



DATE: May 31, 2013

TO: Ken Komiske, Director of Utilities
Jeff Bryant, City Attorney

FROM: Brenda Hall, City Clerk

SUBJECT: Claim from Mike Biehler

I am in receipt of a claim from Mike Biehler in the amount of \$2,349.43 for damages to his vehicle due to his claim that on May 9, 2013, his vehicle was struck by a City of Norman sanitation truck at the corner of Lindsey and Jenkins. According to the police report, Mr. Biehler's son, Christopher, was stopped at a traffic light on Jenkins Avenue waiting to change lanes into the westbound turning lane at Lindsey Street. A sanitation truck, driven by James Harrell, was northbound on Jenkins Avenue approaching Lindsey Street when he crossed into the yellow hash marks of the turning lane. When the lights changed, Mr. Biehler began merging into the left turn lane at the same time the sanitation truck began moving forward from the yellow hash marks into the turning lane. Mr. Harrell applied his brakes to avoid a collision, but the brakes locked up and he struck Mr. Biehler's vehicle.

Ken, I would appreciate your checking with your staff regarding verification of the problem. Please report your findings by written memorandum to me with a copy to Jeff.

Jeff, if it is determined the City has liability in this matter, please signify by writing a report of your recommendations in order that we may schedule this claim as an agenda item.

BH:smr
attachments

office memorandum