



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
April 2, 2018

The City Council of the City of The Village, Oklahoma, met in regular session at City Hall on Monday, April 2, 2018, at 7:30 p.m., at 2304 Manchester Drive.

**COUNCIL PRESENT**

Dave Bennett, Mayor  
Sonny Wilkinson, Vice-Mayor  
Cathy Cummings, Council Member  
Bubba Symes, Council Member  
Hutch Hibbard, Council Member

**STAFF PRESENT**

Bruce K. Stone, City Manager  
Beverly K. Whitener, City Treasurer  
Leslie V. Batchelor, City Attorney  
Larry Walton, Public Works Director  
Paul Kinman, Chief of Police

**ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER.**

Mayor Bennett called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**ITEM II: INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Council Member Hibbard gave the invocation and led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ITEM III: APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

The Mayor asked if there were any corrections, additions or deletions to the Minutes of the meeting held on March 19, 2018. There were no corrections, additions or deletions and the Council approved the Minutes of the meeting, as written.

**ITEM IV: CITIZENS DESIRING TO BE HEARD; PRESENTATIONS.**

Jim Bonfiglio, Director of Operations for Casady School, appeared before the Council to explain proposed campus improvements. Mr. Bonfiglio showed the Council renderings of the proposed improvements to the main entrance to the campus via Pennsylvania Avenue. Mr. Bonfiglio noted that a new "Welcome Center" is planned to assist visitors entering the campus. Mr. Bonfiglio also showed the Council renderings of an attractive traffic circle, which would control and direct traffic en route to different parts of the campus.

Council Member Cummings asked if the school's Britton Road entrance would remain and when the school expects construction to begin. Mr. Bonfiglio stated that the Britton Road entrance would remain as is and that construction would begin after graduation ceremonies are complete.

City Manager Bruce Stone advised the Council that the improvements would require the widening of the entrance by four (4) feet and would necessitate the relocation of one of the



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traffic signal poles. Mr. Stone advised that the widening and pole relocation would not affect the operation of the traffic controls, as currently configured.

Kate Siemens, 10316 Northland Road, appeared before the Council in reference to an ongoing dispute with a neighbor. Ms. Siemens acknowledged the support of city officials and thanked the police department for caring and conducting extra patrols through the neighborhood. Ms. Siemens expressed her support for a friendly community and encouraged the Council to strengthen the City Code pertaining to false alarms, false reports, and misinformation.

Jennifer Birch, 10305 Northland, appeared before the Council in support of the Siemens family. Ms. Birch advised she has witnessed the Police Department responding to (alleged) false reports and complaints lodged by their neighbor. Ms. Birch advised that she deems these actions as harassment and that it has gone on too long. Ms. Birch expressed her support for a review and update of the City ordinances pertaining to false alarms, false reports and misinformation.

Peggy Vogt asked the city manager if he had received information from Oklahoma City pertaining to private water lines and meters for certain homes on Lakeside Drive. Mr. Stone advised that he has followed up (by email) with Oklahoma City officials but that he has not yet received the requested information.

**ITEM V: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 04-02-2018 (A) DECLARING CERTAIN PROPERTY SURPLUS AND OBSOLETE AND AUTHORIZING ITS SALE.**

City Manager Bruce Stone advised the Council that thirteen (13) Motorola radios are no longer needed by the City. Mr. Stone advised that Resolution 04-02-2018 (A) declares the radios surplus and obsolete and allows the sale of the equipment. Mr. Stone advised that replacement radios have been purchased with grant funds (\$46,000) obtained from the Department of Homeland Security.

After a brief discussion, Vice-Mayor Wilkinson moved to approve Resolution 04-02-2018 (A). Council Member Cummings seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Hibbard, Symes, Wilkinson, Bennett and Cummings. Nay – none.

**ITEM VI: CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND RELEASE WITH GREG REECE, A FORMER EMPLOYEE.**

City Attorney Leslie Batchelor told the Council that the settlement agreement with former employee Greg Reece makes sense for the City and avoids the cost and uncertainties of arbitration with the Fraternal Order of Police. Ms. Batchelor recommended that the Council approve the settlement agreement.



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Council Member Hibbard moved to approve the settlement agreement with Greg Reece. Council Member Symes seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Hibbard, Symes, Wilkinson, Bennett and Cummings. Nay – none.

**ITEM VII: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 04-02-2018 (B) COMMENDING HUTCH HIBBARD FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE.**

Council Member Hibbard stated that he has taken a new position in the Dallas area and would no longer be able to serve on the City Council after this meeting. Council Member Hibbard told the Council that it has been an honor and privilege to serve on the Council and serving two terms as Mayor. Council Member Hibbard thanked Stan Alexander for being his mentor and for grooming him to succeed him on the City Council. Council Member Hibbard said he was proud of what has been accomplished during his tenure including Uptown Grocery, the purchase of a new fire truck and record breaking revenues during his terms as Mayor.

Council Member Hibbard addressed each member of the Council:

“Council Member Cummings, you have inspired me by your energy and passion and you have pushed us all to be better members of the Council”.

“Vice-Mayor Wilkinson, you have made me look at issues in a different light and I deeply admire your endless persistence”.

“Council Member Symes, I have always looked up to you and I thank you for your leadership, wisdom and dedication to this city”.

“Mayor Bennett, you have served the citizens of The Village with class and dignity”.

“Leslie Batchelor, your leadership has guided the City through challenging times and the City is lucky to have your counsel”.

“Bruce Stone, you are the heart and soul of The Village. I admire you and thank you for always putting the City first”.

Council Member Hibbard concluded by saying that he is blessed to have had the opportunity to serve and to be a part of the success and progress that the City has made.

Mayor Bennett thanked Council Member Hibbard for his service and presented him with his very own street sign inscribed “Hibbard Road”.



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After a brief discussion, Council Member Symes moved to approve Resolution 04-02-2018 (B) commending Hutch Hibbard for his service to the City of The Village. Vice-Mayor Wilkinson seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Hibbard, Symes, Wilkinson, Bennett and Cummings. Nay – none.

**ITEM VIII: CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO NAME CERTAIN PUBLIC PROPERTY OF THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE.**

Council Member Hibbard stated that he would like to make his final motion as a member of the City Council. Council Member Hibbard moved to name The Village Public Works office in honor of longtime Public Works Director Larry Walton. Council Member Symes seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Hibbard, Symes, Wilkinson, Bennett and Cummings. Nay – none.

Council Member Symes moved to name The Village City Hall in honor of City Manager Bruce Stone. Council Member Hibbard seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Hibbard, Symes, Wilkinson, Bennett and Cummings. Nay – none.

Larry Walton and Bruce Stone both expressed their complete surprise with this action by the Council and thanked the Council for the great honor.

**ITEM IX. REPORTS:**

a) *Expenditure Reports: The Council reviewed the following expenditure reports:*

*General Fund, 03-05-2018: \$8,026.01*

b) *Manager's Report:*

*City Manager Bruce Stone briefed the Council on the pros and cons of installing medians on Penn south of Britton. Mr. Stone told the Council that medians are expensive and require maintenance. Mr. Stone also noted the many intersecting streets and driveways that make the medians impractical. Mr. Stone advised that turn lanes are needed at these intersecting streets in order to minimize traffic congestion. The city manager also briefed the Council on the costs of improving the intersection of Britton and Penn with concrete. Mr. Stone advised that this proposed improvement is not a listed bond project and, because of drainage in the intersection, is considerably more expensive than originally thought. After a brief discussion, the Council opted to drop medians on Penn and to delay consideration of the proposed improvements to the intersection of Penn and Britton until other listed bond projects are funded.*



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*The city manager reported that The Village would sponsor a LitterBlitz event again this year on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.*

*Mr. Stone showed the Council pictures of rain barrels that are being promoted for use by COSWA (Central Oklahoma Storm Water Association). Mr. Stone advised that this program is popular in many communities but is concerned about added clutter and the appearance of the rain barrels.*

*The city manager advised that OML dues for next year will increase rather significantly thanks to higher city sales tax collections. Mr. Stone told the Council that OML and ACOG both base their annual dues, in part, to sales taxes collected by the member cities.*

*Mr. Stone reported that new alcohol beverage licensing regulations become effective on October 1, 2018 and this will necessitate the update of City ordinances to reflect the new classes of license and license fees.*

*c) Reports from Council:*

*Council Member Hibbard advised that he would like to pass along his responsibilities with respect to a KaBOOM playground equipment grant to another member of the Council. Council Member Cummings said she would accept this responsibility.*

*Council Member Hibbard encouraged the Council to continue consideration of a composting program offered through Fertile Grounds.*

*Vice-Mayor Wilkinson noted a house at Brighton and Stratford in need of roof replacement. Mr. Stone advised he would check on the property.*

*Vice-Mayor Wilkinson mentioned a situation brought to his attention regarding juveniles with nothing to do and related mischief. City Attorney Leslie Batchelor stated that these types of matters are usually best handled by the State and County juvenile justice system.*

*City Attorney Leslie Batchelor advised that an ordinance dealing with false alarms and misinformation would be presented for the Council to consider at the next Council Meeting.*

*Ms. Batchelor reminded the Council of the need for a Special Council meeting at 4:00 p.m. on April 25<sup>th</sup>.*



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*The city manager reported that he recently spent a couple of hours with Ben Oglesby, Finance Advisor, preparing for an interview with Standard & Poor. Mr. Stone advised that the interview is an important part of the bond credit rating process.*

*Mayor Bennett reported that the search for a new ACOG Executive Director is nearing completion. Mayor Bennett advised that the field of candidates has been narrowed and final interviews would be held soon.*

*Council Member Cummings wished all the City Council candidates for Ward 5 well and encouraged everyone to vote.*

**ITEM X. NEW BUSINESS.**

There was no New Business to come before the Council.

**ITEM XI: ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

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Mayor Bennett

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Vice-Mayor Wilkinson

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Council Member Symes

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Council Member Cummings

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City Clerk