



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
January 19, 2022

The City Council of the City of The Village, Oklahoma, met in Regular Session on Monday, January 19, 2022, at 6:00 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
Bubba Symes, Council Member

STAFF PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Wynter Griffis, Council Member

ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER.

Mayor Wilkinson called the meeting to order at 6:04 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 JANUARY 3, 2022.

The Mayor asked if there are any corrections, additions or deletions to the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 3, 2022. There were none. Mayor Wilkinson moved for the approval of the Minutes of the meetings held on January 3, 2022, as written. Council Member Symes seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Symes, 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.

Jason Wiggins, The Village Library Manager, gave the Council a report on library programs and activities. Mayor Wilkinson asked whether the Metropolitan Library System has ever considered establishing a “tool library” where citizens can check out various tools needed for home improvements. Mr. Wiggins advised that he had never heard of such a program and would ask. Mayor Wilkinson stated that perhaps the City could have a similar program for people to check out lawn mowers. The city manager stated that is a really innovative idea but cautioned that it might not be legal under Oklahoma law.



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Jane Lowther stated that she had heard that Monte Anderson is retiring and wondered if there would be a retirement party. Mr. Stone advised that Monte has indicated that he would retire but that he has not submitted a formal resignation.

Ms. Lowther stated that car break-ins could be reduced if residents would put their porch lights on. Ms. Lowther suggested a campaign to encourage citizens to keep their porch lights on at night.

Ms. Lowther asked why The Village does not have a Miss Village Pageant. Mr. Stone advised that it has been decades since The Village had a pageant and stated that, to his knowledge, the pageant was sponsored by a civic organization in the community such as The Village Lions Club.

Ms. Lowther asked if it is possible for residents to purchase benches, bricks, etc., for park improvements and memorials. Mr. Stone advised that the City continues to allow residents to purchase benches, but the benches or other donations need to be consistent with the City's approved Master Plan in terms of design and placement.

ITEM V: PRESENTATION OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT OF THE CITY'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2021, HBC CPAs.

City Manager Bruce Stone advised the Council that no one from HBC CPAS could attend the meeting tonight but that a representative would be at the meeting on February 7th to present the audit and answer questions.

The city manager reminded the Council that the audit would be "qualified" because the audit is done using the modified cash basis, which is a method of accounting that does not meet all the requirements of GASB, which is the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. Mr. Stone advised that this method of accounting simplifies the audit and, most importantly, keeps the unfunded liabilities of the State-run Police and Fire Pension Systems off the City's balance sheet. Mr. Stone advised that this has not had a deleterious effect on interest rates or the City's ability to borrow funds.

The City Manager also advised that the City would be subject to the Single Audit requirements of the Office of Management and Budget because the City expended more than \$750,000 in federal money during the fiscal year. Mr. Stone told the Council that the Single Audit is a compliance report that examines whether the City followed all of the federal guidelines for the use of the federal funds. Mr. Stone further advised that this would be a supplemental report that is outside the scope of the regular audit and would, therefore, cost additional money to complete. Mr. Stone advised that HBC CPAs would submit a proposal to perform the Single Audit.

The Council took no formal action.



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ITEM VI: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 01-19-2022 (A) ESTABLISHING THE DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION MEETINGS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2022.

The Council discussed meeting times and acknowledged that the established meeting time of 6:00 p.m. is not convenient for all members of the Council.

After a brief discussion, Mayor Wilkinson moved to approve Resolution 01-19-2022 (A) changing the times of regular Planning Commission and City Council meetings from 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. respectively. Council Member Symes seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Symes, Graham, and Wilkinson. Nay – none.

ITEM VII: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 01-19-2022 (B) DESIGNATING VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATES FOR THE VARIOUS ACOG BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.

City Manager Bruce Stone advised that ACOG has requested that the Council formally designate a voting delegate and up to two alternates to serve on the various ACOG boards and committees.

After a brief discussion, Vice-Mayor Graham moved to approve Resolution 01-19-2022 (B) designating Mayor Wilkinson as the ACOG voting delegate and Vice-Mayor Graham as the alternate delegate. Council Member Symes seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Symes, Graham, 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 certain items on the reports.*
- b) ***Manager's Report.***

City Manager Bruce Stone reported that Sidewalk Project 4 is now underway and that he would meet on Friday with representatives of the two shopping centers west of May to discuss driveway approach replacements.

Mr. Stone reported that ONG is asking for the Council to consider putting a franchise ordinance (at their expense) before the voters to grant the company a non-exclusive franchise to use City rights of ways. Mr. Stone advised that he provided the city attorney with a copy of the proposed ordinance for review.



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After a brief discussion, the Council asked that a company representative come to a meeting to explain why the company is seeking a franchise.

The city manager reported that the sales tax check for the month of January was \$515,646, which is a decrease of \$34,234 or 6.23% over the same period last year. Mr. Stone further reported that Use Tax was \$144,073, which is a decrease of \$29,887 or 17.18% over the same period last year.

Mr. Stone noted the press release included in the packet announcing Vice-Mayor Graham's appointment to the National League of Cities Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee.

The city manager showed the Council pictures of a wooden parking lot at Quality Foods at Hefner & Penn. Mr. Stone advised that this does not qualify as a paved surface for residential lots but is legal for commercial lots. Mr. Stone told the Council that Chapter 13, Section 13-228 could easily be amended to make the paved parking surface requirements for residential lots apply to commercial lots. After a brief discussion, the consensus of the Council was to amend the City Code to adopt paved parking standards for commercial lots.

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

d) **Reports from Council.**

Council Member Symes asked that Animal Welfare continue to waive adoption fees for impounded animals.

Council Member Symes mentioned that a van was recently stolen at Casady Square and asked for increased police patrol at the shopping center.

Vice-Mayor Graham stated that residents in Crossings at The Village appreciate the sidewalk repair on Hidden Village Drive.

Vice-Mayor Graham told the Council that he is excited about the Bike Patrol program and that he would like to get a picture of one of the bikes.

The city manager told the Council that there would be a going away party for Cathy Cummings at City Hall on Friday, January 21 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Mr. Stone told the Council that he would meet with Assistant City Attorney Lisa Harden and Tim Johnson this week to discuss the next steps in the dispute with



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*Crossland Heavy Construction over the substandard work on Lakeside Drive.
Mr. Stone invited Council Member Symes to attend the meeting.*

ITEM IX: NEW BUSINESS.

There was no new business to come before the Council.

ITEM X: ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business to come before the Council and the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Mayor Wilkinson

Vice-Mayor Graham

Council Member Symes

Council Member Griffis

City Clerk

Unfilled Position