



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
March 4, 2019

The City Council of the City of The Village, Oklahoma, met in regular session at City Hall on Monday, March 4, 2019, at 7:30 p.m., at 2304 Manchester Drive.

COUNCIL PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Bruce K. Stone, City Manager
Beverly K. Whitener, City Treasurer
Jeff Sabin, Assistant City Attorney
Russ Landon, Deputy Chief of Police

ABSENT:

Stan Alexander, Council Member

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 February 18, 2019. There were no corrections, deletions or additions and the Council approved the Minutes of the meeting held on February 18, 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.

Vice-Mayor Cummings stated that she asked the candidates for Ward 3 to say a few words about their qualifications for City Council.

Ward 3 Candidates Jane Lowther and Adam Graham told citizens in attendance about their candidacy and their qualifications for office. Vice-Mayor Cummings thanked the candidates for sharing their qualifications and wished them both luck in the election to be held on April 2. Vice-Mayor Cummings reminded citizens that, although the election is for the Ward 3 Council seat, registered voters in all five (5) Wards can vote.



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Jane Lowther stated that there is loose asphalt in the gutter on one of the streets recently resurfaced in Casady Manor. Mr. Stone advised that the City would investigate this.

Ms. Lowther also commented that the asphalt appears to be laid into the existing curb. Mr. Stone advised that, since these are concrete streets that are poured monolithically (one pour for the street, gutter and curb), the engineers advised against milling the concrete at the curb line and opted to lay the asphalt into the existing curb instead. Mr. Stone advised that this has been the standard for asphalt overlay on concrete streets in The Village over the past 40 years.

Ms. Lowther mentioned break-ins at a vacant house in her neighborhood. Ms. Lowther advised that the house has been broken into twice. Deputy Chief Landon explained that the Detective Division has done a complete crime scene investigation and that, hopefully, a suspect will be identified.

ITEM V: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 03-04-2019 (A) AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE COPS ANTI-HEROIN TASK FORCE PROGRAM.

Deputy Chief of Police Russ Landon appeared before the Council to explain the COPS Anti-Heroin Task Force Program and to answer questions from the Council. Deputy Chief Landon told the Council that the department is requesting permission to participate in the COPS Anti-Heroin Task Force Program, which is a multi-agency, multi-jurisdictional initiative, funded with a grant from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Community-Oriented Policing Services (COPS). Deputy Chief Landon explained that the additional officer budgeted this year provides the flexibility needed for the department to participate in this program. Deputy Chief Landon told the Council that the primary benefit of participation is the training and experience the department would receive from the multi-jurisdictional effort. The Deputy Chief also stated that the City could also benefit from asset seizures and forfeitures that come as a result of the task force's investigations. The Deputy Chief advised that Detective Kingry would be the officer assigned to this program, if the Council gives its authorization to proceed.

Vice-Mayor Cummings asked Deputy Chief Landon his opinion about participation in the program. Deputy Chief Landon stated that with the additional officer provided by the Council and the benefits of the training and experience gleaned from the program, participation in the program would be good for the department.

Council Member Symes asked how often we encounter opiate-related issues in The Village. Deputy Chief Landon advised that problems with opiates are on the rise and that officers have saved at least five (5) lives recently by the administration of Narcan to overdose victims.

After a brief discussion, Vice-Mayor Cummings moved to approve Resolution 03-04-2019 (A) authorizing participation in the COPS Anti-Heroin Program. Council Member Symes seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Symes, Cummings and Wilkinson. Nay – none.



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

Assistant City Attorney reviewed the proposed regulations to make sure the Council is satisfied with them before holding a public hearing.

Mr. Sabin highlighted the major provisions in the proposed code.

The Council discussed regulations pertaining to the blockage of sidewalks. After a lengthy discussion, the consensus of the Council was to delay consideration of new sidewalk regulations after bond issue sidewalks projects are complete. *(Note: 7-¾ miles of new sidewalk is funded by the 2018 General Obligation Bond Issue)*

The Council decided to hold one Public Hearing on April 1 in order to provide an opportunity for the public to comment on the proposed regulations prior to the finalization of the regulations and adoption by Ordinance.

The Council took no formal action.

ITEM VII: REPORTS:

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

02/15/2019:

- General Fund,	\$20,930.92
- Capital Improvement Fund,	\$3,471.60
- Municipal Court Cash Bond Fund,	\$600.00
- Penalty Assessment Fund,	\$4,735.00
- G.O. Bond Project Fund,	\$79,154.31

b) Manager's Report:

City Manager Bruce Stone reported that progress on the various bond projects has been hindered by bad weather. Mr. Stone advised that the west bound lanes of Britton Road have been excavated from Penn to Village Drive and that the dirt is being stored temporarily next to the Police Department.

Mr. Stone reported that A-Tech Paving has completed their contract (Bond Project #6). Mr. Stone told the Council that the project came in \$45,000 under contract price. Mr. Stone advised that the surplus funds could be used to pay for cost overruns



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on other projects. Mr. Stone advised that some of the asphalt tests for this project indicated that the mix did not meet design specifications and that he is researching this further to determine the best way to remedy the deficiency.

The city manager reported that the pre-bid meeting for the Northland Drainage Project is scheduled for March 11th at 2:00 pm.

Mr. Stone reported that Don Anderson has submitted his resignation from The Village Development Authority. Mr. Stone advised that Mr. Anderson is moving out of The Village. Mr. Stone told the Council that two (2) appointments are needed to bring the Authority back to full strength.

The city manager reported that The Village Fair would be held on May 18 this year and that the event would be located at 1st Liberty Bank on May Avenue. Vice-Mayor Cummings noted that the Dog Walk in the Park would be on the same day.

c) Reports from the Council:

Council Member Bennett told the Council that his last conflicting class was this evening and that he would be able to make the meetings on time again.

Council Member Bennett stated that the City of Yukon has enacted regulations for CBD businesses. The city manager advised that these stores must be at least 1,000 feet from a school and that cities are prohibited by State law from enacting other zoning restrictions. Mr. Stone stated that it will be interesting to see if the City of Yukon's regulations would face legal challenge.

Council Member Symes advised that he would not be able to attend the next meeting.

Vice-Mayor Cummings told the Council that she received a complaint about rodents at a vacant house on Ridgeview Court. The city manager advised that the Building Inspector would be asked to investigate and to take appropriate enforcement action.

Vice-Mayor Cummings stated that she would like to see a complete ban on Payday Loan (and similar cash advance) stores in The Village. The city manager advised that these types of stores must currently obtain a Specific Use Permit from the City Council in order to operate. Assistant City Attorney advised that he would research the legality of an outright ban of these types of businesses.

Mayor Wilkinson reported that the OKC School Board voted unanimously to close Andrew Johnson Elementary School. The Council expressed their hope that the school



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building would be repurposed with something that is beneficial to the neighborhood and The Village as a whole.

Mayor Wilkinson stated that he would like the Chairman of the Planning Commission to attend the next meeting to explain the Commission's recent recommendations to the Council.

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 9:25 p.m.

Mayor Wilkinson

Vice-Mayor Cummings

Council Member Bennett

Council Member Symes

City Clerk

Council Member Alexander