

City of Norman, OK

Municipal Building Council Chambers 201 West Gray Norman, OK 73069

Legislation Text

File #: SC-1920-1, Version: 1

<u>SPECIAL CLAIM SC-1920-1</u>: SUBMITTED BY DEBORAH N. MAUPIN IN THE REDUCED AMOUNT OF \$1,750.00 FOR DAMAGE TO HER VEHICLE AS A RESULT OF AN INCIDENT WITH A SANITATION DEPARTMENT TRUCK AT 3312 GREENWOOD DRIVE.

BACKGROUND: A claim was filed by Deborah N. Maupin in the amount of \$4,874.72 for damage her car received when it was struck by a City Sanitation truck on December 24, 2018, at 3312 Greenwood Drive.

<u>DISCUSSION</u>: This incident was investigated by Terry Richmond, Utilities Supervisor. On December 24, 2018, a City employee was driving a sanitation truck on Greenwood Drive when he tried to maneuver past vehicles that were legally parked along the curb on opposite sides of the street. The employee misjudged the distance needed to successfully pass the vehicles and subsequently struck Ms. Maupin's car also parked along the curb.

Ms. Maupin submitted three (3) estimates to repair her 2005 Honda Accord, with the lowest estimate being \$4,874.72. Research indicates the average value of this vehicle is \$2,847.33. After negotiation, Ms. Maupin agreed to retain possession of her car and accept \$1,750.00 for damages.

As indicated above, there appears to be possible negligence on the part of the City in this matter and consequently potential liability on the City. Ms. Maupin's claim, in the agreed amount of \$1,750.00, appears reasonable.

RECOMMENDATION: Based upon the above and foregoing, it is the recommendation of the City Attorney's office that the claim of Deborah Maupin, in the agreed amount of \$1,750.00 as set forth above, be approved.