



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
November 20, 2017

The City Council of the City of The Village, Oklahoma, met in regular session at City Hall on Monday, November 20, 2017, at 7:30 p.m., at 2304 Manchester Drive.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Dave Bennett, Mayor
Hutch Hibbard, Council Member
Cathy Cummings, Council Member
Bubba Symes, Council Member

STAFF PRESENT

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

ABSENT:

Sonny Wilkinson, Vice-Mayor

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 meeting held on November 6, 2017. City Manager Bruce Stone advised that the Minutes should be revised to reflect that Jamie Gilpin attended the meeting instead of Beverly Whitener. There were no further corrections, additions or deletions and the Council approved the Minutes of the meeting, as corrected.

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.

Stan Alexander, 2105 Fremont Drive, appeared before the Council to complain about a utility company (possibly AT&T) entering his yard without permission and marking lines. The city manager told Mr. Alexander that he would forward to him the phone number for the person who manages contractors for AT&T.



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ITEM V: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 11-20-2017 (A) APPROVING THE ASSIGNMENT OF 9-1-1 FEES TO 9-1-1 ACOG.

City Manager Bruce Stone advised the Council that this is an annual notification to the Oklahoma 911 Emergency Management Commission that The Village is a member of the ACOG 911 Association and that ACOG is authorized to receive 911 fees on our behalf.

After a brief discussion, Council Member Hibbard moved to approve Resolution 11-20-2017 (A). Council Member Cummings seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Hibbard, Symes, Bennett and Cummings. Nay – none.

ITEM VI: CONSIDERATION OF RIGHT OF WAY USE AGREEMENT WITH VERIZON ACCESS TRANSMISSION SERVICES.

City Manager Bruce Stone advised that Verizon has requested a Right of Way Use Agreement with The Village as a Telephone Exchange pursuant to applicable laws in Oklahoma. Mr. Stone told the Council that the company is not required to obtain a franchise or to pay franchise fees but must pay the City a 2% gross receipts tax (Inspection Fee) on the company's sales in The Village. Mr. Stone further advised the inspection fee is in lieu of all other fees and charges. The city manager advised that the company will provide fiber optic data transmission services to commercial customers and does not plan to provide residential service at this time.

After a brief discussion, Council Member Hibbard moved to approve the Right of Way Agreement with Verizon. Council Member Cummings seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Hibbard, Symes, Bennett and Cummings. Nay – none.

ITEM VII: REPORTS:

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

<i>General Fund, 11/06/2017:</i>	<i>\$48,555.29</i>
<i>Capital Improvement Fund, 11/06/2017:</i>	<i>\$4,493.90</i>
<i>Special Park Fund, 11/06/2017:</i>	<i>\$274.93</i>

b) ***Manager's Report:***

City Manager Bruce Stone reported that the monthly sales tax check was for \$386,026.51, which is \$24,464 (5.96%) less than the same period last year. Mr. Stone advised the Council that Use Tax was up by \$41,708 over the same period last year.

Mr. Stone reported that the street resurfacing project is more than halfway done but that an equipment breakdown has delayed further progress. Mr. Stone reported that



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the City is working with the contractor to resolve a standing water problem on Carlton Way.

The city manager reported that two homes remain on the abatement list and that efforts to get the homes painted without taxpayer expense will continue until there is no other recourse.

Mr. Stone reported that the Veterans Day Program at City Hall was a success.

The city manager asked the Council to review the NLC Service Line Warranty Program as it might be something the City and residents could benefit from. Mr. Stone advised that a representative of the program would be willing to make a presentation to the Council if there is interest in participating in the program.

The city manager reported that the computer network upgrade is almost complete and that installation of the new Court record system could take place as early as December 12. Mr. Stone told the Council that the software interface needed to connect the new Court record system with the Police Department records management system would cost an additional \$3,000, which was not planned for in the budget this year. The consensus of the Council was to proceed with the software interface rather than wait until later.

- c) **Monthly Department Reports:** *The Council reviewed the monthly department reports.*
- d) **Reports from the Council:**

Council Member Hibbard stated that the Veterans Day program was “awesome”.

Council Member Hibbard asked plans for educating the public about the General Obligation Bond Issue. The Council talked about canvassing, robo calls and other methods for getting the word out. City Attorney Leslie Batchelor advised that cities can educate the public about the details of the bond issue but that they cannot spend tax dollars on campaign advertising. The Council discussed having a Town Hall meeting on December 18th to provide an opportunity for the public to ask questions about the bond issue.

Council Member Hibbard advised that he would not be able to attend the Council Meeting on December 4th.

Council Member Symes stated that Mike Ray did a good job reporting on the details of the proposed bond issue.



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Council Member Cummings told the Council that she posted information about the upcoming bond issue on Facebook and did not receive any negative feedback. Council Member Cummings stated that it seems people are excited about it,

Council Member Cummings asked if the G.O. Bond projects would be posted on the webpage. The city manager advised that state law requires this and that Bond Counsel would assist the City in getting this done in accordance with the law.

Council Member Cummings said that Nicolette's has lot of old furniture and other items placed outdoors for sale. Mr. Stone advised that he would check into this and take enforcement action accordingly.

Mayor Bennett stated that the Veterans Day speakers were good, the girl scouts did a good job and that the kids from Ridgeview Elementary School were patient and well-behaved. The Mayor stated that approximately 20 veterans were in attendance including two World War II veterans.

Mayor Bennett told the Council that ACOG Executive Director John Johnson submitted his resignation and that John Sharpe would be the interim director.

Mayor Bennett also noted the good job done by Mike Ray. The Mayor stated that The Village is getting a lot of coverage in the Friday these days.

ITEM VIII: NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business to come before the Council.

ITEM IX: ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Mayor Bennett

Vice-Mayor Wilkinson

Council Member Symes

Council Member Cummings

City Clerk

Council Member Hibbard