The City Council of the City of The Village, Oklahoma, met in regular session at City Hall on Monday, January 7, 2019, at 7:30 p.m., at 2304 Manchester Drive.

**COUNCIL PRESENT**

Sonny Wilkinson, Mayor  
Cathy Cummings, Vice-Mayor  
Dave Bennett, Council Member  
Stan Alexander, Council Member  
Bubba Symes, Council Member

**STAFF PRESENT**

Bruce K. Stone, City Manager  
Shana Jones, Court Clerk  
Jeff Sabin, Assistant City Attorney

**ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER.**

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

**ITEM II: INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

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

**ITEM III: APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

Mayor Wilkinson asked if there were any corrections, additions or deletions to the Minutes of the regular meeting held on December 17, 2019. There were no corrections, deletions or additions and the Council approved the Minutes of the meeting held on December 17, 2019 as written.

**ITEM IV: CITIZENS DESIRING TO BE HEARD; PRESENTATIONS.**

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

Heather Coleman, 3132 Goshen Drive, appeared before the Council with a list of concerns about plans for Wayne Schooley Park. Ms. Coleman objected to the process used to gather citizen input on the park and stated that it was not inclusive or representative of the neighborhood. Ms. Coleman also stated objections to the proposed pavilion and the possibility of disruptive concerts, beer sales and more traffic from outside the neighborhood. Ms. Coleman also objected to the three-way stop that was recently installed and stated that this is evidence that the City expects more traffic at the park. Ms. Coleman also told the Council that she hoped that something could be done to reduce highway noise. Mayor Wilkinson and Council Member Bennett both advised Ms. Coleman that the three-way stop was for the safety of children already in the neighborhood and has nothing to do with an expectation of a significant increase in
vehicular traffic. Vice-Mayor Cummings stated that Wayne Schooley Park is not a festival location and the proposed pavilion is only for family gatherings, not large groups.

Chris Oliver, 9913 Lakeshore Drive, appeared before the Council and stated that the three-way stop sign is not needed. Mr. Oliver noted that the flashing lights are also not necessary. The city manager advised that the flashing lights have been placed temporarily until motorists are familiar with the new stop signs.

**ITEM V. PRESENTATION OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 20, 2018 – HBC CPAS.**

Lonnie Heim with HBC Certified Public Accountants presented and explained the audit report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. Mr. Heim told the Council that the audit did not detect any irregularities or problems.

After a brief discussion, Mayor Wilkinson moved to accept the audit report. Vice-Mayor Cummings seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Bennett, Symes, Wilkinson, Cummings and Alexander. Nay – none.

**ITEM VI. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 01-07-2019 (A) DECLARING A 1994 CHEVROLET TRUCK SURPLUS AND OBSOLETE AND AUTHORIZING ITS SALE.**

City Manager Bruce Stone told the Council that the Fire Chief has asked to retire a 1994 Chevrolet Pickup truck. Mr. Stone advised that the vehicle has been replaced with a new vehicle and is no longer needed by the City.


**ITEM VII. CONSIDERATION OF AGREEMENT WITH LAUD STUDIO FOR SERVICES IN PROVIDING CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR PARK IMPROVEMENTS PURSUANT TO THE 2018 GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ISSUE FOR PARK IMPROVEMENTS.**

City Manager Bruce Stone explained the scope of services to be provided by LAUD Studio and their prices for each phase of the project. The Council discussed the costs and how they would be paid. The city manager advised that the costs would be paid from unallocated park bond funds. Assistant City Attorney Jeff Sabin suggested that the City could save $5,000 by having staff solicit and open bids. Mayor Wilkinson advised that it might be best to let LAUD Studio handle bid solicitation and opening.
After a brief discussion, Council Member Bennett moved to approve the agreement with LAUD Studio. Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Bennett, Symes, Wilkinson, Cummings and Alexander. Nay – none.

**ITEM VIII. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 01-07-2019 (A) AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SEEK COMPETITIVE BIDS FOR DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS ON NORTHLAND ROAD, SUNRISE BLVD. AND ORLANDO ROAD.**

City Manager Bruce Stone told the Council that the Northland Stormwater Project is ready to let for bid.

The Council discussed the estimated project cost of $870,000. The Council discussed whether the project could be done in phases so that some of the funds could be used for other drainage projects. Vice-Mayor Cummings stated that, in lieu of the full-blown drainage project, the City should explore the possibility of purchasing the homes that flood and the installation of a retention pond in their place. Vice-Mayor Cummings stated that this could solve the most serious flooding problems and possibly save the City as much as a half million dollars.

The Council asked legal counsel to determine if bonds funds could legally be used to purchase real property for this purpose. The Council also asked the city engineer to comment on the proposal.

The Council took no action.

**ITEM IX. CONSIDERATION OF PROCLAMATION 01-07-2019 (A) CALLING FOR AN ELECTION FOR THE POSITION OF COUNCILMAN FOR WARDS ONE, TWO AND THREE.**

City Manager Bruce Stone advised that this proclamation is required by City Charter and that it provides for a filing period for the position of Councilman for Wards One, Two and Three. Mr. Stone advised that the filing period would be February 20, 21 and 22 and that the election would be on April 2.


**ITEM X. CONSIDERATION OF DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE CHANGES TO REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO BOATS, WATERCRAFT, RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, BUSES, VANS, TRUCKS AND OTHER COMMERCIAL VEHICLES.**

Assistant City Attorney Jeff Sabin told the Council that this subject was last discussed by the Council fourteen months ago.
The assistant city attorney reviewed the current regulations for boats, watercraft, RVs and the like, and compared the current regulations to the proposed regulations. Mr. Sabin advised the Council of the issues remaining including a determination of the vehicles considered inappropriate to park or store in driveways and/or on streets, the types of vehicles that should be regulated, the size limitations that should be placed on certain vehicles and the number of authorized vehicles that should be allowed at a residence.

The Council discussed these issues at length and instructed legal counsel to include several changes to the draft ordinance to be considered by the Council. The Council agreed that a public hearing should be held prior to the adoption of new regulations and that the effective date of new regulations should be at least six months after adoption.

The Council took no action.

ITEM XI. REPORTS:

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

- **General Fund, 12/18/2018:** $162,716.48
- **Capital Improvement Fund, 12/18/2018:** $4,955.47
- **Municipal Court Cash Bond Fund, 12/18/2018:** $440.00
- **Penalty Assessment Fund, 12/18/2018:** $1,894.60
- **Animal Bond Fund, 12/18/2018:** $90.00
- **Village Public Works Authority, 12/21/2018:** $147,129.68
- **G.O. Bond Project Fund, 12/21/2018:** $17,358.75

b) Manager's Report:

City Manager Bruce Stone briefed the Council on efforts to educate the public about pending construction and lane closures on Britton Road. Mr. Stone advised that additional robocalls would be made as deemed necessary.

The city manager reported that Crossland Heavy Construction is working with the bonding company to engage a new subcontractor to finish Northland and Berkshire Way. Mr. Stone advised that contractual and notice requirements make the process cumbersome but that the General Contractor is working in good faith to resolve the problems and to complete the project to the City’s satisfaction.

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

Vice-Mayor Cummings told the Council that the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Pine Pantry at Andrew Johnson would be held on January 16 and that she would let everyone know the time of the event when that information becomes available.

Vice-Mayor Cummings stated that she had been contacted by a resident about a sewer problem and would provide the address for Public Works to investigate and address as needed.

ITEM XI. NEW BUSINESS.

There was no New Business to come before the Council.

ITEM XII: ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:33 p.m.

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Mayor Wilkinson    Vice-Mayor Cummings

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Council Member Bennett   Council Member Symes

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City Clerk     Council Member Alexander