

**WHEREAS**, reading is the foundation of education for people of all ages; and

**WHEREAS**, reading for enjoyment and enlightenment can enrich the lives of individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, the arts are a vital component of everyday life, allowing Americans to expand their horizons as thinkers and citizens in a world of complex ideas and technologies; and

**WHEREAS**, the City received a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts and support from the Stillwater Public Library Trust, Stillwater Public Library Friends and OSU Library Friends for our 8<sup>th</sup> community-wide reading event; and

**WHEREAS**, the Spring 2016 community read will foster a sense of community through a shared arts and reading experience of two novels that explore two very different views of 1920s America and Oklahoma; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Stillwater is collaborating with Sheerar Museum of Stillwater History, Mt. Zion Church, Town and Gown, Oklahoma State University Library and many other community and university partners to present this series

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Stillwater City Council hereby encourages all community members to participate in “**Two Books, One Community: The Great Gatsby and Fire in Beulah**” by reading and discussing these novels and attending programs and exhibits during March and April.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Stillwater to be affixed this 7th day of March, 2016.

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GINA J. NOBLE, MAYOR

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
ELIZABETH CHRZ, CITY CLERK