



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
December 18, 2017

The City Council of the City of The Village, Oklahoma, met in regular session at City Hall on Monday, December 18, 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
Jamie Gilpin, Payroll/Benefits Administrator
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.

Mayor Bennett 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 December 4, 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.

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 wishing to address the Council.

ITEM V: TOWN HALL MEETING: QUESTIONS AND ANSWER SESSION FOR THE GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND AND SALES TAX PROPOSALS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE VOTERS AT A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 9, 2018.

The Mayor stated that this is a public hearing to provide an opportunity for the public to ask questions and comment on the proposed General Obligation Bond and Sales Tax proposals that are on the ballot for January 9, 2018.

The city manager gave a brief PowerPoint presentation explaining the General Obligation Bond and Sales Tax propositions and how they will affect property owners.



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The city manager provided the attendees with copies of a Bond Transparency Form containing details about the listed and unlisted capital projects proposed for consideration by the voters.

After the presentation, the Mayor asked citizens who wished to speak to provide their name and address and to please limit their remarks.

David Glover, 9904 Lakeshore Drive, invited residents who would like to help to promote the bond issue and sales tax to contact him.

George Colbert, 9813 Lakeshore Drive, stated that he was disappointed in the amount of money designated for Wayne Schooley Park as compared to other parks. Mr. Colbert stated that the park needed more playground equipment, lighting and other improvements. The city manager explained that Wayne Schooley Park is a quiet neighborhood park and it is probably in the interest of the neighborhood that it stay that way. Mr. Stone stated that the view of the lake is very important to residents and the City is sensitive to the limitation this places on the location and amount of new equipment in the park. Mr. Stone advised that the City did not want to obligate too much money for projects in this park as this would legally bind the City to spend the money and complete the projects. Mr. Stone advised that undesignated bond money, above and beyond the \$55,000 designated for this park, could be used for improvements in Wayne Schooley Park.

The city manager responded to a concern raised by a resident who could not be at the meeting pertaining to sidewalks on Britton Road west of May. Mr. Stone advised that the City is aware of the challenges associated with adding protected bike lanes and wider sidewalks on Britton Road west of May. Mr. Stone advised that elevation issues exist and that some homes are relatively close to the edge of the right-of-way. Mr. Stone explained that the City Engineer and other architectural design consultants would take into consideration the concerns of homeowners and would make design recommendations with those concerns in mind. Mr. Stone stated that Britton Road west of May is a 5-lane street and it would, therefore, be possible to reduce the width of traffic lane in order to gain additional space needed for sidewalk improvements.

Erin Miley, 1617 Downing Street, asked which streets and sidewalks would be done first. Mr. Stone advised that Britton Road would be the top priority and would be done first. Mr. Stone stated that the City Council would need to establish a list of priorities and a schedule for doing the other improvements. Mr. Stone advised that the worst and most travelled streets are likely to be the highest priority.

Ms. Miley asked how long it might take to get the improvements completed. Mr. Stone advised that the City would like to get the projects done as soon as possible but that it would not be advisable to take on too much at one time. Mr. Stone advised that the schedule would



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also be subject to financing considerations. Mr. Stone estimated that it would take five or six years to complete the projects.

Finance Advisor, Ben Oglesby stated that he would anticipate the issuance of two series of bonds with the first series of between \$4 and \$8 million being issued in spring 2018.

Jack Gregg, 2708 Manchester, asked if bonds could be purchased by the public. Ben Oglesby advised that usually these bonds are purchased by institutions such as banks or retirement funds. Mr. Oglesby stated that sometimes the public can buy the bonds through the institutional buyer.

Mr. Gregg asked if each proposition is “stand alone”. Mr. Stone advised that the passage or failure of the individual propositions has no bearing on the passage or failure of the other propositions.

Jared Ning, 10309 Northland Road, asked about pedestrian/bike crossings at Britton & May and Hefner & May. Mr. Stone advised that these are not specifically listed in the bond proposition but that these could be added by working with the City of Oklahoma City. (*Note: North south pedestrian crossings at these intersections are on the jurisdictional boundary between The Village and Oklahoma City*)

Stan Alexander, 2105 Fremont Drive, congratulated the Council on showing leadership and having the courage to place these important propositions on the ballot for residents to consider.

Mr. Alexander asked if it would be possible to get help from the County for Hefner and Britton Road. Mr. Stone advised that the County has helped in the past but that they have been less willing or able to help on these projects in the past few years.

There were no further questions and the Mayor closed the public hearing.

ITEM VI. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 12-18-2017 (A) APPROVING HOLIDAY BONUSES FOR CITY EMPLOYEES.

City Manager Bruce Stone advised the Council that funds have been approved in the current budget for bonuses for all full time and permanent part-time employees.

After a brief discussion, Council Member Hibbard moved to approve Resolution 12-18-2017 (A). Council Member Cummings seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Hibbard, Symes, Wilkinson, Bennett and Cummings. Nay – none.



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ITEM VII: REPORTS:

a) ***Expenditure Reports:*** *There were no expenditure reports to review.*

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

City Manager Bruce Stone reported that the monthly sales tax check was for \$432,408, which is an increase of \$28,994 or 7.19% over the same period last year. Mr. Stone reported that Use Tax was up by \$55,615 over the same period las year.

Mr. Stone reported that A-tech paving has completed the resurfacing project including the repairs on Carlton Way. Mr. Stone stated that the work was a little slow at times but the contractor did a quality job and completed all the work before the deadline of December 15.

The city manager advised that he has received a proposal for a new for website from the I-OKGroup. Mr. Stone advised that the price of \$2,500 is very reasonable and the site would be easily accessed and updated by staff.

Mr. Stone noted the map of designated snow lanes issued by ACOG. Mr. Stone advised that May and Britton are assigned to OKC for snow removal. Mr. Stone advised that the City has its own snowplow, which would come in handy in the event of a serious winter storm.

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

d) ***Council Reports:***

Council Member Hibbard wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Council Member Symes thanked citizens for coming to the Town Hall Meeting and also wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Vice-Mayor Wilkinson stated that the input from the public tonight was great and also wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Council Member Cummings reminded everyone to shop in The Village and to use the 9-digit zip code when purchasing online.

Mayor Bennett gave the Council a report on issues under consideration and review by ACOG.



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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 8:55 p.m.

Mayor Bennett

Vice-Mayor Wilkinson

Council Member Symes

Council Member Cummings

City Clerk

Council Member Hibbard