



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
May 17, 2021

The City Council of the City of The Village, Oklahoma, met in Regular Session on Monday, May 17, 2021, at 7:30 p.m., at The Village City Hall located at 2304 Manchester Drive, The Village, OK 73120.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Sonny Wilkinson, Vice-Mayor
Adam Graham, Council Member
Cathy Cummings, Council Member
Bubba Symes, Council Member
Wynter Griffis, Council Member

STAFF PRESENT

Bruce K. Stone, City Manager
Jamie Gilpin, Benefits Administrator
Jeff Sabin, Assistant City Attorney
Danny White, Municipal Judge

ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER.

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

ITEM II: INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

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

ITEM III: ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBER WYNTER GRIFFIS.

Judge White administered the Oath of Office for newly elected Council Member Wynter Griffis.

ITEM IV: CONSIDERATION OF ELECTION OF A VICE-MAYOR TO SERVE A ONE- YEAR TERM.

Mayor Wilkinson moved to elect Council Member Adam Graham to a one-year term as Vice-Mayor. Council Member Griffis seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Griffis, Graham, and Wilkinson. Nay – Symes and Cummings.

ITEM V: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MAY 3, 2021.

The Mayor asked if there were any corrections, additions or deletions to the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 3, 2021. There were none. Vice-Mayor Graham moved the approval of the minutes of the May 3, 2021, meeting, as written. Council Member Griffis seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Griffis, Cummings, Symes, Graham and Wilkinson. Nay – none.



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ITEM VI: CITIZENS DESIRING TO BE HEARD, PRESENTATIONS.

Carol Jensen asked about the large slide in Meeker Park and if it had been evaluated for possible renovation. The city manager advised that this is still on the list of things to do and would follow up with LAUD Studios.

Jane Lowther mentioned that there is a stray dog that frequents Meeker Park and that it might be helpful to install a "Do Not Feed Strays" sign in the park.

Carol Jensen told the Council that she really liked the blue and red porch lights to recognize police and fire employees. Ms. Jensen suggested that public works employees be recognized with orange lights.

ITEM VII: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 05-17-2021 (A) AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SEEK COMPETITIVE BIDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OKLAHOMA COMPETITIVE BIDDING ACT FOR GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND SIDEWALK PROJECTS #2 AND #3.

City Manager Bruce Stone briefly reviewed the plans for Sidewalk Project #2 and #3 and noted several corrections and changes that need to be made before going to bid. Mr. Stone asked the Council if he should advertise both projects at the same time or stagger the bid dates. The consensus of the Council was to open bids for both projects at the same time.

Mayor Wilkinson noted the detail for a section of sidewalk on Ridgeview that did not make sense. The city manager advised that he would talk to the engineers about the issue and make needed changes.

After a brief discussion, Vice-Mayor Graham moved to approve Resolution 05-17-2021 (A). Council Member Cummings seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Griffis, Cummings, Symes, Graham and Wilkinson. Nay – none.

ITEM VIII: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 05-17-2021 (B) DECLARING THAT 90% OF BUDGETED REVENUES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENTS TO EXPEND ABOVE THE 90% BUDGETARY EXPENDITURE THRESHOLD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET ACT.

City Manager Bruce Stone advised the Council that the Municipal Budget Act requires this resolution to certify that 90% of budgeted revenues have been received before allowing the expenditure of more than 90% of any approved departmental budget. Mr. Stone advised that revenues have been surprisingly strong this year and that year-to-date collections far exceed 90% of budgeted revenues.



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A typographical error was noted on Exhibit A. Mr. Stone advised that correction of the error would result in higher revenue totals and the Exhibit would be corrected to reflect the correct amount of revenue received to date.

After a brief discussion, Vice-Mayor Graham moved to approve Resolution 05-17-2021 (B), as corrected. Council Member Cummings seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Griffis, Cummings, Symes, Graham and Wilkinson. Nay – none.

ITEM IX: CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE 757 AMENDING CHAPTER 14, SECTION 14-27, SUBSECTION (H); PROVIDING FOR AN INCREASE IN PENALTY ASSESSMENT FEES TO CONFORM WITH CHANGES IN STATE LAW; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

City Manager Bruce Stone advised that the Court Clerk noticed that the Penalty Assessments enumerated in Chapter 14 of the City Code are out of date and should be updated to reflect the Penalty Assessments that are now required by law. Mr. Stone advised that Penalty Assessment funds collected by the City are remitted to the State for various purposes including law enforcement training (CLEET), the state fingerprint identification system (AFIS) and funding for OSBI and other crime laboratories.

After a brief discussion, Council Member Cummings moved to approve Ordinance 757. Council Member Griffis seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Griffis, Cummings, Symes, Graham and Wilkinson. Nay – none.

Council Member Cummings moved for the approval of the Emergency Clause. Vice-Mayor Graham seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Griffis, Cummings, Symes, Graham and Wilkinson. Nay – none.

ITEM X: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 05-17-2021 (C) DESIGNATING VOTING DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES FOR THE VARIOUS ACOG BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.

City Manager Bruce Stone advised that ACOG requests that member cities formally designate their voting delegates and alternates for the various ACOG boards and committees.

After a brief discussion, Mayor Wilkinson moved to approve Resolution 05-17-2021 (C) designating Council Member Cummings as ACOG voting delegate, Mayor Wilkinson as the 1st Alternate and Vice-Mayor Graham as the 2nd Alternate. The vote: Yea – Griffis, Cummings, Symes, Graham and Wilkinson. Nay – none.



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ITEM XI: REPORTS, CORRESPONDENCE, ETC.

a) ***Review of Expenditures.*** *The Council reviewed the Expenditure Report. Mr. Stone explained several items on the expenditure list and answered questions from the Council.*

b) ***Manager's Report.***

The city manager reported that the monthly sales tax check for May was \$518,691 for an increase of \$39,704 (7.65%) over the same period last year. Mr. Stone also told the Council that Use Tax was down \$18,535 over last year.

Mr. Stone reported that the plans for Britton Road drainage improvements are almost complete, and he should be able to get that project out to bid soon. Mr. Stone reported that a 42" pipe would be needed to properly handle stormwater runoff at this location. Mr. Stone further reported that the drainage system would have to fit between a 20" and a 6" water line that runs on the south side of the road.

The city manager reported that Rudy Construction is making great progress on Sidewalk Project #1 and is working from north to south on Penn. Mr. Stone advised that that the new sidewalk is almost to Erin Place.

Mr. Stone reported that the 1986 Chevrolet Pickup declared surplus by the Council sold at auction for \$6,000, which was more than expected for such an old vehicle.

The city manager reported that the motherboard for the splashpad controller did not survive the winter and a replacement board has been ordered for approximately \$2,400. Mr. Stone told the Council that he expected the splashpad to open as scheduled on May 22nd.

Mr. Stone reported that Blue Cross & Blue Shield is increasing the City's health insurance rates by 22% due to the City's loss history. Mr. Stone told the Council that options to reduce the cost of health insurance are being explored.

The city manager reviewed a catalog of the styles of decorative street lighting that O&G&E offers. Mr. Stone discussed costs and options for installing decorative streetlights on one mile of Britton Road between Penn and May.

Mr. Stone reviewed the construction field reports for Phase 2 Park Improvements. Mr. Stone advised that construction might limit options for the placement of the



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screen for the first Movie Night, which is scheduled for May 29th in Duffner Park.

The city manager noted a letter from the Oklahoma Municipal League advising of the increase in annual membership dues. Mr. Stone told the Council that OML was instrumental in getting legislation approved that allows for the creation of Public Safety Districts that are funded by an ad valorem tax levy of up to 5 mills. The Council expressed interest in looking into this funding source.

Mr. Stone reported that the Department of Treasury has issued additional guidance for the use of ARPA funds. Mr. Stone advised that, among other things, the funds can be used for sanitary sewer and storm sewer improvements as well as for improvements in broadband service. Mr. Stone advised that broadband service is widely available from multiple private companies in the metropolitan area but said that the Council might want to consider using some of the funds for the installation of Wi-Fi benches or Wi-Fi poles in some or all the City's parks. Mr. Stone also mentioned that a broadband subsidy of \$50 a month is available to qualified applicants through Cox, PCs for People and T-Mobile.

c) Reports from Council.

Council Member Symes told the Council that Bruce Mulford is a great builder and that his subdivisions west of May, although controversial, have improved the area tremendously.

The city manager reminded the Council of the budget work session scheduled for May 26th at 9:00 a.m.

Council Member Griffis asked about bikes and the "rules of the road". Mr. Stone advised that bikes can legally ride on "multi-paths" (e.g., the 10' wide sidewalk on Britton Road) or on other dedicated bike paths or lanes but cannot legally be ridden on pedestrian sidewalks.

Council Member Griffis stated that she is excited to serve on the City Council.

Vice-Mayor Graham stated that the radar sign recently placed on Georgia Avenue is not working. Mr. Stone advised that this sign has had a history of battery problems and that he would try to get it repaired.

Vice-Mayor Graham told the Council that he talked to the new Animal Welfare Officer and learned that some additional equipment is needed to properly equip the Animal Welfare vehicle. Mr. Stone advised that the dog box recently purchased



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(by the former Animal Welfare Officer) is not large enough to transport some very large dogs and that the VAL (Village Animal League) has agreed to purchase a larger box if the City buys a second box. Mr. Stone advised that the original box would be kept at the Animal Shelter and would be used when all the animal spaces are occupied.

Council Member Cummings told the Council that Yoga in the Park attracted about 30 people including several firefighters.

Council Member Cummings asked if Air Bed and Breakfasts are legal in The Village. Mr. Stone advised that Bed and Breakfasts are not legal in the A-1 Single Family Zoning District and that this could be something the Council might want to review.

ITEM XI: NEW BUSINESS.

There was no New Business to come before the Council.

ITEM XII: ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business and Mayor Wilkinson adjourned the meeting at 9:33 p.m.

Mayor Wilkinson

Vice-Mayor Graham

Council Member Cummings

Council Member Symes

City Clerk

Council Member Griffis