



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
December 20, 2021

The City Council of the City of The Village, Oklahoma, met in Regular Session on Monday, December 20, 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
Bubba Symes, Council Member
Wynter Griffis, Council Member

STAFF PRESENT

Bruce K. Stone, City Manager
Beverly K. Whitener, City Treasurer

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 MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 6, 2021.

The Mayor asked if there are any corrections, additions or deletions to the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 6, 2021. There were none. Vice-Mayor Graham moved for the approval of the Minutes of the meetings held on December 6, 2021, as written. Council Member Cummings seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Symes, Griffis, Graham, Cummings, 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.

Jane Lowther asked about recognizing homes that are decorated for the holidays. Vice-Mayor Graham stated that more time is needed to do this properly and that next year this process should begin right after Thanksgiving.

Jane Lowther asked about improvements to Meeker Park and told the Council that residents (based on her poll) do not want the proposed fitness area and prefer that the large slide be renovated and reinstalled. Mr. Stone advised that the next round of park improvements would depend on the decision voters make in the upcoming bond election. Mr. Stone stated



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that if the bond issue is approved, the Council will need to give LAUD Studio guidance on how to proceed with Meeker Park improvements.

Council Member Cummings read her letter of resignation, which is attached to these minutes. Members of the Council thanked Council Member Cummings for her service and wished her well. Council Member Symes stated that Council Member Cummings was “the best Mayor ever.” City Manager Bruce Stone told Council Member Cummings that it has been a pleasure and honor to work with such a caring and dedicated person and stated that she would be sorely missed.

ITEM V: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 12-20-2021 PERTAINING TO AN APPLICATION FOR A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT TO OPERATE A MEDICAL MARIJUANA PROCESSING FACILITY AT 2912 LAKESIDE DRIVE.

City Manager Bruce Stone advised the Council that the proposed medical marijuana processing facility would not engage in volatile or combustible extraction processes and the primary work performed would be to make “pre-rolls” (medical marijuana cigarettes) for wholesale distribution to dispensaries. Mr. Stone advised that the Planning & Zoning Commission recommends that the permit be approved provided that no volatile, combustible, or flammable extraction processes be permitted on the premises.

Applicants Matthew Danuser and Emmanuel Rivera appeared before the Council to answer questions about their proposed facility. Mr. Danuser told the Council that the leased space is 980 square feet and contains three offices that will be staffed with four (4) employees.

Council Members had numerous questions for the applicants regarding, noise, odors, waste, security, and product delivery and shipping. Mr. Danuser advised that everything they do is “by the book” and that there would be no noise or odors outside the premises. Mr. Danuser advised that there would be no waste disposed at the processing facility. Mr. Danuser further explained that security is a primary concern of theirs and that employees are trained with security in mind. Mr. Danuser told the Council that sensors and security cameras would be installed and that the goal of their operation is to be as inconspicuous as possible.

Mayor Wilkinson thanked Mr. Danuser and Mr. Rivera for coming to the meeting to answer questions.

After a brief discussion, Vice-Mayor Graham moved to adopt Resolution 12-20-2021 (A) approving a Specific Use Permit for a Medical Marijuana Processing Facility at 2912 Lakeside Drive, provided that no volatile, combustible, or flammable extraction processes be allowed on the premises. Council Member Griffis seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Symes, Griffis, Graham, Cummings, and Wilkinson. Nay – none.

ITEM VI: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 12-20-2021 (B) ESTABLISHING THE TIME, DATE AND LOCATIONS OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION MEETINGS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2022.



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City Manager Bruce Stone advised that Mayor Wilkinson asked that meeting times for City Council meetings in 2022 be reconsidered. Mr. Stone advised that the Planning & Zoning Commission typically meets on the same night as the Council and that a change in time for City Council meetings will also require a change of meeting times for the Planning & Zoning Commission. Mr. Stone advised that the Commission usually meets about six times a year and, depending on the amount of business on the agenda, it might be necessary to adjust meet times for the Council and Commission when situations warrant.

After a brief discussion, Mayor Wilkinson moved to adopt Resolution 12-20-2021 (B) setting the regular meeting times for the City Council at 6:00 p.m. and the regular meeting times for the Planning & Zoning Commission at 5:30 p.m. Council Member Symes seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Symes, Graham, Cummings, and Wilkinson. Nay – Griffis.

ITEM VII: CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE 763 OF THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE, OKLAHOMA AMENDING CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2-1 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE; PROVIDING FOR THE REAPPORTIONMENT OF CITY COUNCIL WARD BOUNDARIES TO REFLECT DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGES PURSUANT TO THE 2020 CENSUS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

City Manager Bruce Stone advised the Council that the 2020 population totals for each Census Block indicate that changes are needed to the City’s Ward boundaries in order to make each ward roughly equal in population. Mr. Stone advised that the population totals provided by the Census Bureau indicate that Ward 4 is by far the largest Ward with 458 more people than the mean. Mr. Stone advised that Ward 1 is the smallest Ward with 266 people less than the mean.

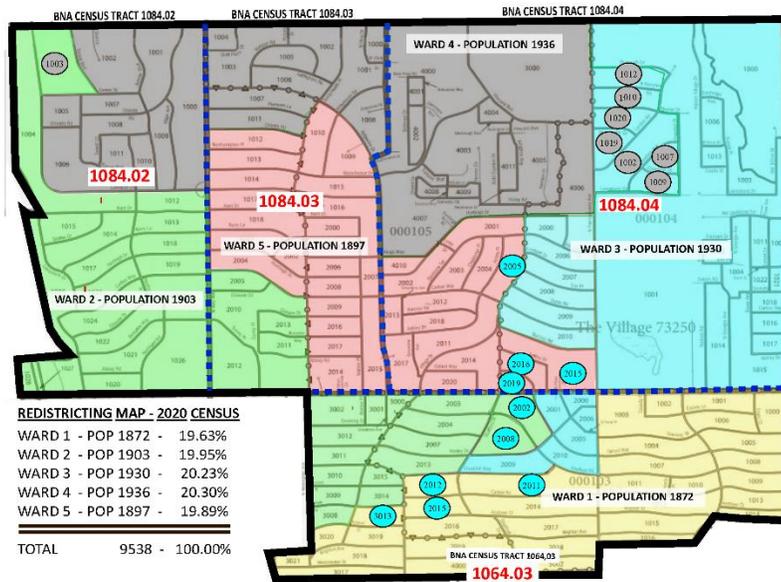
Mr. Stone showed the Council a graph with the 2020 population totals for each of the five wards as currently constituted and the population for the proposed revised Wards, as follows:

2010 WARD BOUNDARIES COMPARED TO 2020 WARD BOUNDARIES			
Current 2010 Ward	2020 Population	Diff People Comp to Mean	Diff % Comp to Mean
WARD 1	1642	-266	-13.94%
WARD 2	1787	-121	-6.34%
WARD 3	1986	78	4.09%
WARD 4	2366	458	24.00%
WARD 5	1757	-151	-7.91%
Total	9538		
Redistricted 2020 Ward	2020 Population	Diff People Comp to Mean	Diff % Comp to Mean
WARD 1	1872	-36	-1.89%
WARD 2	1903	-5	-0.26%
WARD 3	1930	22	1.15%
WARD 4	1936	28	1.47%
WARD 5	1897	-11	-0.58%
Total	9538		



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Mr. Stone showed the Council the following map indicating how each ward boundary would change to equalize the population of the five wards.



Mr. Stone told the Council that the circles are colored to indicate which Census Blocks moved from one Ward to another and which Ward the Census Block was taken from to equalize Ward populations.

Mr. Stone advised that City Attorney Jeff Sabin has noted needed corrections to the written descriptions (Ordinance 763) for Ward 2 and Ward 3. Mr. Stone advised that the words “southwesterly down the middle of Oxford Way” should be changed for both Wards to read “southeasterly down the middle of Oxford Way.”

Mr. Stone further advised that Mr. Sabin recommends that the written descriptions for Ward 3 and Ward 4 be changed by revising both written descriptions from “the north lot line in the area designated as park” to read “the north lot line in the area designated as Bumpass Park”.

Mr. Stone advised that the final recommendation by the City Attorney is to amend the Ward Boundary Map to clearly show the dividing line between Ward 3 and Ward 4 to be at the north boundary of Bumpass Park and to clarify that The Village Park Condos are to remain in Ward 4.

After a brief discussion, Council Member Cummings moved to approve Ordinance 763 with the recommended amendments. Vice-Mayor Graham seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Symes, Griffis, Graham, Cummings, and Wilkinson. Nay – none.



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

ITEM VIII. REPORTS, CORRESPONDENCE, ETC.

a) ***Review of Expenditures.*** *The Council reviewed the Expenditure Reports. The city manager noted and explained several items on the expenditure reports.*

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

City Manager Bruce Stone reported that the monthly sales tax check was for \$550,709.88, which is an increase of \$126,405 or 29.79% as compared to the same period last year. Mr. Stone also reported that Use Tax was \$119,695, which is a decrease of \$20,884 or 14.86% as compared to the same period last year.

Mr. Stone gave the Council a report on the status of the sidewalk projects.

The city manager reported that Court Clerk Lisa Jones resigned to return to her former job at McAfee Taft. Mr. Stone advised the Heather Marks would fill the position beginning on December 27th. Mr. Stone told the Council that he is sad to see Lisa leave.

Mr. Stone reported that A & B Construction plans to install the tension fabric salt storage building at Public Works in February.

The city manager reviewed the field report submitted by LAUD Studio detailing the status of park improvements.

Mr. Stone reported that the new storm siren at Northland and Kent has been installed but that there is additional equipment and programming needed before the sirens are ready for a live test. Mr. Stone told the Council that the sirens are capable of "silent" testing but advised that live tests will still be conducted on a schedule to be determined. Mr. Stone further reported that the improvements would simplify the process used by 911 Telecommunicators to activate the sirens.

c) ***Monthly Department Reports.*** *The Council reviewed the monthly Department Reports.*



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d) **Reports from Council.**

Council Member Griffis asked what the plan is to promote the bond issue. Council Member Cummings stated that Council Members and volunteers went door to door for the last election. The city manager advised that the City cannot legally pay for advertisements to promote the bond issue. Mr. Stone told the Council that the City can, however, answer questions and provide facts about the bond issue.

Vice-Mayor Graham thanked Council Member Cummings for her time on the Council.

Council Member Cummings asked whether sod would be installed where new sidewalk was installed at 10240 Lakeside Drive. The city manager advised that the contractor would install sod and that the residents should be patient.

Council Member Cummings stated that she received a complaint about a broken sidewalk on Hidden Village Drive. The city manager advised that he and Public Works Director Larry Walton met with the President of the HOA to look at the sidewalk and advised that the City is getting prices to replace the failed section of sidewalk.

Council Member Cummings told the Council that ACOG needs to know who will take her place as the voting delegate for ACOG. Council Member Cummings told the Council that the ACOG Board had a nice going away party for her.

Mayor Wilkinson told the Council that the Christmas party was fun and thanked the staff for putting it together. Mayor Wilkinson thanked Council Member Cummings again for her service and stated that Council Member Symes would be taking over the Yoga in the Park program that she started.

ITEM IX: NEW BUSINESS.

There was no new business to come before the Council.



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ITEM X: ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business to come before the Council and the Mayor adjourned the meeting 8:55 p.m.

Mayor Wilkinson

Vice-Mayor Graham

Council Member Symes

Council Member Griffis

City Clerk

Unfilled Position