



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
October 2, 2017

The City Council of the City of The Village, Oklahoma, met in regular session at City Hall on Monday, October 2, 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
Jeff Sabin, Assistant City Attorney
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 Minutes of the September 18, 2017 special meeting. There were no corrections, additions or deletions and the Council approved the Minutes the meeting, 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.

The Village Library Manager Ben Mead-Harvey gave the Council a status report on programs and activities at the library. Mr. Harvey told the Council that the Library Commission did not renew the contract for Executive Director Tim Rogers and that the Commission appointed Kay Bauman as interim director. Mr. Harvey stated that with the change in leadership, plans for library renovation have been put on hold pending review by the new administration. Mr. Harvey also gave the Council a report on the dedication of a memorial for library staff member Rosemary Stafford, who died unexpectedly earlier this year.

Beverly Boyd told the Council that there would be a reunion at Duffner Park for residents of the old town of Britton on Sunday, October 8.



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ITEM V. CONSIDERATION OF AGREEMENT WITH MUNICIPAL FINANCE SERVICES OF OKLAHOMA FOR SERVICES AS FINANCIAL ADVISOR.

Ben Oglesby with Municipal Finance Services of Oklahoma appeared before the Council to answer questions about the proposed agreement for services.

City Attorney Leslie Batchelor advised the Council that she has had the opportunity to work with this firm many times over the years and is completely confident in the company's ability to provide sound financial advice to the City as it moves forward with a General Obligation Bond election.

After a brief discussion, Vice-Mayor Wilkinson moved to approve the agreement with Municipal Finance Services of Oklahoma. Council Member Cummings seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Hibbard, Symes, Wilkinson, Bennett and Cummings. Nay – none.

ITEM VI. CONSIDERATION OF AGREEMENT WITH PUBLIC FINANCE LAW GROUP, PLLC FOR BOND COUNSEL SERVICES.

Allan Brooks with Public Finance Law Group appeared before the Council to answer questions about the proposed agreement for services.

City Attorney Leslie Batchelor advised the Council that she has also had the opportunity to work with this firm many times over the years and is completely confident in the company's ability to provide sound legal advice to the City as it moves forward with a General Obligation Bond election. Ms. Batchelor also stated that both Municipal Finances Services and the Public Finance Law Group have worked together many times over the years and have a good professional relationship.

After a brief discussion, Vice-Mayor Wilkinson moved to approve the agreement with the Public Finance Law Group. Council Member Symes seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Hibbard, Symes, Wilkinson, Bennett and Cummings. Nay – none.

ITEM VII. CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE 731 COMPLETELY AMENDING AND RESTATING CHAPTER 20 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE; PERTAINING TO SIGN REGULATIONS; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Assistant City Attorney Jeff Sabin explained changes made to the ordinance based on input received from the Council at previous meetings.



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The Council discussed various issues with the ordinance, including maximum heights, window signs and leasing signs.

The Council took no action.

ITEM VIII. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 10-02-2017 (A) SELECTING AN ENGINEERING CONSULTANT TO CONDUCT REQUIRED BRIDGE INSPECTIONS PURSUANT TO THE NATIONAL BRIDGE INSPECTION PROGRAM.

City Manager Bruce Stone told the Council that the City is required to select a qualified engineering firm to perform bridge inspections mandated by federal law. Mr. Stone recommended that the City use the same engineer selected by Oklahoma County. Mr. Stone advised that the federal government pays the entire cost of inspections.

After a brief discussion, Vice-Mayor Wilkinson moved to adopt Resolution 10-02-2017 (A) selecting an engineering consultant to conduct required bridge inspections pursuant to the National Bridge Inspection Program. Council Member Cummings seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Hibbard, Symes, Wilkinson, Bennett and Cummings. Nay – none.

ITEM IX. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 10-02-2017 (B) AUTHORIZING THE BUILDING & CODE DEPARTMENT TO ABATE BLIGHTED CONDITIONS AND/OR CODE VIOLATIONS ON CERTAIN PROPERTIES.

City Manager Bruce Stone advised the Council that the vast majority of residents and property owners contacted about violations (*peeling paint, dilapidated roofs and improperly stored polycarts carts*) have complied voluntarily. Mr. Stone advised that there are a few that have not complied and that it appears necessary for the City to proceed with the abatement of the blighting conditions. Mr. Stone explained that a couple of the properties listed on the resolution should be removed from the list for the time being due to mitigating circumstances.

After a brief discussion Vice-Mayor Wilkinson moved to adopt Resolution 10-02-2017 (B) authorizing the Building & Code Department to abate blighted properties and conditions listed on the resolution. Council Member Cummings seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Hibbard, Symes, Wilkinson, Bennett and Cummings. Nay – none.

ITEM X: REPORTS:

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

<i>General Fund, 09/25/2017:</i>	<i>\$152,712.29</i>
<i>Capital Improvement Fund, 09/25/2017:</i>	<i>\$30,047.20</i>
<i>General Fund, 09/27/2017:</i>	<i>\$1,310.09</i>



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Special Park Fund, 09/27/2017: \$66.46

b) Manager's Report:

City Manager Bruce Stone reported that a new Online Action Center is now available on the City website.

Mr. Stone gave a report on the status of the city's computer network upgrade. Mr. Stone advised that the new computer network server is needed to accommodate the installation of new software system for Municipal Court.

The city manager reported that he is working on legal descriptions and other matters relating to the proposed annexation of an unincorporated part of Britton Road between Wellington Avenue and May Avenue.

Mr. Stone reported that Oklahoma City settled a lawsuit with the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations and, as required by the settlement, has improved its water conservation plan. Mr. Stone advised that the City of The Village, a municipal customer of Oklahoma City, will be required to adopt and enforce either the OKC water conservation plan or one of our own.

The city manager advised the Council that OML is calling for nominations for membership on the OML Board of Directors to fill an unexpired term on the board.

c) Reports from the Council:

Council Member Cummings suggested that the Fire and Police Departments have a chili cook-off at the Fall Festival.

Council Member Cummings asked the Council to consider putting the question of Indigenous People's Day on the agenda for a vote at some time in the future.

Council Member Symes asked how long fiber optic installation would take to be completed and expressed concern about improperly secured excavations left by the contractor. Mr. Stone advised that AT&T has been put on notice about the holes by several residents and it appears they are now doing a better job at securing the work areas. Mr. Stone stated that AT&T has not given the City an estimated completion date.



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Council Member Cummings stated that she had received a complaint about a large trailer parked on the street at 1901 Lanesboro. Officer Green advised that he has been trying to make contact with the owner and would follow up.

Council Member Cummings reported that ACOG is asking cities to conduct a preliminary census of their municipal populations because the funding ACOG receives for certain grants is determined by population.

Vice-Mayor Wilkinson thanked the city manager for taking care of a derelict vehicle on Huntleigh.

John Davidson, 1921 Meeker, appeared before the Council to complain about his neighbor at 1917 Meeker Drive. Mr. Davidson stated that the residents have cars parked on the grass in the backyard and one of the vehicles is visible from outside the premises. The city manager advised that Code Enforcement would make contact with the resident at 1917 Meeker to advise of new regulations pertaining to parking behind the front building line.

Mayor Bennett asked about Recyclebank and whether the company stood behind their earlier policy of allowing until September 30 for participants to redeem their reward points. Mr. Stone advised that the company stated they would honor the points if they received either a phone call or email from the reward program participant.

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 10:10 p.m.

Mayor Bennett

Vice-Mayor Wilkinson

Council Member Symes

Council Member Cummings

City Clerk

Council Member Hibbard