

## Okmulgee City Council shows support for new trail system

The Okmulgee City Council held a special meeting on Thursday, January 30 at 8:30am to consider submission of the proposed multipurpose trail grant application for Hawthorn Park. Hawthorn Park is located by the Okmulgee Primary School.

Dr. Ed Osborn, a member of the Circle of Friends Trails Committee made a presentation to the council about the proposed project. The council unanimously endorsed submitting the trail grant proposal to Oklahoma Tourism Department. The Hawthorne Park Trail is part of a future vision that will eventually connect all city parks by way of multipurpose trails.

Obesity is an epidemic spreading from community to community in Oklahoma as well as the United States and Okmulgee County is currently the fourth most obese county in Oklahoma. The proposed Hawthorne Park trail is an effort to make physical activity safe and accessible to more people.



**Mayor Stephen Baldrige signs the grant proposal for submission. Bobby Howard represents the Trail Committee and well as the Okmulgee County Wellness Coalition.**

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