The City Council of the City of The Village, Oklahoma, met in regular session at City Hall on Monday, August 19, 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

**STAFF PRESENT**
- Bruce K. Stone, City Manager
- Bonnie Updegraff, Purchasing Agent
- 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 regular meeting held on August 5, 2019. The city manager advised that he corrected a number in the list of expenditures that had been typed incorrectly in the draft. There were no further corrections, deletions or additions and the Council approved the Minutes of the meeting held on August 5, 2019, as corrected.

**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.

Mayor Cummings talked about the Block Party and suggested that the contact information for our local state representatives be placed on the City webpage.

Peggy Vogt addressed the Council and asked about the vacancy in the Ward 2 Council seat. Mayor Cummings explained that George Colbert unexpectedly received a promotion that required a move to Denver. The Mayor advised that he didn’t have much advance notice and that he had to quickly move his family to get his children in school. Ms. Vogt suggested that Jane Lowther be appointed to fill the vacancy until the next election. The Council thanked Ms. Vogt for her input.
Linda Herider, 1508 Barclay Road, appeared before the Council and informed the Council that schools that need school supplies can apply for assistance through Sam’s and Walmart Corporate offices. Ms. Herider also noted that the company also provides educational assistance for teacher apprentice programs. Mayor Cummings thanked Ms. Herider for the information and for helping to collect donations of school supplies for schools in The Village.

Jane Lowther told the Council that she has heard citizens ask for Council meetings to be televised or streamed on the internet. The Council briefly discussed the possibility of doing so.

Ms. Lowther also asked about costs for Park improvements and whether this information is available on the website. The city manager advised that the Park Master Plan is available online but that the cost breakdown for the Phase I Park Improvements have not been posted. Ms. Lowther also asked if citizens have a say on what older equipment is kept in the various parks. The city manager advised that the Council has adopted a comprehensive Master Plan that spells this out in detail but advised that the Council can always make amendments to the plan as deemed appropriate.

Ms. Lowther asked how many cars can be parked at a residence in The Village and cited addresses on Lyndon Road and Lanesboro Drive where there are many cars. The city manager advised that there is no limit to the number of cars that can be parked on a public street as long as they are parked in compliance with applicable codes. The city manager further advised that the maximum number of vehicles that can be kept on a residential lot is two cars per licensed driver but not more than a total of six.

ITEM V: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 08-19-2019 (A) AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH JENCO CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR THE 2018 G. O. BOND ISSUE PHASE 1 PARK IMPROVEMENTS FOR BUMPASS, DUFFNER, HARRISON AND WAYNE SCHOOLEY PARKS.

City Manager Bruce Stone advised the Council that Jenco Construction was the low bidder for Phase 1 Park Improvements with a bid of $1,240,600. Mr. Stone advised that LAUD Studio has reviewed the bids and the qualifications of the bidders and recommends that the contract be awarded to the Jenco, which was the low bidder.

Mr. Stone explained that the bid is approximately $32,000 more than in the approved budget and that the Council has the choice of either supplementing the budget and completing all of the Phase I improvements or cutting the budget accordingly.

Mr. Stone told the Council that the cost of the project could be trimmed by postponing the half-court basketball court in Harrison Park or by substituting the large pavilion in Duffner Park with the smaller pavilion planned for a future phase of park improvements.
Mr. Stone advised that if the Council decides to fund the entire project, the additional funds would come from the Capital Improvement Fund.

The City Council discussed the options.

The city manager told the Council that since all of these improvements are called for in the Comprehensive Park Masterplan adopted by the Council, the postponed improvements would likely cost the City more to do in the future. Mr. Stone further advised that LAUD Studio is working with Jenco to find ways to cost save and that any realized savings would reduce the amount needed to fund the entire project.

After a discussion, Vice-Mayor Bennett moved to approve the contract with Jenco Construction Company in the amount of $1,240,600. Council Member Graham seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Graham, Bennett, Cummings and Wilkinson. Nay – None.

ITEM VI: REPORTS:

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

- Capital Improvement Fund, 08/02/2019: $3,300.00
- G.O. Bond Fund, 08/02/2019: $110,383.94
- G.O. Bond Fund, 08/06/2019: $111,980.01
- General Fund, 08/06/2019: $537.43
- General Fund, 08/07/2019: $27,767.81
- G.O. Bond Fund, 08/07/2019: $355.50

b) Manager's Report:

City Manager Bruce Stone reported that the sales tax check for August was for $505,144, which is an increase of $3,360 or .67% over the same period last year. Mr. Stone further reported that Use Tax was up by $50,404 over the same period last year.

The city manager gave the Council a report on the status of various bond projects including the resurfacing of Pennsylvania Avenue and Britton Road east of Pennsylvania. Mr. Stone also reported on efforts to resolve a water line conflict on the Britton Road reconstruction project. Mr. Stone advised that ODOT still thinks the project will be done by mid-November.

Mr. Stone reported that the increased traffic in school zones at Ridgeview and Andrew Johnson has resulted in a chaotic situation during drop off and pickup. Mr. Stone advised that the Police Department, working with the school officials, have instituted an emergency traffic control plan. Mr. Stone advised that the changes will need to be approved by the Traffic & Safety Commission and the Council.
The Council briefly discussed several ongoing issues such as the proposed billboard sign at Britton and May, animal welfare and vandalism at the Pine Pantry at Andrew Johnson school.

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

Mayor Cummings asked if the Police Department regularly sets up sobriety checkpoints. The city manager advised that these have been done in the past in conjunction with other law enforcement agencies such as the County Sheriff’s Department and the Highway Patrol. Mr. Stone advised that these are not done on a regular basis and usually coincide with certain holidays such as New Year.

d) **Reports from the Council:**

Council Member Graham stated that he would like to see signs on the Lake Hefner Parkway indicating exits for The Village.

Vice-Mayor Bennett told the Council that he had a great time at The Village Block Party and that he would like to recognize the sponsors, Walmart, Harry’s TV and Little Caesar’s Pizza.

Council Member Wilkinson reported that an OG&E truck is parking in the street on Carlton Way. The city manager advised that he would ask the Police to address the violation.

The city manager reminded the Council that the Lion’s Car Show is on Saturday, August 24 at Duffner Park.

Mayor Cummings told the Council that ozone alerts can be obtained by texting 50597.

**ITEM VII. NEW BUSINESS.**

There was no New Business to come before the Council.
ITEM VIII: ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

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Mayor Cummings        Vice-Mayor Bennett

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Unfilled Position      Council Member Graham

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City Clerk              Council Member Wilkinson