The City Council of the City of The Village, Oklahoma, met in regular session at City Hall on Monday, July 1, 2019, at 7:30 p.m., at 2304 Manchester Drive.

COUNCIL PRESENT
Cathy Cummings, Mayor
Dave Bennett, Vice-Mayor
Sonny Wilkinson, Council Member
Adam Graham, Council Member
George Colbert, Council Member

STAFF PRESENT
Bruce K. Stone, City Manager
Jamie Gilpin, Payroll/Benefits Administrator
Jeff Sabin, Assistant City Attorney

ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER.

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

ITEM II: INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

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

ITEM III: APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Mayor Cummings asked if there were any corrections, additions or deletions to the Minutes of the special meeting held on June 14, 2019 and the Minutes of the regular meeting held on June 17, 2019. There were no corrections, deletions or additions and the Council approved the Minutes of the meetings held on June 14, 2019 and June 17, 2019 as written.

ITEM IV: CITIZENS DESIRING TO BE HEARD; PRESENTATIONS.

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

Michael Taylor appeared before the Council to inquire about possible rezoning of his property on Britton Road near Little Caesar’s Pizza. The Council briefly discussed issues related to development of small residential lots.

Jane Lowther appeared before the Council and told the Council that she and other residents on Haverhill have had drainage issues related to the new development to the east. The city manager stated that he would ask the city engineer to review the situation and determine what is going on and if there is a remedy.
ITEM V: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 07-01-2019 (A) AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SOLICIT COMPETITIVE BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO DUFFNER, BUMPASS, HARRISON AND WAYNE SCHOOLEY PARKS, 2018 GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PARK IMPROVEMENTS – PHASE 1.

Brent Wall, Director of LAUD Studio, appeared before the Council. Mr. Wall explained the Phase 1 Park improvements and the estimated costs. Mr. Wall advised that bids are likely to be lower if all the improvements are awarded in a single contract.

Mr. Wall answered questions from the Council about the disposition of some of the existing playground equipment and picnic tables. Mr. Wall advised that the concrete picnic tables will be eliminated, and that certain playground equipment will be kept and, in some cases, moved to other spots.

City Manager Bruce Stone advised that Phase 1 improvements will be funded from three sources as follows:

- $63,000 (sidewalks), Street G.O Bond Fund
- $852,064, Park G.O. Bond Fund
- $296,000, Capital Improvement Sales Tax Fund

After the discussion, Council Member Wilkinson moved to approve Resolution 07-01-2019 (A) authorizing the City Manager to solicit competitive bids for Park improvements. Council Member Colbert seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Colbert, Graham, Bennett, Cummings and Wilkinson. Nay – none.

ITEM VI: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 07-01-2019 (B) MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO THE VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

Members of the Council discussed possible candidates for appointment to the various boards and commissions.

After the discussion, Council Member Wilkinson moved to approve Resolution 07-01-2019 (B) appointing Trevor Hayes and David Hall to the Planning & Zoning Commission and appointing Stan Alexander to The Village Development Authority. Council Member Graham seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Colbert, Graham, Bennett, Cummings and Wilkinson. Nay – none.

ITEM VII: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 07-01-2019 (C) AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO REQUEST PROPOSALS FOR COMMUNITY BRANDING AND VISUAL IDENTITY SERVICES.
City Manager Bruce Stone advised that Council Member Graham got the ball rolling on this project by helping to obtain a sample RFP for use by the City.

The city manager advised that these professional services are not a budgeted item and that funding for this service would need to be determined at a later date.

After a brief discussion, Vice-Mayor Bennett moved to approve Resolution 07-01-2019 (C) authorizing the City Manager to request proposals for community branding and visual identity services. Mayor Cummings seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Colbert, Graham, Bennett, Cummings and Wilkinson. Nay – none.

ITEM VIII: REPORTS:

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

- General Fund, 06/12/2019: $6,086.69
- Capital Improvement Fund, 06/12/2019: $2,005.48
- Special Park Fund, 06/12/2019: $8,523.27
- General Fund, 06/21/2019: $103,003.66
- Court Cash Bond Fund, 06/21/2019: $100.00
- G.O. Bond Fund, 06/21/2019: $763.55
- VPWA, 06/24/2019: $154,928.50
- VPWA, 06/25/2019: $705,345.52
- G.O. Bond Fund, 06/25/2019: $5,240.00
- General Fund, 06/26/2019: $3,151.14
- Special Park Fund, 06/26/2019: $16.24
- G.O. Bond Fund, 06/26/2019: $786.50

b) Manager’s Report:

City Manager Bruce Stone told the Council that movie night was not well-attended, and that Extreme Inflatables had several equipment problems that delayed the start of the movie until approximately 10:15 p.m.

Mr. Stone gave the Council a report on the status of various bond projects. Mr. Stone told the Council that Crossland rejected this City’s request to delay resurfacing of Britton Road east of Penn and Penn south of Britton. Mr. Stone advised that the contractor is already far behind schedule and believes the hot, dry months of the summer are the best time to get his work done. Mr. Stone explained the specific procedures that he asked the contractor to follow in order to minimize traffic congestion and inconvenience to residents.
The city manager advised that a claim the City of The Village filed against OKC for damage to a guard rail on Village Drive would go before the OKC City Council on July 2. Mr. Stone advised that OKC legal counsel recommends payment of the claim. Mr. Stone told the Council that the amount of the claim is $1,953 and that it has taken over a year to get to this point.

Mr. Stone advised that the Police Department suffered a ransomware attack. Mr. Stone advised that the infection was contained to a few workstations and that data backup systems have or would restore most of the encrypted files. Mr. Stone advised that the incident has been reported to the FBI.

c) Reports from the Council:

Council Member Colbert told the Council that he would like to obtain a fitness center like the one at Stars & Stripes Park. Council Member Colbert said that the equipment is modern, sleek and uplifting. Other members of the Council agreed that citizens of The Village could benefit from a fitness center like this. Brent Wall told the Council that he would talk to OKC staff about the equipment and the process they went through to obtain the grant to help pay for it.

Council Member Graham introduced his brother Austin.

Council Member Graham told the Council that the traffic loop at Britton and Penn is apparently not functioning properly. Council Member Graham advised that he waited eleven (11) minutes in the northbound lane for the light to change. Council Member Graham stated that it seems that this only occurs at night. Council Member Graham asked about the timeline for improving the signalization at this intersection. The Council discussed putting in a roundabout at Britton and Penn in lieu of new signalization. Several members of the Council indicated that they really like the idea.

Council Member Graham told the Council that the problem neighbor that he has referred to in the past has moved away.

Council Member Graham told the Council that his security camera video captured a young female running across his porch holding a purse. Council Member Graham stated that the female got into a car that pulled had into his driveway and that he was able to obtain the tag number for police. Council Member Graham advised that, according to the police, a purse snatching occurred about this time in the area.

Council Member Wilkinson wished everyone a happy July 4th.
Mayor Cummings told the Council about children setting up a lemonade stand near Duffner Park. Mayor Cummings said that The Village Fire and Police Department’s appearance as customers made the children’s day.

Mayor Cummings said that she would be attending the Healthy Workforce Luncheon to help convince the legislature to pass new “no smoking” legislation.

Mayor Cummings suggested that the Judge consider allowing traffic offenders to do community service by allowing them to purchase school supplies for needy children in August of every year in lieu of paying their fines.

Council Member Colbert told the Council that the Smoking Boar would open on July 5th.

The city manager reported that registration of boats, trailers, RVs, etc., pursuant to Ordinance 744 is now underway. Mr. Stone advised that the registration form is available on the City Webpage.

**ITEM IX. NEW BUSINESS.**

There was no New Business to come before the Council.

**ITEM X: ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

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Mayor Cummings             Vice-Mayor Bennett

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Council Member Colbert       Council Member Graham

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City Clerk                   Council Member Wilkinson