



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

June 7, 2021

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

COUNCIL PRESENT

Sonny Wilkinson, Mayor
Bubba Symes, Council Member
Cathy Cummings, Council Member
Wynter Griffis, Council Member

STAFF PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Adam Graham, Vice-Mayor

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: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MAY 17, 2021.

The Mayor asked if there were any corrections, additions or deletions to the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 17, 2021. There were none. Council Member Griffis moved the approval of the minutes of the May 17, 2021, meeting, as written. Council Member Cummings seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Griffis, Cummings, Symes, and Wilkinson. Nay – none.

ITEM VI: CITIZENS DESIRING TO BE HEARD, PRESENTATIONS.

Jason Wiggins, Library Manager, attended the Council Meeting and gave the Council a report on library activities including the Summer Reading Program, Toddler Dance Time on the Green and other virtual programming. Council Member Cummings told Mr. Wiggins that her husband recently published a cookbook and that he would like to donate a copy to the library.

Jane Lowther told the Council that she is having a hard time getting out of her driveway due to vehicles associated with park construction. Ms. Lowther advised that she had heard children ask why the park construction is taking place during the summer. The city manager advised that construction is to be completed by July 15th so there should be plenty of time for the children to enjoy the new park equipment.



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Ms. Lowther reminded everyone to burn orange lights on their front porches to show appreciation for our Public Works employees.

- a) **Proclamation 06-04-2021 (A) – Gun Violence Awareness Day.** Mayor Wilkinson read aloud Proclamation 06-04-2021 (A) that proclaimed June 4th as Gun Violence Awareness Day in The Village.
- b) **Bond Presentation.** Ben Oglesby representing Oklahoma Municipal Finance Services gave the Council a presentation on the possible authorization of additional bonded indebtedness for capital projects. Mr. Oglesby also briefly talked about the new state law that allows for the creation of Public Safety Districts that can be financed in part by an Ad Valorem millage levy.

ITEM V: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 06-07-2021 (A) APPROVING A LOT SPLIT FOR LOT 1 BLOCK 2 OF THE VINEYARD ADDITION TO THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE.

City Manager Bruce Stone advised the Council that the owner of the property located at 2212 and 2222 West Hefner (Audio Dimensions and Bike Lab) is requesting a Lot Split to divide Lot 1 Block 2 of The Vineyard Addition into two separate tracts. Mr. Stone advised that the Planning & Zoning Commission has reviewed the application and recommends that the City Council approve the lot split. Mr. Stone advised that the lot split complies with all applicable zoning regulations of the City.

Mr. Stone told the Council that Tract 1 would be for the commercial building located at 2222 West Hefner (Audio Dimensions) and that Tract 2 would be for the commercial building located at 2212 West Hefner (Bike Lab). Mr. Stone told the Council that the lot split would not create any zoning nonconformances with respect to the existing buildings on the property.

Assistant City Attorney Jeff Sabin recommended that the property owner provide for shared access to Hefner Road (Stratford & Hefner) to ensure that future owners of either tract can legally use the existing access point to Hefner Road.

After a brief discussion, Council Member Griffis moved to approve Resolution 06-07-2021 (A), with the stipulation that a shared access easement be provided for access to the existing access point at Hefner Road and Stratford Drive. Council Member Cummings seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Griffis, Cummings, Symes, and Wilkinson. Nay – none.

ITEM VI: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 06-07-2021 (B) AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A BUILDING PERMIT FOR A NEW COMMERCIAL BUILDING LOCATED AT 2202 WEST HEFNER ROAD.



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City Manager Bruce Stone advised that an application for a building permit has been submitted by Diamond Real Estate, LLC for a new 6,800 square foot building in The Vineyard Planned Unit Development. Mr. Stone told the Council that the proposed building would be built directly south of the Bike Lab in the location previously occupied by a carwash. Mr. Stone explained that The Vineyard PUD Design Documents provide the development regulations that apply to this property and that the proposed building would not be subject to the City's new landscaping or architectural design standards.

Mr. Stone advised that the Planning & Zoning Commission has reviewed the plans and recommends that the Council authorize the issuance of a building permit provided the developer restripes the required parking spaces and plants fourteen (14) trees to replace the trees that have died.

Mayor Wilkinson asked whether the development standards for The Vineyard PUD could be updated. Assistant City Attorney Jeff Sabin advised that the PUD regulations can be amended by following the normal procedures for zoning changes.

After a brief discussion, Council Member Cummings moved to approve Resolution 06-07-2021 (B) provided the developer restripe the required parking spaces and plants fourteen (14) trees to replace the trees that have died. Council Member Griffis seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Griffis, Cummings, Symes, and Wilkinson. Nay – none.

ITEM VII. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 06-07-2021 (C) ESTABLISHING THE 9-1-1 EMERGENCY TELEPHONE FEE RATE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2022.

City Manager Bruce Stone advised that the Council is required to establish the telephone fee to pay for the operation of the 911 Emergency Telephone System each calendar year. Mr. Stone told the Council that the ACOG 911 Association advises that the 3% rate will be needed to meet the funding requirements of the system in 2022.

After a brief discussion Council Member Symes moved to adopt Resolution 06-07-2021 (C) establishing the 911 Emergency Telephone rate for calendar year 2022. Council Member Cummings seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Griffis, Cummings, Symes, and Wilkinson. Nay – none.

ITEM VIII: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 06-07-2021 (D) APPROVING THE ASSIGNMENT OF 9-1-1 FEES TO 9-1-1 ACOG.

The city manager explained that the ACOG 911 Association manages the 911 Emergency System for this region (excluding OKC) and that the Oklahoma 911 Commission requires the City to officially assign 911 revenues each year to the Association.



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After a brief discussion Council Member Cummings moved to adopt Resolution 06-07-2021 (D) establishing the 911 Emergency Telephone rate for calendar year 2022. Council Member Symes seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Griffis, Cummings, Symes, and Wilkinson. Nay – none.

ITEM IX: 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.***

City Manager Bruce Stone reported that plans for Sidewalk Project 2 and 3 are still not complete. Mr. Stone explained the situation with the sidewalk switching from one side of Ridgeview to the other and then back. Mr. Stone advised that this was an obvious mistake and that it is being corrected to keep the sidewalk on the same side of the street.

Mr. Stone reported that Rudy Construction is almost done with Sidewalk Project 1 and that the company has done an excellent job. Council Member Symes asked about inspections. Mr. Stone advised that the Street Department is monitoring the project and keeping a daily log of the work activity.

The city manager reported that Traffic Signals, Inc. expects to begin installation of the new signalization at Lakeside and May this week. Mr. Stone advised that the company expects the masts and arms to be delivered soon.

Mr. Stone reported that the Street Department was scheduled to begin installation of the first speed cushion today but decided to delay the project due to rain.

The city manager reminded the Council that the Budget Hearing is scheduled for June 15th. After a brief discussion, the Council agreed to hold the hearing at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Stone noted that Judge White is offering a partial amnesty to people who have outstanding warrants for Failure to Appear in Court. Mr. Stone provided a copy of the letter that would be sent to defendants for the Council to review.

The city manager showed the Council the latest field reports for the park construction projects.



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Mr. Stone noted a sample questionnaire prepared by Council Member Cummings regarding public transportation services. Mayor Wilkinson stated that the questionnaire is premature, and that more information needs to be provided by Embark before further consideration of a program.

c) Reports from Council.

Mayor Wilkinson asked how things were going with the Animal Shelter and volunteers. The city manager advised that things have been running smoothly so far.

Council Member Griffis asked if Gun Awareness Day is an annual event. Mr. Stone advised that this is the second or third year that this has been done and that the Proclamations are requested by organizations trying to raise awareness of the seriousness of the issue.

Council Member Cummings told the Council about a possible Bed and Breakfast in her neighborhood. The city manager advised that he sees sales tax remittances from Air BnB but that he is not aware of any specific homes where this activity is being conducted. Mr. Stone further advised that Bed and Breakfasts are not authorized in the A-1 Single Family Zoning District. Assistant City Attorney Jeff Sabin told the Council that he has been researching Oklahoma City's requirements and suggested that this be placed on the next Council agenda for discussion.

Council Member Cummings reported that the ACOG 911 Association is working on the "next generation" 911 system that will include reporting emergencies by text message, social media platforms, and by Amazon Alexa.

Assistant City Attorney Jeff Sabin reported that Lisa Harden is still working on the final version of the engineering report for Lakeside Drive.

Mayor Wilkinson stated that it appears that a bollard is needed at Arby's to prevent patrons from parking on the multipath.

Mayor Wilkinson encouraged members of the Council to drive on Gladstone between Carlton Way and Village Drive before the budget work session on June 9th. The mayor advised that he would like to improve the drainage and resurface this street.