



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
November 15, 2021

The City Council of the City of The Village, Oklahoma, met in Regular Session on Monday, November 15, 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
Adam Graham, Vice-Mayor
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:

Bubba Symes, Council Member

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 MEETINGS HELD ON NOVEMBER 1, 2021, AND NOVEMBER 10, 2021.

The Mayor asked if there were any corrections, additions or deletions to the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 1, 2021, or to the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on November 10, 2021. There were none. Council Member Cummings moved for the approval of the Minutes of the meetings held on November 1, 2021, and November 10, 2021, as written. Council Member Griffis seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Griffis, Cummings, Graham, and Wilkinson. Nay – none.

ITEM IV: CITIZENS DESIRING TO BE HEARD, PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS.

The Mayor stated this is the time for citizens to address the Council on any issue that is not on the posted Agenda.

The Village Library Manager Jason Wiggins appeared before the Council and gave an update on the status of services offered by the library and various library programs.



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Sam Cupples, 2737 Northampton, appeared before the Council. Mr. Cupples told the Council that he and his neighbors (some of whom were present) have started to meet informally on a monthly basis. Mr. Cupples described improvements in the neighborhood including new driveways and landscaping. Mr. Cupples showed the Council a PowerPoint Presentation illustrating the problem with trees growing into electric lines and causing power outages and fires. Mr. Cupples asked if it would be possible for Code Enforcement to be more proactive in reporting and acting on trees that are encroaching on electric lines. Mr. Cupples stated that the excessive growth could be considered a violation of public nuisance codes. The city manager advised that the City can certainly be more proactive in finding and reporting tree problems to OG&E and also by advising residents of the need to trim their trees. Mr. Stone cautioned that residents would need to be careful when working around live power lines and stated that this type of work should be done by trained professionals.

Mayor Wilkinson stated that he would reach out to OG&E and find out when regular tree trimming is scheduled. The Mayor also asked if the City could require service lines to be buried. Mr. Stone advised that an ordinance could be adopted requiring service lines to be placed underground but that the homeowner would be responsible for the costs and would be a financial burden for many people.

The Council thanked Mr. Cupples for coming and sharing this information.

ITEM V: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 11-15-2021 (A) ESTABLISHING THE DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2022.

Mayor Wilkinson asked the members of the Council to consider a change in time for Regular City Council Meetings in 2022. After a brief discussion, a majority of the Council agreed to change the Regular Meeting times as follows:

Planning & Zoning Commission:	from 6:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Resolution 11-15-2021 (B))
City Council:	from 7:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (Resolution 11-15-2021 (A))
Village Public Works Authority:	from 8:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Resolution 11-15-2021 (C))

Mayor Wilkinson moved to approve Resolution 11-15-2021 (A), Resolution 11-15-2021 (B), and Resolution 11-15-2021 (C), as amended and to approve Resolution 11-15-2021 (D) and Resolution 11-15-2021 (E), as written. Vice-Mayor Graham seconded the motion.

- *The vote for Resolution 11-15-2021 (A): Yea - Griffis, Graham and Wilkinson. Nay – Cummings.*
- *The vote for Resolutions 11-15-2021 (B), 11-15-2021 (C), 11-15-2021 (D) and 11-15-2021 (E): Yea - Griffis, Cummings, Graham, and Wilkinson. Nay – None.*



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ITEM VI: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 11-15-2021 (B) ESTABLISHING THE DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF REGULAR PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION MEETINGS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2022.

(See action taken above)

ITEM VII: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 11-15-2021 (C) ESTABLISHING THE DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF REGULAR VILLAGE PUBLIC WORKS AUTHORITY MEETINGS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2022.

(See action taken above)

ITEM VIII: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 11-15-2021 (D) ESTABLISHING THE DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF REGULAR TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMISSION MEETINGS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2022.

(See action taken above)

ITEM IX: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 11-15-2021 (E) ESTABLISHING THE DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF THE VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETINGS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2022.

(See action taken above)

ITEM X: 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 the monthly sales tax check was for \$520,960, which is an increase of \$26,110 or 5.28% over the same period last year. Mr. Stone also reported that Use Tax was \$132,885, which is an increase of \$16,213 or 13.90% over the same period last year. .

The city manager advised that bids for Sidewalk Project 4 were opened today at 2:00 p.m. and the bids were as follows:



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<i>EMC Services LLC</i>	<i>\$267,511.90</i>
<i>A-Tech Paving</i>	<i>\$281,507.27</i>
<i>SAC Services, Inc.</i>	<i>\$301,015.39</i>
<i>Rudy Construction</i>	<i>\$346,418.20</i>
<i>Connelly Paving Company</i>	<i>\$374,600.00</i>

The city manager reported that award of the bid and approval of the contract would be on the next regular City Council agenda on December 6, 2021. Mr. Stone advised that Sidewalk Project 4 is the last listed bond project to be completed and that remaining bond funds may not be sufficient to complete the project without using dedicated Capital Improvement Sales Tax Funds.

Mr. Stone gave the Council an update on Sidewalk Project 2 and 3. Mr. Stone also reported that Sidewalk Project 5 is underway and will go from Penn to Waverly (west to east) on the south side of Britton Road.

The city manager noted the list of rate changes announced by Cox Communications for cable and internet service.

Mr. Stone reminded the Council that the annual Christmas Dinner would be on December 14 at Village Baptist Church.

- c) **Monthly Department Reports.** *The Council viewed the monthly department reports.*

Council Member Cummings asked if the City's ARPA funds had been earmarked. Mr. Stone advised that a portion of the funds have been allocated for drainage projects and that the Council has talked about using the remaining funds to upgrade the sewer outfall line that runs north along Village Drive and through Hawthorn.

Jane Lowther asked if the City gets sales tax on medical marijuana sales. Mr. Stone advised that sales are subject to 4.5% City sales tax.

- d) **Reports from Council.**

Council Member Griffis noted that the Street Department has been cleaning the channel on Village Drive south of Britton Road. Council Member Griffis asked how often this is done. Mr. Stone advised that the frequency of channel cleaning depends on the rate at which dirt and debris accumulate. Mr. Stone advised that



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water breaks are responsible for much of the accumulation and that work typically needs to be done every few years.

Council Member Griffis told her colleagues on the Council that she is excited to be on the Council with them and to be able to raise her daughter in The Village.

Vice-Mayor Graham thanked Deputy Chief Landon and Officer Swartzbaugh for the recent ride-along with a young citizen interested in learning about law enforcement.

Vice-Mayor Graham reported that he had received a complaint about the lighted sign for Coulter Carwash. The city manager said he would check the PUD for sign requirements.

Vice-Mayor Graham mentioned that he is excited about the bike patrol program. Mr. Stone advised that five officers have volunteered to participate and that a couple of the bikes would be delivered soon. Mr. Stone advised that training for the bicycle officers would take place in December. The Vice-Mayor asked about scheduling. Mr. Stone advised that the policy requires officers to ride a certain number of hours each week and that bikes would only be deployed when there are at least three officers on the street. (two vehicles and one bike)

Council Member Cummings mentioned a program called Neighbors Helping Neighbors.

Council Member Cummings reported that the sidewalk crew accidentally cut a private water service line on Lakeside Drive. Mr. Stone advised that service was restored quickly and that the water line was less than a foot deep.

Mayor Wilkinson stated that it's an exciting time to be in The Village.

ITEM XI: **NEW BUSINESS.**

There was no new business to come before the Council.



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ITEM XII: ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business to come before the Council and the Mayor adjourned the meeting 8:45 p.m.

Mayor Wilkinson

Vice-Mayor Graham

Council Member Cummings

Council Member Symes

City Clerk

Council Member Griffis