



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
April 4, 2022

The City Council of the City of The Village, Oklahoma, met in Regular Session on Monday, April 4, 2022, at 6:30 p.m., at The Village City Hall located at 2304 Manchester Drive, The Village, OK 73120.

COUNCIL PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Bruce K. Stone, City Manager
Beverly K. Whitener, City Treasurer
Leslie Batchelor, Assistant City Attorney

ABSENT:

Adam Graham, Vice-Mayor

ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER.

Mayor Wilkinson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ITEM II: INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor Wilkinson asked for a moment of silence for the people of Ukraine. The mayor led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM III: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON FEBRUARY 21, 2022.

Mayor Wilkinson asked if there are any corrections, additions or deletions to the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 21, 2022. There were no corrections, additions or deletions and Council Member Symes moved for the approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on March 21, 2022, as written. Mayor Wilkinson seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Symes, Griffis, and Wilkinson. Nay – none.

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

a) *Robyn Sears, Childhood Development Specialist.*

Robyn Sears appeared before the Council to give a brief presentation pertaining to childhood development and related issues. Ms. Sears told the Council about the blue-ribbon campaign to raise awareness about child abuse and encouraged everyone to wear blue ribbons and post selfies on social media to help promote the campaign. Ms. Sears also asked if blue ribbons could be tied to trees in the parks. The Council did not object to the idea. The mayor thanked Ms. Sears for coming to the meeting and sharing this valuable information.



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b) *Proclamation 04-04-2022 (A) – Child Abuse Prevention Month.*

Mayor Wilkinson read aloud Proclamation 04-04-2022 (A) proclaiming the month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the City of The Village.

Debbie Bass appeared before the Council to ask the Council to consider maintenance of old sidewalks that have trip hazards. Ms. Bass told the Council a story about a person in a wheelchair who tipped over after hitting a raised joint on the sidewalk on Major Avenue. After a brief discussion, the Council advised that a plan to make needed repairs would be considered for funding in the FY 2022-23 budget. The city manager advised that Public Works is already working this.

Donna Rice Johnson stated that a zoning request for property on May Avenue between Northampton and Orlando would be coming up for review by the Planning Commission and the City Council. Ms. Johnson urged the Council to listen to the concerns of residents.

Sean Cummings stated that he would like to organize a Town Hall prior to the Planning Commission hearing to provide a forum for interested citizens and to see if problems can be worked out in advance. Mr. Cummings wished Ms. Johnson good luck in the election and said, “let the best person win.”

Jason Wiggins, The Village Library Manager, appeared before the Council and gave the Council a report on library programs and activities. In particular, Mr. Wiggins mentioned Yoga, Tai Chi, Outdoor Story Times, and the Grand re-opening of the Belle Isle Library.

ITEM V: CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE 765 CLOSING A PORTION OF WEST UTICA DRIVE, A PUBLIC WAY; PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 11, 0.5. SECTION 42-110; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Wilkinson tabled action on this item until the next meeting when the required 4/5 majority of the Council is present. *(Note: A four-fifths (4/5) majority of the Council is required in order to adopt the Emergency Clause, which makes the Ordinance effective immediately after passage.)*



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ITEM VI: CONSIDERATION OF JAIL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MIDWEST CITY AND THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE FOR FY 2022-23.

City Manager Bruce Stone advised the Council that the use of the Midwest City Jail appears to be working well and that the agreement should be renewed for the next fiscal year. Mr. Stone advised that the daily prisoner boarding fee would remain at \$65 per day.

After a brief discussion, Council Member Griffis moved to approve the Jail Services Agreement with the City of Midwest City for FY 2022-23. Council Member Symes seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Symes, Griffis, and Wilkinson. Nay – none.

ITEM VII: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 04-04-2022 (A) DECLARING CERTAIN PROPERTY SURPLUS AND OBSOLETE AND AUTHORIZING IT'S SALE OR DISPOSAL.

The city manager advised the Council that the Fire Department recently purchased two battery-powered Positive Pressure Ventilation (PPV) fans and would like the Council to declare the old gas-powered PPV fans surplus. Mr. Stone advised that the fire chief is asking the Council to authorize the transfer of the units to Oklahoma State University OKC Fire Training Service.

After a brief discussion, Council Member Symes moved to approve Resolution 04-04-2022 (A) declaring certain property surplus and authorizing its transfer to Oklahoma State University OKC Fire Training Service. Council Member Griffis seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Symes, Griffis, 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 gave the Council a brief report on sidewalk and resurfacing projects currently underway.

Mr. Stone reported that Public Works crews have completed pouring and finishing a concrete apron for the new sand and salt storage building recently erected at the Public Works facility on NW 115th Street.

The city manager reported that OKC would have to revise their offer to cost share in the resurfacing of Hefner Road from Penn to Waverly due to a spike in asphalt prices.



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Mr. Stone reported that LAUD Studio would like to meet with the Council in a special work session on May 16th to review the preliminary construction plans for the Civic Plaza project. After a brief discussion, the Council agreed to have a special meeting on the morning of May 16th.

The city manager reported that FEMA changed the formula for reimbursement of costs associated with declared disasters. Mr. Stone advised that FEMA would increase the federal match from 75% to 90% and that this would apply to the disaster which occurred in October 2020. Mr. Stone advised that, because of this change, The Village is expected to receive an additional \$170,000 for the ice-storm clean up. (Note: The city received \$850,847 in October 2021 as reimbursement for the costs associated with the ice-storm.)

Mr. Stone gave a brief report on the filming of Tulsa King on Chaucer Drive.

A letter commending Fire Chief Hamill was noted by the Council. The Chief assisted a motorist during an incident involving a drunk driver in Edmond.

The city manager showed the Council an aerial photograph of a natural spring in the vicinity of Carlton Way and Gladstone. Mr. Stone explained the history surrounding the spring and efforts by the city to contend with it in the past.

c) Reports from Council:

Council Member Symes stated that the sidewalk project west of May turned out great and that he really likes the new striping on Britton Road.

Mayor Wilkinson asked if the City has authority to require businesses to re-stripe their parking lots. The city manager advised that there is no specific ordinance on the books that provides for this, but it might be something for the Council to consider.

Council Member Griffis asked what streets Rudy Construction would work on next. Mr. Stone advised that their plan is to move to Andover next, then Brighton and finally Essex Court.

The city manager advised the Council that he would organize a public clean up event on Britton Road for the day before the Memorial Marathon.

Council Member Griffis stated that EMBARK is ready to come to a Council Meeting to make a presentation on extending public transportation services to The Village.



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Assistant City Attorney Leslie Batchelor told the Council that she is assisting Officer Matt Butcher in obtaining the necessary court order to dispose of confiscated firearms and other abandoned property in the possession of The Village Police Department.

Ms. Batchelor also reported that the Oklahoma County Commissioners have voted to put a bond issue before the voters to build a new jail. Ms. Batchelor stated that the bonds would be for thirty (30) years and would purportedly be structured in a way that would not increase millage levies.

Council Member Symes thanked Ms. Batchelor for all the work she had done on behalf of The Village since 2005 and, in particular, helping the city establish TIF #1, #2, #3 and #4.

Mayor Wilkinson mentioned that the grate at Britton Road and Stratford Drive should be covered for the safety of the runners participating in the marathon on April 24. The city manager advised that this should not be a problem as long as the cover (plywood) is removed after the event is completed. The mayor also invited residents to participate in The Village Cheer Section, (Casady Square) which is sponsored by A Chance for Change.

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 7:32 p.m.

Mayor Wilkinson

Vice-Mayor Graham

Council Member Symes

Council Member Griffis

City Clerk

Unfilled Position