The City Council of the City of The Village, Oklahoma, met in regular session at City Hall on Monday, August 21, 2017, at 7:30 p.m., at 2304 Manchester Drive.

COUNCIL PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Bruce K. Stone, City Manager
Beverly K. Whitener, City Treasurer
Leslie Batchelor, City Attorney

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 Symes 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 August 7, 2017 regular meeting. There were no corrections, additions or deletions and the Council approved the Minutes of the meeting held on August 7, 2017, as written.

ITEM IV: CITIZENS DESIRING TO BE HEARD, PRESENTATIONS.

The Mayor stated that this is the time for citizens to address the Council on any matter that is not on the posted agenda.

There were no citizens desiring to be heard.

Council Member Cummings announced that the organization known as Quilts of Valor would present quilts to several veterans at Johnnies on Sunday, August 27. Council Member Cummings advised that Mayor David Bennett (a veteran of Bosnia and Afghanistan) would be among the recipients.
ITEM V: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 08-21-2017 (A) AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A BUILDING PERMIT FOR A NEW 2,961 SQUARE FOOT OFFICE SUITE AT 9805 NORTH MAY, MAY AVENUE OFFICE SUITES PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT.

City Manager Bruce Stone advised the Council that the Planning & Zoning Commission reviewed the site plans for a new office suite at 9805 North May and determined that the proposed development complies with applicable zoning and area regulations. Mr. Stone advised that the Planning Commission unanimously adopted Resolution PC 08-21-2017 (A) recommending that the Council authorize the issuance of a building permit for the new office suite.

Mr. Stone advised that the new office suite would be very similar to the four office suites already completed on May. Mr. Stone also noted that that this development is exempt from the temporary building permit moratorium enacted by the Council on July 17, 2017.

Council Member Hibbard asked Jeremy Bryant (the developer) if he had a prospective tenant for the new office suite. Mr. Bryant stated that he did not have any prospective tenants at this time.

Council Member Symes stated that Mr. Bryant has done everything asked of him and that the office suites look classy. Council Member Symes also said he liked the bull in front of the Merrill Lynch office. Council Member Cummings stated that she also likes the bull.

The city manager explained that the May Avenue Office Suites PUD authorizes a number of retail uses but told the Council that the lots are not deep enough to provide the parking needed to support conventional retail development.

After a brief discussion, Council Member Hibbard moved to approve Resolution 08-21-2017 (A) authorizing the issuance of a building permit for a new office suite at 9805 North May. Council Member Symes seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Hibbard, Symes, Wilkinson, Bennett and Cummings. Nay – none.

ITEM VI: CONSIDERATION OF PROCLAMATION 08-21-2017 (A) PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2017 AS BLOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE.

City Manager Bruce Stone advised that Council Member Cummings asked for this proclamation to be placed on the agenda.

Council Member Cummings stated that in addition to this proclamation, Governor Fallin issued another similar proclamation pertaining to childhood cancer. Council Member Cummings asked that both proclamations be approved by the Council.
After a brief discussion, Council Member Cummings moved to approve Proclamation 08-21-2017 (A) proclaiming September as Blood Cancer Awareness and Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Vice-Mayor Wilkinson seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Hibbard, Symes, Wilkinson, Bennett and Cummings. Nay – none.

ITEM VII: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 08-21-2017 (B) APPROVING ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPMENT FINANCING FOR THE BIKE LAB, PURSUANT TO THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION PROJECT PLAN.

City Attorney Leslie Batchelor explained the proposed development financing assistance for the Bike Lab. Ms. Batchelor told the Council that the term of the agreement would be for a maximum of five years and that the development assistance would help the property owner make necessary tenant improvements. Ms. Batchelor advised that the finance assistance would be paid from sales taxes generated by the new business and would not exceed $116,000.

Russell Kim and David Austin representing Belle Isle Offices (the developer) appeared before the Council to answer questions about the proposed development. Tony Steward, President of Bike Lab, attended the meeting and told the Council about his business.

After a brief discussion, Council Member Hibbard moved to approve Resolution 08-21-2017 (B) approving assistance in development financing for the Bike Lab pursuant to the City of The Village Economic Development and Community Revitalization Project Plan. Council Member Cummings seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Hibbard, Symes, Wilkinson, Bennett and Cummings. Nay – none.

ITEM VIII: REPORTS:

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

1. 08/14/2017: General Fund, $106,061.31
2. 08/14/2017: Municipal Court Bond Fund, $497.50
3. 08/14/2017: Animal Bond Fund, $150.00
4. 08/14/2017: Uniform Building Code Commission, $152.00

b) Manager’s Report:

City Manager Bruce Stone reported that the monthly sales tax check for August was $425,842.56, which is an increase of $7,120 or 1.7% over the same period last year. Mr. Stone further advised that Use Taxes were up by $40,721 over the same period last year.
Mr. Stone reported that telecommunications could be a little shorthanded for a while as one telecommunicator resigned to take a position with the City of Edmond. Mr. Stone advised that another is contemplating a move to Florida.

The city manager reported that Voha Tailor was not receptive to being a Business of the Month recipient. Mr. Stone advised that the owner of this business is Vietnamese and may not have understood the nature of the telephone call.

Mr. Stone advised that the City might receive a request for a waiver to the building moratorium from the owner of land east of Penn on Hefner. Mr. Stone reminded the Council that a seismic testing company purchased a tract of land on Hefner a few months ago.

The city manager advised that he would be meeting with the Oklahoma City Engineer about jurisdictional boundary adjustments on Britton Road.

Mr. Stone reported that only one bid was received for the street repair project and that the bid was approximately $35,000 over budget. Mr. Stone advised that the City received another bid but it was three (3) minutes late and could not be considered. The consensus of the Council was to rebid the project.

The Council reviewed the monthly reports.

c) Reports from the Council:

Council Member Hibbard gave a report on the grant application to KaBOOM for park equipment.

Council Member Hibbard told the Council he would be late for the Village Vision Steering Committee meeting on August 24 and would not be able to attend the public meeting on August 31.

Council Member Symes thanked the Friday Paper for the recent articles about The Village.

Council Member Symes talked about an article in the paper that was written by his 17 year old grandson. Vice-Mayor Wilkinson stated that the article was good.

Vice-Mayor Wilkinson thanked everybody who worked on The Village Block Party. Vice-Mayor Wilkinson said the weather was very hot but that there was a good turnout in
spite of the heat. Vice-Mayor Wilkinson thanked Officer Green for attending the event and showing the patrol vehicle to children.

Vice-Mayor Wilkinson expressed his desire for the Council to quickly focus on the recommendations of the Village Vision and on funding Britton Road reconstruction and other needed infrastructure needs. After a brief discussion, the Council decided to allocate the next regular meeting to be held on September 5 as a time to begin focusing on Village Vision recommendations and funding of infrastructure needs.

Council Member Cummings reminded the Council of the Quilts of Valor presentation on Sunday, August 27.

Council Member Cummings asked if another CrossFit class had been scheduled. August 26 was suggested as a possible date for another class. The city manager advised that the Village Lions Car Show is August 26.

Council Member Cummings told the Council that the next Tai Chi in The Village is scheduled for Saturday, September 23.

The Council looked at a video of the Business of the Month presentation at Sun & Ski and a video of The Village Block Party. Council Member Cummings advised that Sun & Ski corporate officials asked if they could place the video on their corporate website and use the video for training on how stores can engage the community.

Council Member Cummings told the Council that $150 was raised in donations at the block party and that Ridgeview Elementary, Andrew Johnson Elementary and Stanley Hupfield Academy were each given a $50 gift card to use for school supplies or other items needed by the school.

Mayor Bennett reported that he talked to the resident at 1507 Brighton about the placement of his trash cart. The Mayor advised that the resident agreed to store the cart at the side of the house.

**ITEM IX: NEW BUSINESS**

There was no New Business to come before the Council.
ITEM X: ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Mayor Bennett
Vice-Mayor Wilkinson

Council Member Symes
Council Member Cummings

City Clerk
Council Member Hibbard