



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
November 4, 2019

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

COUNCIL PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Bruce K. Stone, City Manager
Beverly K. Whitener, City Treasurer
Jeff Sabin, Assistant City Attorney

ABSENT

Adam Graham, Council Member
Bubba Symes, 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.

Mayor Cummings commended Bonnie Updegraff for her twenty (20) years of service with the City of The Village.

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 October 21, 2019. There were no corrections, deletions or additions and the Council approved the Minutes of the meeting held on October 21, 2019, as written.

ITEM IV: CITIZENS DESIRING TO BE HEARD; PRESENTATIONS.

Mayor Cummings stated that this is the time for citizens to bring up matters that are not on the posted agenda.

Pat Lewis, OG&E Community Affairs representative, appeared before the Council. Mr. Lewis told the Council that OG&E has the lowest electric rates in the nation. Mr. Lewis also briefed the Council on the company's plan and policy for upgrading street lighting to LED.



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Council Member Wilkinson told Mr. Lewis that the extensive tree-trimming program completed recently helped The Village to weather the recent windstorm much better than other areas in the state.

Rick and David Haynes, owners of Johnnies Charcoal Broiler, appeared before the Council. Rick Haynes told the Council that the company is investing \$500,000 in their Britton Road location and stated that the restaurant plans to re-open on December 1. Mr. Haynes expressed his displeasure with progress on Britton Road and told the Council that the speedy restoration of eastbound traffic was imperative. Mr. Haynes encouraged the City to push ODOT and their contractor to get this project done. The Council thanked Rick and David Haynes for coming to the meeting and agreed that ODOT should stay on top of the contractor to ensure the project gets done as soon as possible.

Jane Lowther appeared before the Council. Ms. Lowther asked if there had been any response from Rausch Coleman concerning drainage issues on Haverhill. Mr. Stone advised that Rausch Coleman has taken the position that they are not responsible for drainage issues as the company only bought the lots that were developed by Dobson Properties.

Ms. Lowther thanked the City for getting the dead trees on Manchester removed and for doing a robocall to advertise "Trunk or Treat in Meeker Park. Ms. Lowther said turnout was low because of the cold weather.

Ms. Lowther read a letter commending Bonnie Updegraff for her twenty (20) years of service. The letter is attached to the minutes.

ITEM V. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 11-04-2019 (A) REQUESTING THE RETURN OF EXCESS WORKERS' COMPENSATION LOSS FUNDS HELD IN ESCROW BY THE OKLAHOMA MUNICIPAL ASSURANCE GROUP.

City Manager Bruce Stone told the Council that approximately \$9,926 is being held by OMAG in the City's Workers' Compensation escrow account. Mr. Stone advised that this money is not needed to pay Workers' Compensation claims and can be refunded to the City upon a formal request by the City Council. Mr. Stone advised that the proposed resolution constitutes a formal request for the refund and that the City must also furnish OMAG with a copy of the minutes of the Council Meeting in which the resolution was adopted.

After a brief discussion, Vice-Mayor Bennett moved to approve Resolution 11-04-2019 (A). Council Member Wilkinson seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Bennett, Cummings and Wilkinson. Nay – none.



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ITEM VI. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 11-04-2019 (B) AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE OKLAHOMA COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN – 2019 UPDATE

City Manager Bruce Stone told the Council that Oklahoma County Emergency Management is asking all jurisdictions in Oklahoma County to adopt the 2019 update to the Oklahoma County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Mayor Cummings asked if the Emergency Management Director recommends this action by the Council. Mr. Stone advised that the resolution was placed before the Council at the request of Brent Hodges, who is the Emergency Manager Director for the City of The Village.

After a brief discussion, Council Member Wilkinson moved to approve Resolution 11-04-2019 (B). Mayor Cummings seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Bennett, Cummings and Wilkinson. Nay – none.

ITEM VII: REPORTS:

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

- General Fund, 10/24/2019:	\$107,780.27
- Capital Improvement Fund, 10/24/2019:	\$1,953.75
- Special Park Fund, 10/24/2019:	\$6,900.00

b) Manager's Report:

City Manager Bruce Stone reported that competitive bidding for the proposed animal shelter renovation project Animal Shelter is required by the City Charter and City Code and that he would be working with Jim Abernathy to develop bidding documents.

Mr. Stone reported that A-tech Paving is done with the installation of new inlets at Britton Road and Nichols. Mr. Stone advised that he is not sure if the Nichols Road has been reopened to traffic yet.

The city manager reported that Crossland Heavy Construction would not make repairs to Lakeside Drive and that he had turned this over to legal counsel to pursue.

Mr. Stone reported on the meeting held by request of residents of Hawthorn and The Villas. Mr. Stone advised that the meeting was held for the purpose of providing information about the preliminary plans for public improvements in Tax Increment District #1. Mr. Stone told the Council that the meeting was well-attended, and that LAUD Studio presented the draft plan and answered questions. Mr. Stone advised that the main areas of concern centered on possible



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traffic congestion on Vineyard Boulevard as a result of the proposed linear park, the loss of access to the library from Vineyard Boulevard and possible noise and parking problems associated with the proposed civic park on the property next to City Hall. Mr. Stone told the Council that some legitimate concerns were voiced but overall the feedback seemed positive.

The city manager showed the Council a map of the new route for the 2020 Memorial Marathon. Mr. Stone advised that the course would go north on Waverly, then west on Britton Road to Village Drive. Mr. Stone told the Council that the course then goes south on Village Drive to Brighton, turns west on Brighton to Westchester where runners will exit The Village at Guilford Lane. Mr. Stone noted that the halfway point of the marathon would be at Britton and Waverly. The Council briefly discussed opportunities for residents of The Village to participate in the event.

Mr. Stone reviewed the field report for Park improvements that are currently underway in Wayne Schooley, Harrison, Duffner and Bumpass parks.

c) Reports from the Council:

Vice-Mayor Bennett asked about that status of Chief Kinman. The city manager advised the Chief is home resting from his surgery and seems to be recovering well.

Vice-Mayor Bennett reported that the ACOG Legislative committee will meet again to discuss the legislative agenda for the upcoming legislative session.

Council Member Wilkinson told the Council that he would not be able to attend the next City Council meeting.

Mayor Cummings reported that she would speak at the State of the Cities luncheon sponsored by the Northwest Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, November 7.

Mayor Cummings told the Council that there would be a flu shot clinic at The Village Library on November 9th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Mayor Cummings asked everyone to spread the word.

Mayor Cummings asked if the new "Constitutional Carry" law allows people to carry firearms into a public park. Assistant City Attorney Jeff Sabin told the Council that the law is vague but that he believes that the law does not prohibit open carry of a firearm in a public park.

The Council briefly discussed annexation of an unincorporated strip of Britton Road and asked Assistant City Attorney Jeff Sabin to research the matter and report back to the Council.



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The Council asked about the hiring of a new Animal Control Officer. City Treasurer Beverly Whitener told the Council that interviews with the top candidates would be held later in the week.

Council Member Wilkinson noted that there is a vacancy on the Planning & Zoning Commission and that the appointment of an individual to fill the unexpired term should be placed on the agenda until the position is filled.

Mayor Cummings reminded the Council and citizens that 911 cell phone text service is now available in the ACOG 911 region.

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 9:00 p.m.

Mayor Cummings

Vice-Mayor Bennett

Council Member Symes

Council Member Graham

City Clerk

Council Member Wilkinson