



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
September 5, 2017

The City Council of the City of The Village, Oklahoma, met in regular session at City Hall on Monday, September 5, 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
Jeff Sabin, Assistant City Attorney

Mayor Bennett and Council Member Symes arrived at the meeting late.

OTHERS PRESENT

Brent Wall, Laud Studio
Jessica Lerner, Laud Studio
Ben Oglesby, Municipal Finance Services

ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER.

Vice-Mayor Wilkinson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ITEM II: INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Vice-Mayor Wilkinson gave the invocation and led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM III: APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Mayor Bennett was not present and the Vice-Mayor skipped this agenda item for consideration at the end of the meeting. *(Due to the length of the meeting, the Council never returned to this agenda item and the minutes were not approved)*

ITEM IV: CITIZENS DESIRING TO BE HEARD, PRESENTATIONS.

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

Ryan Harrison, a boy scout with Troop 168 *(Chapel Hill United Methodist Church)* attended the meeting to fulfil the requirements of a merit badge.



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Peggy Vogt appeared before the Council to voice her opinions on several issues. Ms. Vogt stated that she attended The Village Vision meeting and was disappointed that there was no time for comments, feedback, or discussion with the attendees. Ms. Vogt stated that she thought that funds should be mainly directed at improvements to the drainage channel on Village Drive instead of other things outlined in the Village Vision final report. Vice-Mayor Wilkinson advised that no decisions have been made on any of the recommendations at this point.

ITEM V: **DISCUSSION OF THE VILLAGE VISION RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING NEW REGULATIONS, POLICIES, AND FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

- a) **Landscaping Regulations.** Brent Wall reviewed the recommendations for improving the City's landscaping regulations and beautifying the City's major corridors with trees and other enhancements. The discussion which followed included the addition of sidewalks and bike paths.
- b) **Signage Regulations.** Assistant City Attorney Jeff Sabin reviewed the recommendations for improving the City's sign regulations with the goal of reducing clutter and beautification of the City. The discussion which ensued included sign heights, sizes, and types and included a discussion of banners and other temporary signs. In addition, the Council discussed non-conforming and abandoned signs.
- c) **Using General Obligation Bond Financing to Fund Public Improvements.** Ben Oglesby with Municipal Finance Services gave a presentation of various methods for financing capital improvements. The Council discussed general obligations bonds and a sales tax dedicated for capital items including infrastructure.

The Council took no action.

ITEM VI: **REPORTS:**

The meeting lasted much longer than usual and the Mayor tabled review of reports.

- a) ***Expenditure Reports:***
- b) ***Manager's Report:***
- c) ***Reports from the Council:***

ITEM VII: **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no New Business to come before the Council.



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ITEM VIII: ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 10:50 p.m.



Mayor Bennett



Council Member Symes



City Clerk



Vice-Mayor Wilkinson



Council Member Cummings

Council Member Hibbard