



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

January 6, 2020

The City Council of the City of The Village, Oklahoma, met in regular session at City Hall on Monday, January 6, 2020, at 7:30 p.m., at 2304 Manchester Drive.

COUNCIL PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Bruce K. Stone, City Manager
Beverly K. Whitener, City Treasurer
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 December 16, 2019 and the special meeting held on December 27, 2019. There were no corrections, deletions or additions and the Council approved the Minutes of the meeting held on December 16, 2019 and December 27, 2019, as written.

ITEM IV: CITIZENS DESIRING TO BE HEARD; PRESENTATIONS; PROCLAMATIONS.

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

Mayor Cummings read aloud Proclamation 12-16-2019 (A) proclaiming January 6 to January 12 as Law Enforcement Appreciation Week in The Village. Lieutenant Jacobsen thanked the Council on behalf of The Village Police Department.

Celois Moore, 9431 Nichols Road, appeared before the Council. Ms. Moore told the Council she is a student at Langston University and that she received a Brad Henry Scholarship to study Biology in Wales, United Kingdom and that she would leave this coming Saturday. The Council congratulated Ms. Moore on this outstanding achievement and wished her well in her studies.



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Melodie Moore and James Moore appeared before the Council to complain about continued school traffic on Nichols Road. The residents stated that commercial delivery trucks are going down Nichols Road to deliver food (Ben Keith) to the school at 5:00 a.m. The Council agreed that this is too early for commercial trucks to make deliveries in a residential area and assured Mr. and Mrs. Moore that the City would discuss this matter with school officials.

Ms. Moore also noted that the pedestrian signal lights at Britton and Penn seem to only work intermittently.

Craig Bilodeau appeared before the Council and said he lives on Ridgeview Circle. Mr. Bilodeau complained that an OG&E truck has recently started parking in the parking lot of the Methodist Church in the evenings and on weekends. The city manager advised that this could be the same truck that had recently been parked at a house on Carlton Way. Mr. Stone advised he will make contact with OG&E and ask that the truck be moved out of The Village.

Mayor Cummings introduced Anthony Humphrey who works for Cox Communication and also lives in The Village.

Jane Lowther told the Council that Lori Mahaffey passed away on New Year's Day and that it would be nice for the Council to recognize Lori with a proclamation. The Council agreed that this would be an appropriate way to recognize Lori Mahaffey's contributions to the community.

ITEM V: CONSIDERATION OF PROCLAMATION 01-06-2020 (B) CALLING FOR AN ELECTION FOR THE POSITION OF COUNCILMAN FOR WARDS 2, 4 AND 5.

City Manager Bruce Stone explained Proclamation 01-06-2020 (B) calling for an election for Council Member for Wards. 2, 4 and 5. Mr. Stone advised that the filing period would be February 26, 27 and 28 and that the election would be on April 7.

Mr. Stone told the Council that the County Election Board would prefer the filing period be moved up a week to avoid a conflict with pre-voting for the Presidential Primary. Mr. Stone advised that this cannot be done without moving the entire filing period outside the filing window established by the City Charter.

After a brief discussion, Council Member Wilkinson moved to approve Proclamation 01-06-2020 (B). Vice-Mayor Bennett seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Symes, Graham, Bennett, Cummings and Wilkinson. Nay – none.



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ITEM VI: REPORTS, CORRESPONDENCE, ETC.

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

- Capital Improvement Fund, 12/18/2019:	\$11,700.00
- Police Grant Fund, 12/18/2019:	\$3,876.48
- General Fund, 12/19/2019:	\$19,165.80
- Capital Improvement Fund, 12/19/2019:	\$5,586.54
- G.O. Bond Fund, 12/19/2019:	\$367.35
- VPWA, 12/20/2019:	\$152,089.77
- G.O. Bond Fund, 12/20/2019:	\$800.00
- General Fund, 12/30/2019:	\$101,726.73
- Capital Improvement Fund, 12/30/2019:	\$190.99

b) Manager's Report:

City Manager Bruce Stone reported that bridge extension at Village Drive is in progress and seems to be going smoothly. Mr. Stone also reported that the broken sidewalk near the antique mall will be replaced by Crossland.

The city manager gave the Council an update on work in the parks and told the Council additional sidewalk has been formed in Duffner Park and that the installation of the fence around the Duffner Park tennis court is in progress.

Mr. Stone reported that the Oklahoma Humane Society (OKHS) has yet to submit a formal proposal but that Animal Control has been working with Safe Haven to accomplish virtually all the same benefits that we hope to get from collaboration with OKHS. Mr. Stone told the Council that Safe Haven is a non-profit rescue organization dedicated to finding homes for homeless and abandoned animals.

The city manager noted that claim submitted for pavement failure on Lakeside Drive. Mr. Stone told the Council that Assistant City Attorney Lisa Harden has done a thorough job putting the detailed claim together. Mr. Stone also noted that the bonding company has not responded to the claim.

Mr. Stone noted the press release regarding Council Member Graham's appointment to an important National League of Cities committee. The Council congratulated Council Member Graham on this prestigious appointment.

The city manager reported on the City's Stormwater program and advised that the City's stormwater permit requires dry weather stream monitoring at least once a year. Mr. Stone advised that the monitoring was completed in December and that the results



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were generally good. Mr. Stone told the Council that two locations indicated elevated levels of chlorine and at one location, the PH of the water sample was outside the acceptable range. Mr. Stone further advised that he has asked the consulting engineers for their advice on follow-up testing.

Mr. Stone briefly reviewed a proposal from Fertile Ground to provide services for composting food and yard waste. Mr. Stone told the Council that once a week city-wide food composting would cost \$126,960 a year (*\$27.60 a year per household*) and once a week city-wide yard waste composting would cost \$311,880 a year (*\$67.80 a year per household*). After a brief discussion, the consensus of the Council was that composting would be too expensive and that residents can obtain this service on their own if the so desire.

The city manager advised the Council that Commissioner Calvey has yet to commit to assisting the City with funding for Britton Road. Mr. Stone advised that Commissioner Vaughn had agreed to assist on this project but due to funding delays, the Commissioner retired before the project got underway. Mr. Stone further stated that it is clear that the County can legally assist in funding this project and that the law should not be a reason to deny the assistance that had already been promised. The Mayor volunteered to attend a Commission meeting to bring the subject up with the Commissioners.

Mr. Stone told the Council that the audit is complete and that the audit report would be presented at the next Council Meeting.

The city manager suggested that the City Council have a special meeting to regroup on the preliminary TIF plan and to discuss input received from residents in Hawthorn, The Villas, The Cottages and the Statesman Club. After a brief discussion, the Council decided to have a lunch work session on January 17th.

c) Reports from Council:

Mayor Cummings noted the NW Chamber of Commerce “Evening of Accolades”, which will be at the Skirvin Hotel on January 28th.

Council Member Symes told the Council that he had been to Johnnie’s several times since its re-opening and stated that the renovation was fabulous.

Council Member Graham wished everyone a Happy New Year and said the Casady Square merchants loved the striping on Hasley Drive.



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Vice-Mayor Bennett commended the Mayor for visiting the Chabad and for expressing concern for security. Mr. Stone advised that the Special Use Permit for this property needs to be amended to allow a security fence beyond the front building line.

Council Member Wilkinson suggested that the City consider some kind of landscaping or planting in the gap between the curb and multipath on Britton Road. The city manager suggested that this might be a project for a Community Foundation Margaret Annis Boy's Trust Grant.

Council Member Wilkinson asked about the ordinance restricting oversized vehicles and boats. Mr. Stone advised that everything seems to be working fine but noted that the ordinance is fairly lenient as vehicles are legal as long as they do not exceed the size of the "box", which is 8.5' x 22' x 9'.

Council Member Wilkinson asked about recognizing the winners of the Holiday Lights Contest. Mr. Stone advised that he hoped to have this on the first agenda in February.

Council Member Wilkinson said that he would like to find ways to decorate The Village so that it is more festive looking during the holidays. Yukon and Woodward were noted as having distinctive holiday decorations.

The city manager advised that the meeting with developers proposing a carwash on May Avenue has been postponed until Monday, January 13th at 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Stone further reported that there is a redevelopment proposed for the northeast corner of Britton and May and that the developer is struggling with the City's landscape requirements. Mr. Stone told the Council that he and Assistant City Attorney Jeff Sabin would meet with the developers to assist in complying with applicable City Codes.

Mayor Cummings said that she had a question from a business on May about the drainage. The city manager advised that the drainage seems to be working as designed.

Mayor Cummings asked Code Enforcement to check a white trailer parking at Sun & Ski and to take appropriate enforcement action.

The Mayor also noted that the Discount Muffler sign on Britton Road is damaged and should be repaired as soon as possible.

Mayor Cummings told the Council that she and Vice-Mayor Bennett met with Embark to explore affordable ways to provide bus service in The Village. Mayor Cummings advised that another meeting with Embark is scheduled for next week and that she would brief the Council on the results of the meeting.



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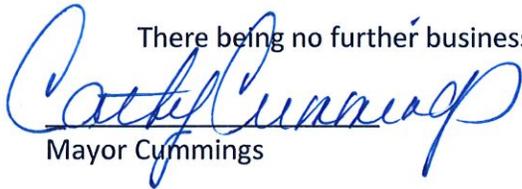
The Mayor told the Council about a program called "Do Something Nice on the 9th" and suggested that people bring canned food donations for the Pine Pantry to Vito's Italian Restaurant on May Avenue.

ITEM VII. NEW BUSINESS.

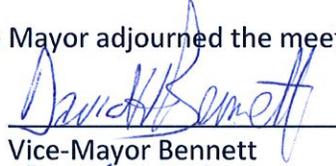
There was no New Business to come before the Council.

ITEM VIII: ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m.



Mayor Cummings



Vice-Mayor Bennett



Council Member Symes



City Clerk



Council Member Graham



Council Member Wilkinson