE:**

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BACKGROUND:

The City's Agreement with Cebridge Acquisition L.P., d/b/a Suddenlink Communications, is set to expire October 8, 2025. Cebridge Acquisition has been acquired by Altice, USA, d/b/a Optimum. Generally, the City would have held a public hearing to consider a 5-year extension of the Agreement; however, due to the changes which occurred in the recent transfer of ownership of the cable company, an agreement with Altice, USA, d/b/a Optimum must be created. This extension allowing Altice, USA, d/b/a Optimum to continue providing cable vision services provides an opportunity for the City to hold a public hearing, and gain useful public input, and incorporate necessary input into a renewed agreement. The agreement is non-exclusive, so this extension of the renewed agreement does not disallow another provider from providing cable vision services.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve Ordinance No. 4277-A

Fiscal Impact**Attachments**

Ordinance 4277-A

ORDINANCE NO. 4277-A

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MUSKOGEE GRANTING A NINETY (90) DAY EXTENSION OF THE CABLE PROVIDER FRANCHISE GRANTED PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 4106-A, BY PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 4106-A, adopted October 5, 2020, the City of Muskogee, Oklahoma, (“City”) granted a cable television franchise to Cebridge Acquisition, L.P. d/b/a Suddenlink Communications (“Suddenlink”) for a period of five (5) years, which is set to expire on the 8th day of October, 2025. and

WHEREAS, Altice USA, d/b/a Optimum, has since acquired Cebridge Acquisition, L.P. and the City is in the process of negotiating Altice, USA a renewal of the Franchise, and both parties desire to extend the Franchise for an additional ninety (90) day period;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City, as hereinafter set out:

SECTION 1: The City hereby extends the Franchise for an additional ninety (90) days beginning on the 6th day of October, 2025 and ending on the January 7, 2026.

SECTION 2: Cebridge d/b/a Suddenlink is the current holder of the right, privilege and authority granted pursuant to the Franchise and it has been acquired by Altice USA, d/b/a Optimum; and in no way does this Ordinance diminish the cable provider’s rights and privileges to seek a franchise renewal pursuant to Section 626 of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 546, including but not limited to its notice of intent to renew the Franchise filed pursuant to a letter from Altice to the City.

SECTION 3: Except as amended hereby, the Franchise shall remain in full force and effect subject to prevailing federal, state, and local law and is hereby ratified and confirmed in all respects.

SECTION 4: EMERGENCY. An immediate necessity existing for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety an emergency is hereby declared to exist by reason of which this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from the and after passage, approval and publication or posting.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA, THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2025.

PATRICK W. CALE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

(Seal)

TAMMY L. TRACY, CITY CLERK

Approved as to form and legality this _____ day of _____, 2025.

KATRINA BODENHAMER, CITY ATTORNEY

AGREED TO:

ALTICE, USA, D/B/A OPTIMUM

Special Call City Council

3.

Meeting Date: 10/06/2025
Submitted For: Katrina Bodenhamer, City Attorney
Initiator: Katrina Bodenhamer, City Attorney
Department: City Attorney
Staff Information Source:

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BACKGROUND:

The City Attorney advises that matters pertaining to the employment of any individual salaried public officer or employee are appropriate items for Executive Session, and that all matters discussed therein are confidential and not open to public disclosure.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Convene in Executive Session to discuss the terms of employment of City Manager Kendal Francis, City Clerk Tammy Tracy, and City Attorney Katrina Bodenhamer and, if necessary, take appropriate action in Open Session.

Fiscal Impact

Attachments

No file(s) attached.
