

Council Letter No. 5379

Meeting Date: April 4, 2022

Mayor and City Commission
City of Ardmore, Oklahoma

RE: Resolution Declaring the Personal Property Described Below Surplus and Authorizing the Disposal of Said Property by Donation to a Local Non-Profit Entity and Declaring an Emergency

Dear Commission Members:

The Ardmore Police Department is requesting approval to dispose of a horse racing chute that was abandoned to the City of Ardmore by the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation (OSBI) more than 15 years ago. The horse racing chute is inadequate and unsuitable for any public purpose and is surplus to the needs of the City of Ardmore. The method of disposal will be via donation to a local non-profit entity at its expense and within a reasonable amount of time.

Staff respectfully recommends approval of the Resolution to declare the horse racing chute surplus to be donated to a local non-profit entity.

Respectfully,



Kevin Norris
Chief of Police

Attachments: City Commission Resolution
OSBI Email

Reviewed by: _____


City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 4211

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE PERSONAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED BELOW AS SURPLUS TO THE NEEDS OF THE CITY OF ARDMORE, OKLAHOMA AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO DISPOSE OF SAME BY DONATION TO A LOCAL NON-PROFIT ENTITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Chapter 2, Article 3 of the City of Ardmore Code of Ordinances allows for the disposal of surplus property by the City Manager upon authorization of the City Commission; and,

WHEREAS, the personal property described herein was abandoned to the City of Ardmore by the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation more than 15 years ago and is inadequate and unsuitable for any public purpose of the City of Ardmore and is surplus to the needs of the City of Ardmore and has no useful public purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of Ardmore, Oklahoma as follows:

1. The horse racing chute abandoned and held by the City at its Public Works facility is hereby declared surplus to the needs of the City and is a burden to store in city facilities. The City Manager is hereby authorized to donate the subject property to a local non-profit organization provided the organization removes the property from City property at its expense within a reasonable time.

2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the City of Ardmore and the inhabitants thereof that this Resolution be put into full effect, an emergency is hereby declared to exist by reason whereof this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

The foregoing Resolution was duly adopted and approved by the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Ardmore, Oklahoma, on the ____ day of _____, 2022, after compliance with notice requirements of the Open Meeting Law (25 OSA, Sections 301, et seq.).

MAYOR

ATTEST

CITY CLERK

Kevin Norris

From: Kevin Norris
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2022 2:57 PM
To: 'Josh Dean'
Subject: RE: horse racing chute

Thank you!

Chief Kevin Norris
Ardmore Police Department Ardmore, OK.
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knorris@ardmorecity.org

From: Josh Dean [mailto:josh.dean@osbi.ok.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2022 2:39 PM
To: Kevin Norris <KNorris@ardmorecity.org>
Subject: RE: horse racing chute

Yes, sir. I forgot who I spoke with but they said they have no record of it in their system or that it was ever seized. He said yall are free to do with it what you wish. If you want to sell it for scrap metal and keep the money you can or if there is someone around that wants it you are free to donate it.

Josh

From: Kevin Norris <KNorris@ardmorecity.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2022 2:09 PM
To: Josh Dean <josh.dean@osbi.ok.gov>
Subject: FW: horse racing chute

Sir,
I wanted to check and see if you have gotten any answers on the horse racing chute?

Chief Kevin Norris
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From: Kevin Norris
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2022 9:50 AM
To: 'Josh Dean' <josh.dean@osbi.ok.gov>
Subject: RE: horse racing chute

Sir,
Have you had any luck?

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From: Josh Dean [<mailto:josh.dean@osbi.ok.gov>]
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2022 11:05 AM
To: Kevin Norris <KNorris@ardmorecity.org>
Cc: Justin Brown <Justin.Brown@osbi.ok.gov>
Subject: RE: horse racing chute

The Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission was our requestor on this case. All evidence will need to be released back to them to dispose of. I called their law enforcement division and left a voicemail. As soon as they call me back I will figure out what we need to do to get the chute removed ASAP.

Josh

From: Justin Brown <Justin.Brown@osbi.ok.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2022 10:11 AM
To: Josh Dean <josh.dean@osbi.ok.gov>
Subject: FW: horse racing chute

I recently received this email from Ardmore Police Chief Kevin Norris. I have no idea who I should call about this to see if I can get it resolved. Any suggestions?

From: Kevin Norris <KNorris@ardmorecity.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2022 10:41 AM
To: Justin Brown <Justin.Brown@osbi.ok.gov>
Subject: horse racing chute

Agent J. Brown,

At the old Ardmore Public Works building there is a horse racing chute. This chute was seized by OSBI about 15-18 years ago (my estimate) and has been there ever since. The chute was seized from an illegal horse racing operation in Love County. Technically the chute is not City of Ardmore property. We have tried to get OSBI to take possession of it in the past but have not had any success. If you could, would you please pass this on to whoever and see if they would give me the authority to declare it abandoned property. I would need something in memo form. If it is declared abandoned property, I can go through the steps of getting it disposed of once and for all. Thank you for your time.

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