The City Council of the City of The Village, Oklahoma, met in regular session at City Hall on Tuesday, September 3, 2019, at 7:30 p.m., at 2304 Manchester Drive.

COUNCIL PRESENT
Cathy Cummings, Mayor
Dave Bennett, Vice-Mayor
Adam Graham, Council Member

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

ABSENT:
Sonny Wilkinson, Council Member

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 19, 2019. There were no corrections, deletions or additions and the Council approved the Minutes of the meeting held on August 19, 2019, as written.

ITEM IV: CITIZENS DESIRING TO BE HEARD; PRESENTATIONS.

Mayor Cummings read aloud Proclamation 09-03-2019 (A) commending Theresa Goff for her work in the community and proclaiming the week of September 9–15 as Theresa Goff Week in The Village.

Christina Meyers gave the Council a presentation comparing the costs and benefits of contracting with OKC Animal Welfare to the costs and benefits of The Village adding personnel, improving services and making certain shelter improvements. Ms. Meyers told the Council that OKC Animal Welfare can handle all of the animals The Village impounds for approximately $7,650 a year as opposed to $45,000 a year for The Village. (Note: The comparison was based on approximately 102 dogs a year, whereas the actual number of dogs sheltered by The Village is only about 40 per year.) Ms. Meyers told the Council that OKC has seven or eight full-time shelter-techs and a full-time veterinarian on staff. Ms. Meyers stated that OKC has established
relationships and procedures to work with all of the most important rescues and animal welfare agencies. Ms. Meyers advised that she recommends using the services of the OKC Animal Welfare.

Council Member Graham stated that the proposal to do this in-house would cost the City about $450 a dog per year, which seems like a lot of money and that the funds could perhaps be better spent elsewhere.

Tom Wolfe and Cheryl Steckler, members of Village Animal League, addressed the Council. Mr. Wolfe and Ms. Steckler both stated that sending the animals to OKC is just dumping our problem on another City. Ms. Steckler said that this would in effect be a death sentence for many animals. Mr. Wolfe advised that he believes that a substantial portion of the additional costs for services and facilities can be obtained through donations.

The Mayor thanked Christina Meyers, Tom Wolfe and Cheryl Steckler for their work on this important issue.

Patricia Perrauth appeared before the Council in opposition to the installation of a multicourt in Bumpass Park. Ms. Perrauth stated that she participated in the public meeting for parks and answered the park survey. Ms. Perrauth stated that she believes more people were in favor of a tennis court than the multicourt and that many citizens specifically expressed opposition to a basketball court. Ms. Perrauth presented a petition signed by numerous residents who favor a tennis court over a multicourt.

Several other residents, including Delores Sundholm, Barbie Bray, Theresa LeCrone and Rob Burton, spoke to the Council about various issues including, YMCA use of the park, trash, parking, inadequate lighting, the history of the park and past experience with basketball facilities.

Council Member Graham asked the city manager what could be done to change the contract with Jenco to substitute a tennis court for the multicourt. Mr. Stone advised that it is not too late to issue a Change Order with the contractor to make the change.

After a brief discussion, the consensus of the Council was to meet with the contractor to work out the details and costs of substituting the multicourt for a new tennis court.

The Mayor thanked everyone for attending and sharing their opinions.

ITEM V: CONSIDERATION OF APPEAL TO ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER TO ABATE A PUBLIC NUISANCE AT 2013 SHEFFIELD ROAD.

City Manager Bruce Stone advised the Council that Kyle Noe, the owner of the property at 2013 Sheffield Road, has appealed the City’s Administrative Order to abate a public nuisance.
Mr. Stone showed the Council a photograph of junk and discarded items left at the side of the house. Mr. Stone advised that the trash and discarded items have not been removed.

After a brief discussion, Council Member Graham moved to deny the appeal submitted by the property owner of 2013 Sheffield Road. Vice-Mayor Bennett seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Graham, Bennett and Cummings. Nay – none.

**ITEM VI: CONSIDERATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF AMENDED ANNUAL TIF #1 REPORTS FOR FY 2016-17 AND FY 2017-18 AND CONSIDERATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE ANNUAL TIF #1 AND #3 REPORTS FOR FY 2018-19.**

Assistant City Attorney Jeff Sabin explained the need to amend Annual TIF #1 reports for FY 2016-17 and FY 2017-18.

After a brief discussion, Vice-Mayor Bennett moved to accept the amended annual reports for FY 2016-17 and FY 2017-18 and the annual TIF #1 and TIF #3 reports for FY 2018-19. Mayor Cummings seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Graham, Bennett and Cummings. Nay – none.

**ITEM VII: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 09-03-2019 (A) DECLARING CERTAIN PROPERTY SURPLUS AND OBSOLETE AND AUTHORIZING ITS SALE OR DISPOSAL.**

City Manager Bruce Stone reviewed the items on a list to be declared surplus and obsolete. Mr. Stone advised that the resolution would authorize the sale, trade-in or disposal of the surplus items.

Mayor Cummings asked if any of the surplus equipment could be donated to another City. Mr. Stone advised that the Interlocal Government Cooperation Act allows cities to donate equipment and to otherwise cooperate with other local governments.

After a brief discussion, Council Member Graham moved to approve Resolution 09-03-2019 (A). Vice-Mayor Bennett seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Graham, Bennett and Cummings. Nay – none.

**ITEM VIII: REPORTS:**

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

- **General Fund, 08-15-2019:** $130,235.60
- **Capital Improvement Fund, 08/15/2019:** $2,719.32
- **G.O. Bond Fund, 08/15/2019:** $168.50


b) Manager's Report:

City Manager Bruce Stone reported on the status of various bond projects.

Mr. Stone told the Council that the variance application for the billboard sign at Britton and May would be heard by the OKC Board of Adjustment on Thursday, September 5. Assistant City Attorney Jeff Sabin told the Council that he plans to attend the hearing.

The city manager reminded the Council that advertising letters for the NLC Service Line Warranty program would be mailed to residents soon. Council Member Graham stated that he has had complaints about the program and that the mailers are misleading. The city manager advised that about 300 households have signed up for the program so far and that the only complaints he has received are from people who don’t like the City’s logo being used. Mr. Stone explained that this program is endorsed by the National League of Cities and the Oklahoma Municipal League and that the City Council reviewed this program for several months before deciding to participate. Mr. Stone further explained that former City Council Member Stan Alexander, a longtime insurance agent, reviewed the Declarations Page and advised that it was a good policy. Vice-Mayor Bennett advised that he has heard from residents who have saved a lot of money through the program.

The city manager showed the Council a picture of the directional signs that Love’s will use for the private streets on their corporate campus.

Mr. Stone reported that he has received four proposals for Community Branding and that the Council might want to form a committee or schedule a special meeting of the Council to review the proposals.

c) Reports from the Council:

Council Member Graham told the Council that he is working with the State to get signs on the Lake Hefner Parkway indicating exists for The Village at Britton Road and Hefner Road.

Vice-Mayor Bennett told the Council that Nichols Hills is not allowing vacant residential lots to remain undeveloped for an extended period of time and that The Village might want to consider a similar Ordinance.
Vice-Mayor Bennett praised The Village Police for all they do in the community keeping the citizens safe.

Mayor Cummings reported that she had received a complaint about a fence in disrepair behind the Mailroom.

Mayor Cummings said she knows a person who needs to do community-service and asked if there is anything he could do in The Village. The city manager advised that there are many community-service jobs that could be done and that he would be happy to work with him.

Mayor Cummings asked about street repair on Westchester. Mr. Stone advised that the funds are in the budget but that this probably won’t be let for bid until spring.

Mayor Cummings reminded the Council about the Larry Johnson Foundation Music Festival on Saturday, September 7th at Duffner Park.

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 10:00 p.m.

[Signatures]

Mayor Cummings

Vice-Mayor Bennett

Council Member Graham

Council Member Wilkinson