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Here's a detailed timeline of the main events and a cast of characters based on the provided sources: Timeline of Key Events in Stillwater, Oklahoma

#### **Historical Foundation:**

- **1891:** The City of Stillwater is organized as a municipal corporation under its Municipal Charter, pursuant to Article XVIII of the Oklahoma Constitution.
- September 18, 1939 (Ordinance 723): A 2% franchise tax for telephone service is approved.
- January 21, 1963: The Stillwater Public Works Authority (SPWA) is created by a Declaration of Trust, designating the City Council as trustees to provide physical facilities and services.
- **1960:** The City of Stillwater adopts its current council-manager form of government.
- 1966 (Ordinance 1160): The first 3.5% sales tax for "general purposes" of municipal government is approved by voters. An additional 1% is approved for debt service and capital improvements.
- **1972 (Ordinance 1433):** An additional 1% sales tax is approved for the general purposes of municipal government.
- **1977 (Ordinance 1835):** An additional 1% sales tax is approved for the general purposes of municipal government.
- March 25, 1985 (Ordinance 2178): A 4% hotel/motel tax is adopted by the City Council.
- July 13, 1988 (Ordinance 2621): The hotel/motel tax is approved by voters, with 1% of gross receipts dedicated to city administration costs.
- May 23, 1988 (Ordinance 2320): Provisions for mowing fees and administrative handling fees for overgrown property are established.
- **August 31, 1998 (Council Action CC-08-31-98):** Every fine of \$50 or more is earmarked to provide continuous and advanced training for Police Officers.
- July 7, 1997 (Resolution 97-18): A stormwater fee is created to fund drainage facilities and stormwater-related projects.
- **1997:** The City's use tax is approved at the same rate as the sales tax (3.5%).
- April 7, 1997 (Ordinance 2562): The use tax is established.
- **September 11, 2001 (Ordinance 2718):** An additional 0.5% sales tax is approved by voters for transportation improvements.

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- July 1, 2000 (Resolution CC-2000-3): A planning application fee schedule becomes effective.
- February 28, 2002: The Stillwater Utilities Authority (SUA) issues the 2002 Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB) SRF Note Payable with an original amount of \$3,413,483. This debt is secured by utility revenues and a one-cent sales tax.
- **December 2002:** The SUA issues a second 2002 OWRB SRF Note Payable with an original amount of \$4,876,086.
- June 2005: The SUA issues the 2005 OWRB Fixed Rate Note for \$7,620,000.
- June 20, 2011 (Resolution SUA-2011-4): Electric rates are set by the Stillwater Utilities Authority Trustees.
- **November 5, 2012:** The Stillwater Industrial Redevelopment Authority is renamed the Stillwater Economic Development Authority (SEDA).
- May 6, 2013 (Resolution SUA-2013-1): Waste management fees and rate structures are set by the SUA Trustees.
- August 14, 2014: The SUA issues Series 2014A Revenue Bonds with an original amount of \$61,830,000, secured by utility revenues.
- FY2015: A water and wastewater cost of service and rate design study is completed, leading to the adoption of a resolution establishing new rate structures for FY2016, FY2017, and FY2018.
- September 14, 2015 (Ordinance 3325): A 25-year non-exclusive franchise agreement is approved by voters on November 10, 2015, with ONE Gas, Inc.
- **November 10, 2015 (Ordinance 3322):** An additional 0.5% sales tax is approved by voters for transportation improvements.
- July 6, 2015 (Resolution SUA-2015-7): Water and wastewater rates are set by the SUA Trustees.
- April 17, 2017 (Resolution SUA-2017-4): Waste management fees are set by the SUA Trustees.
- **January 1, 2019:** The automatic annual rate escalator for electric utility rates (3% or CPI, whichever is less) is suspended pending completion of a cost of service study.
- **July 1, 2019:** The automatic annual rate escalator for water and wastewater rates (3% or CPI, whichever is less) is suspended pending completion of a cost of service study.
- **2019 (Community Development Block Grant):** Strickland Park's skate park renovations are selected as the recipient of the grant.

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#### Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budgeting and Financial Events (May 2019 - June 2020):

- **May 20, 2019:** The City Council adopts the Strategic Plan for 2019-2023. This plan emphasizes transportation and economic development.
- May 20, 2019: Stillwater City Council passes Resolution NO. CC-2019-7, adopting the operating budget for FY2019-2020.
- May 20, 2019: Stillwater Utilities Authority (SUA) passes Resolution NO. SUA-2019-1, adopting an operating budget for FY2019-2020. The resolution details a transfer of \$20,615,841 from the General Fund to the City Capital Fund for capital purchases, with no less than \$4,000,000 to be deposited into the City Capital Fund.
- May 20, 2019: Stillwater Economic Development Authority (SEDA) passes Resolution NO. SEDA-2019-1, adopting an operating budget for FY2019-2020.
- May 20, 2019: Stillwater Public Works Authority (SPWA) passes Resolution NO.
  SPWA-2019-1, adopting an operating budget for FY2019-2020.
- **June 2007:** A resolution is adopted providing for annual electric utility rate increases (3% or CPI, whichever is less) effective January 1st of each year.
- **July 1, 2019:** The beginning of Fiscal Year 2020.
- July 15, 2019: Budget Amendment Request to increase budget for manual reading of water meters by \$49,845 due to failing ERTS system.
- July 19, 2019: Budget Amendment Request to increase budget for SCADA view-only and backup system by \$15,336 (Water Resources).
- July 29, 2019: Budget Amendment Request to carry forward \$22,060 from FY2019 budget for purchase of a salt/sand spreader.
- August 6, 2019: Budget Amendment Request to increase budget for purchase of Wartsila engines/generators at Stillwater Energy Center by \$300,000.
- August 19, 2019: Budget Amendment Request to fund the completion of the Electric, Water, and Wastewater cost of service and rate design study by increasing budget by \$160,000.
- **August 23, 2019:** Budget Amendment Request to appropriate funds to purchase hearing protection for Stillwater Police Department SOT Team by \$6,900.
- August 27, 2019: Budget Amendment Request for Substation Transformer Replacement Project – Central, Hospital, and Industrial construction contracts approved by Trustees on September 9th, 2019, totaling \$1,047,012.

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- **September 5, 2019:** Budget Amendment Request to increase revenue and expense budgets by \$40,526 for insurance settlement of a 2017 Explorer police vehicle.
- September 11, 2019: Budget Amendment Request to fund the Digester 'A' Lid Replacement and Miscellaneous Improvements at the WWTP – SUA Project by \$2,871,275.
- September 17, 2019: Budget Amendment Request to appropriate funds to purchase hearing protection for Stillwater Police Department SOT Team by \$2,450, funded from SPD Criminal Investigation Fund.
- **September 25, 2019:** Budget Amendment Request for improvements to Lakeside Memorial Golf Course clubhouse and house, including new roofs, by \$31,153.
- October 2, 2019: Budget Amendment Request to continue gun range project for Stillwater Police Department by \$934.
- **October 10, 2019:** Budget Amendment Request to amend the FY2020 budget for the Hazard Mitigation Plan with \$234,000.
- **October 14, 2019:** Budget Amendment Request to relocate electric service at Perkins and McElroy intersection for materials and services needed, total of \$202,400.
- October 17, 2019: Budget Amendment Request by Stillwater Public Library Trust to spend \$8,665 on books.
- **October 25, 2019:** Budget Amendment Request to fund creation of an indoor baggage return at Stillwater Airport Terminal for \$14,500.
- October 25, 2019: Budget Amendment Request regarding contract with American Airlines resulting in \$80,000 increase for Airport Admin/Landing Fees and Airport Maint/Room Rental.
- November 6, 2019: The annual financial report is received by the State Auditor and Inspector.
- **November 8, 2019:** Budget Amendment Request for payment of remaining balance owed to Bank of America for commercial and two roll-off vehicles by \$1,020,091.
- **November 11, 2019:** Budget Amendment Request to fund replacement of a street sweeper by \$310,500.
- **November 11, 2019:** Budget Amendment Request for relocation of a waterline associated with the intersection of McElroy Road and Boomer Road, by \$145,000.
- November 19, 2019: Budget Amendment Request for the construction of a WTP Generator, with 75% reimbursement from OEM/FEMA Grant Funds, totaling \$5,633,584.

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*4 July 2025* **December 3, 2019:** The library receives \$14,400 in discounts from the state and federal governments for internet service, along with \$14,400 for building infrastructure.

- December 11, 2019: Budget Amendment Request to transfer \$455,000 from General Fund to Airport Fund for land purchase at 4616 North Washington.
- December 11, 2019: Budget Amendment Request to transfer \$655,555 from General Fund to Airport Grant Fund for the City's grant match on Phase II of the South Apron Project.
- January 2, 2020: Budget Amendment Request for Library to fund Census 2020 outreach activities, including \$3,100 from The Institute of Library and Museum Services and Oklahoma Department of Libraries, and \$2,000 from the American Library Association's Library Census Equity Fund.
- **January 7, 2020:** Budget Amendment Request for Fire Department to purchase a new ladder truck by \$400,000, with \$200,000 committed by OSU.
- January 23, 2020: Budget Amendment Request for Information Technology project for Council Chamber A/V Upgrade, decreasing budget by \$125,000 as the project will not be completed in FY2020.
- January 23, 2020: Budget Amendment Request to return revenue from ITRON meters to purchase 2 trucks for utility equipment services team by \$98,600.
- January 28, 2020: Budget Amendment Request to reduce appropriations in SEDA
  Operating Fund to prevent possible expenditure beyond the fund's cash balance by \$187,823.
- February 3, 2020: Budget Amendment Request for Water Resources Utilities for Water Treatment Plant SCADA software upgrades (\$16,174) and first year of service agreement for \$7,258. Total \$23,432.
- February 4, 2020: Budget Amendment Request for Water Resources to appropriate funds for engineering study, report development, and residuals management plan by \$380,000.
- **February 11, 2020:** Budget Amendment Request to replace chlorine feed system components at the Water Treatment Plant by \$47,500.
- **February 13, 2020:** Budget Amendment Request to correct budget carry forward entry for water project. \$73,379.

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- February 19, 2020: Budget Amendment Request for Stillwater Public Library to receive a \$2,000 grant from the Oklahoma Partnership for School Readiness Foundation for use in the library's 1000 Book Before Kindergarten program.
- February 19, 2020: Budget Amendment Request for donations received by the library from Jan 1 – Feb 15, totaling \$1,583.
- March 4, 2020: Budget Amendment Request for extension of Grandview Street for \$200,000.
- **March 11, 2020:** Budget Amendment Request to appropriate funds for improvements to Western Road and the McElroy & Main intersection, \$245,000.
- **March 24, 2020:** Budget Amendment Request to decrease electric purchase power costs due to new rate structures of GRDA by \$3,250,000.
- April 10, 2020: Budget Amendment Request to appropriate funds donated to Stillwater Dog Park, totaling \$10,000.
- April 13, 2020: Budget Amendment Request to appropriate federal grants funds for phase 1 of the North Apron expansion, totaling \$10,400,000.
- April 14, 2020: Budget Amendment Request for Perkins Road Waterline Relocation for construction services, testing services, and contingency by \$564,532.
- **April 14, 2020:** Budget Amendment Request for Perkins Road Waterline Relocation for construction services, testing services, and contingency by \$1,427,468.
- May 5, 2020: Budget Amendment Request to close out completed capital project and return remaining balance to fund balance for Transportation Sales Tax Fund, decreasing by \$779,881.
- May 5, 2020: Budget Amendment Request to close out completed capital project and return remaining balance to fund balance for Water Capital Fund, decreasing by \$475,044.
- **May 5, 2020:** Budget Amendment Request to close out completed capital project and return remaining balance to fund balance for Water Fund, decreasing by \$3,326.
- May 5, 2020: Budget Amendment Request to close out completed capital project and return remaining balance to fund balance for Electric Rate Stabilization Fund, decreasing by \$310,385.
- **May 5, 2020:** Budget Amendment Request to close out completed capital project and return remaining balance to fund balance for Airport, decreasing by \$1,605.

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- **May 5, 2020:** Budget Amendment Request to close out completed capital project and return remaining balance to fund balance for General Fund, decreasing by \$9,163.
- **May 5, 2020:** Budget Amendment Request to close out completed capital project and return remaining balance to fund balance for Water Capital B, decreasing by \$427,903.
- **May 5, 2020:** Budget Amendment Request to close out completed capital project and return remaining balance to fund balance for Wastewater Fund, decreasing by \$2,590.
- May 5, 2020: Budget Amendment Request to close out completed capital project and return remaining balance to fund balance for Transportation Fee Fund, decreasing by \$9,850.
- **May 5, 2020:** Budget Amendment Request to close out completed capital project and return remaining balance to fund balance for CDBG, decreasing by \$350.
- May 5, 2020: Budget Amendment Request to close out completed capital project and return remaining balance to fund balance for City Capital Fund, decreasing by \$7,400.
- **May 5, 2020:** Budget Amendment Request to close out completed capital project and return remaining balance to fund balance for Airport, decreasing by \$2,080.
- May 5, 2020: Budget Amendment Request to close out completed capital project and return remaining balance to fund balance for Development Services, decreasing by \$8,472.
- May 21, 2020: The City receives \$235,000 from OSU as a contribution for future rent payments for OSU occupancy at the Airport, as per MOU between OSU and CoS dated March 3, 2020.
- May 21, 2020: Budget Amendment Request regarding Oklahoma Department of Libraries dispersing the remaining 10% of the State Aid grant for the Oklahoma Virtual Library, totaling \$3,950.
- May 21, 2020: Stillwater Public Library is awarded a \$20,000 H.O.P.E. grant from Oklahoma Humanities and National Endowment for the Humanities for use on staff wages.
- **June 16, 2020:** Budget Amendment Request for Waste Management for expenditure amendment 1/2 for \$58,371 to cover operating and lease expenditures.
- **June 16, 2020:** Budget Amendment Request for Waste Management for expenditure amendment 2/2 for \$54,170 to cover operating and lease expenditures.
- **June 16, 2020:** Budget Amendment Request for Waste Management for revenue amendment 2/2 for \$55,290.

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- June 16, 2020: Budget Amendment Request for donations received by the library from Jan 1 – Feb 15, totaling \$634.
- **June 16, 2020:** Budget Amendment Request for federal grant revenue for Apron Expansion Phase II, totaling \$12,078,478.
- June 30, 2020: End of Fiscal Year 2020. The City's total liabilities amount to \$139,811,206 (Stillwater Medical Center Authority), and total net position for the primary government is \$339,392,542.
- **Spring 2020:** Cost of service studies for electric utility and water/wastewater are completed, with discussions of rate adjustments planned for Winter 2020.

#### Post-Fiscal Year 2020 (Projections and Continuing Operations):

- July 2020: City Hall/Police Building 2010 GO Refunding Bonds mature.
- July 24, 2020: Budget Amendment Request for Library to receive a \$15,000 Big Read grant from the National Endowment for the Arts and an \$8,460 grant from the Oklahoma Historical Society for a consultant to advise staff and create a long range strategic plan for Special Collections.
- **August 3, 2020:** SUA Meeting to approve construction of sewer line relocations for PAC Area Project, involving water and sewer lines, costing \$447,880.
- **August 3, 2020:** Budget Amendment Request to appropriate \$4,600,000 to the FY20 Pavement Management (PM) program, funded by the 1/2 cent sales tax.
- **August 11, 2020:** Budget Amendment Request for Water Treatment Plant UV system purchase by \$27,500.
- August 14, 2020: Budget Amendment Request for Library to spend \$113,515 grant from the Oklahoma Department of Libraries and Institute for Museum and Library Services for eMedia for Oklahoma Virtual Library.
- **August 19, 2020:** CARES Act Grant provides \$6,039,239 for FAA AIP Grant for Apron Expansion Phase II, plus an additional \$353,155 for construction contracts.
- September 2021: 2002 OWRB SRF Note (original amount \$3,413,483) matures.
- **September 2022:** 2002 OWRB SRF Note (original amount \$4,876,086) matures.
- March 2025: 2005 OWRB Fixed Rate Note matures.
- **October 2042:** Series 2014A Revenue Bonds mature.
- September 2032: 2009 OWRB DWSRF Note matures.

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#### Cast of Characters

#### Stillwater City Officials (as of May 2019, unless otherwise noted):

• **Will Joyce:** Mayor of Stillwater, Chairman of Stillwater Utilities Authority (SUA), and Chairman of Stillwater Economic Development Authority (SEDA).

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- Pat Darlington: Vice Mayor of Stillwater and Vice Chairman of Stillwater Utilities Authority (SUA).
- Amy Dzialowski: City Councilor and Trustee for SUA and SEDA.
- John Wedlake: City Councilor and Trustee for SUA and SEDA.
- Alane Zannotti: City Councilor and Trustee for SUA and SEDA.
- **Norman McNickle:** City Manager and General Manager of SUA and SEDA. Responsible for preparing the annual fiscal year budget and presenting it to the City Council.
- **John Dorman:** City Attorney and General Counsel for SUA and SEDA.
- **Elizabeth Chrz:** City Clerk and Secretary for SUA and SEDA. Responsible for filing the adopted budget with the State Auditor and Inspector.
- Melissa Reames: Deputy City Manager. Requested budget amendments related to Airport.
- Paula Dennison: Assistant City Manager.
- Barbara Bliss: Community Resources Manager.
- Brad Stewart: Information Technology Director. Requested budget amendments related to IT.
- Christy Cluck: Finance Director. Responsible for reviews of budget amendments.
- Christy Luper: Human Resources Director.
- Jeff Watts: Police Chief. Requested budget amendments related to Police.
- John McClenny: Special Projects Director.
- Lanc Gross: Planning Manager.
- Mark White: Public Works Director. Requested budget amendments related to Operations.
- Melinda Gray: Municipal Court Clerk.
- Monty Karns: City Engineering Director. Requested budget amendments related to Transportation.
- Paul Priegel: Airport Director. Requested budget amendments related to Airport.

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- Rob Hill: Emergency Management Director. Requested budget amendments related to Emergency Management.
- Sherry Fletcher: Marketing & Civic Engagement Director.
- **Stacy Delano:** Interim Library Director. Requested budget amendments related to Library.
- Tom Bradley: Fire Chief. Requested budget amendments related to Fire.
- **Bill Millis:** Water Resources Engineering Director. Requested budget amendments related to Water Utilities Engineering.
- Chris Knight: Waste Management Director. Requested budget amendments related to Waste Management.
- **Dana Mattox:** Utility and Billing Services Director. Requested budget amendments related to Customer Service.
- James Driskel: Water Utilities Director. Requested budget amendments related to Water Utilities and Wastewater.
- Loren Smith: Electric Director. Requested budget amendments related to Electric Utility.
- **Candy Staring:** Requested budget amendments related to Water Resources.
- Jim Scott: Requested budget amendments related to Events and Recreation and City Manager's Office.
- Kasi Koontz: Requested budget amendments related to Waste Management.
- Leah Berry: Finance Department personnel, often listed as "Processed by Finance" and "Reviewed by Finance" on budget amendment requests.

#### Other Entities and Individuals:

- Oklahoma State University (OSU): A major employer and educational institution in Stillwater. Collaborated with the City on the purchase of a ladder truck for the Fire Department and contributed to airport projects.
- **Stillwater Medical Center Authority:** A discretely presented proprietary component unit of the City; the City is the beneficiary of its trust. A principal employer in Stillwater.
- Stillwater Public Schools: A principal employer in Stillwater.
- **Wal-Mart:** A principal employer in Stillwater.
- **Oncue Marketing:** A principal employer in Stillwater.
- Oklahoma State Department of Career Tech: A principal employer in Stillwater.
- **Stillwater Designs/Kicker Audio:** A principal employer in Stillwater.

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- **ASCO Aerospace USA, LLC:** A principal property tax payer and employer in Stillwater.
- National Standard Co.: A principal employer in Stillwater.
- Quebecor World/Quad Graphics: A principal employer in Stillwater.
- Stan Clark Companies: A principal employer in Stillwater.
- **Simmons Bank:** (Formerly BankSNB) A principal employer in Stillwater.
- Meridian Technology Center: An employer in Stillwater.
- Frontier Electronics: An employer in Stillwater.
- Armstrong World Industries: An employer in Stillwater.
- Grand River Dam Authority (GRDA): Stillwater Utilities Authority's power provider.
- Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB): Issued SRF Notes and Fixed Rate Notes to SUA for water and wastewater projects.
- Phillips 66: Awarded a grant for Fuel Farm Improvement at Stillwater Airport.
- Oklahoma Partnership for School Readiness Foundation: Awarded a grant to Stillwater Public Library for the "1000 Book Before Kindergarten" program.
- National Endowment for the Humanities: Awarded a H.O.P.E. grant to Stillwater Public Library for staff wages. Awarded a grant to the library for the "Revisiting the Founding Era" program, managed by The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History.
- **Oklahoma Historical Society:** Awarded a grant to the library to consult and create a long-range strategic plan for Special Collections.
- **Bank of America:** Owed balance for commercial and roll-off vehicles by the City.
- The Institute of Library and Museum Services: Provided grants to the library for Census 2020 outreach activities.
- American Library Association's Library Census Equity Fund: Provided grants to the library for Census 2020 outreach activities.
- Wendell Tatroult: Donor for smoke detectors to the Fire Department.