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### **City of Claremore Announces Resignation of City Manager**

CLAREMORE, Okla. – Effective immediately, the Claremore City Council accepts the resignation of City Manager, Jim Thomas. Following a city council executive session Monday night, the Acting City Manager will be named.

“The Claremore City Council and I accept the resignation of City Manager Jim Thomas, effective July 6, 2020,” said Claremore Mayor Bill Flanagan. “We thank Jim for his many years of service to our city and wish him success in future endeavors.”

The City Manager contract provides a 12-month severance payment, regardless of the date of resignation. This is the same provision that has been included in previous contracts. Thomas will be paid 12 months of gross salary (\$142,041.12) accrued vacation pay (235.25 hours for \$16,064.99) and an annual \$15,000 payment to the Oklahoma Municipal Retirement Fund for a total cost of \$173,106.11. All amounts are gross estimates and do not reflect state or federal taxes or other deductions such as FICA, SUTA, Medicare or other employer or employee contributions.

There is not an investigation underway or concerns of misconduct by either party. Thomas and the City have entered into a Settlement Agreement as a means of resolving any current or future employment disputes.

Following the City Council executive session tonight, the Council will appoint an Acting City Manager while a search is conducted to permanently fill the role.

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