



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
April 18, 2022

The City Council of the City of The Village, Oklahoma, met in Regular Session on Monday, April 18, 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
Adam Graham, Vice-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

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 MEETING HELD ON APRIL 4, 2022.

Mayor Wilkinson asked if there are any corrections, additions or deletions to the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 4, 2022. There were no corrections, additions or deletions and Mayor Wilkinson moved for the approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on April 4, 2022, as written. Council Member Symes seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Symes, Griffis, Graham, and Wilkinson. Nay – none.

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

The mayor stated that this is the time set aside for citizens to address the City Council on matters that are not posted on the agenda.

Jane Lowther thanked Public Works for repairing the Merry Go Round in Meeker Park and for replacing the net on the basketball goal.

Ms. Lowther reminded the Council of the Triad meeting at 1:00 p.m. on May 2nd at City Hall.

Ms. Lowther told the Council about the Oklahoma State Conference on Aging, which would be held on May 6th at Crossings Church on Portland Avenue. *(Flyer attached to these minutes by request)*



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ITEM V: CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION WITH RESPECT TO RESOLUTION 04-18-2022 (A) FIXING THE AMOUNT OF COMBINED PURPOSE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2022 TO MATURE EACH YEAR; FIXING THE TIME AND PLACE THE BONDS ARE TO BE SOLD; DESIGNATING A PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR AND DISCLOSURE COUNSEL; APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT AND DISTRIBUTION THEREOF; AND AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO GIVE NOTICE OF SAID SALE AS REQUIRED BY LAW AND FIXING OTHER DETAILS OF THE ISSUE.

Chris Wolff, representing Municipal Finance Services of Oklahoma, (Financial Advisor for The Village) appeared before the Council to explain the procedure for the sale of the first tranche of 2022 General Obligation Bonds in the amount of \$6.6 million. Mr. Wolfe advised that the bonds would increase property tax approximately \$2.34 a month per \$100,000 of assessed value of a home in The Village.

Mr. Wolff advised the Council that interest rates have increased in the last month and are expected to continue to rise. Mr. Wolfe stated that bids for the bonds would be taken electronically at their offices, but the bid notice allows for “walk-in” bids to be delivered to City Hall until 1:00 p.m. on May 16, 2022. Mr. Wolfe stated that there would be an action item on the May 16, 2022, City Council Agenda to approve the recommended bid.

After a brief discussion, Vice-Mayor Graham moved to approve Resolution 04-18-2022 (A). Council Member Griffis seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Symes, Griffis, Graham, and Wilkinson. Nay – none.

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

City Manager Bruce Stone stated that this Ordinance had been tabled for two consecutive meetings and that it now appears ready for adoption with the Emergency Clause.

After a brief discussion, Vice-Mayor Graham moved for the adoption of Ordinance 765. Council Member Symes seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Symes, Griffis, Graham, and Wilkinson. Nay – none.

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



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ITEM VII: CONSIDERATION OF GENERAL MUTUAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE AND THE OKLAHOMA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. FOR FY 2022-23.

City Manager Bruce Stone advised the Council that this agreement provides the framework for obtaining assistance from the County for street projects in The Village. Mr. Stone told the Council that the City Council must make a formal request for assistance and that the City would be required, under the specific agreement, to furnish to the County the funds to pay the City's share of the costs of labor, engineering, equipment, and material. Mr. Stone advised that the city did not enter into this agreement for the current fiscal year.

After a brief discussion, Council Member Griffis moved to approve the General Mutual Cooperation Agreement with the Oklahoma County Board of Commissioners for FY 2022-23. Council Member Symes seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Symes, Griffis, Graham, and Wilkinson. Nay – none.

ITEM VIII: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 04-18-2022 (B) PERTAINING TO TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS, TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL PLAN FOR CASADY SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION.

The city manager advised that the Traffic & Safety Commission met on March 28, 2022, at the request of the City Council to review and make recommendations pertaining to the temporary traffic control plan for Casady School, which is to be effective during the construction of an addition to the Loeffler Primary Education Building. Mr. Stone summarized the recommendations as follows:

- 1. Citizens on Nichols Road should be brought into the conversation.*
- 2. An officer/security personnel should be used to direct traffic at Britton Road during this time. Traffic turning east onto Britton Road will need to be assisted by the officer.*
- 3. The Village Public Works should adjust the traffic light at Penn and Britton to accommodate the additional west bound traffic coming from Casady during specified times of the school day. (If technically possible)*
- 4. Casady School will advise parents of other alternative routes through the Casady School Campus. Mr. Bonfiglio (Casady School Business Operations Manager) agrees to have three (3) lanes of traffic onto campus from Britton and to leave Nichols Road open to two-way traffic unless Britton becomes congested, and if that occurs, then Nichols Road will temporarily (time range to be determined) become two (2) lanes, one-way only for southbound traffic.*



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After a brief discussion, Vice-Mayor Graham moved to approve Resolution 04-18-2022 (B) accepting the recommendations of the Traffic & Safety Commission. Council Member Griffis seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Symes, Griffis, Graham, and Wilkinson. Nay – none.

ITEM IX: CONSIDERATION OF ELECTION OF TWO TRUSTEES TO SERVE A THREE-YEAR TERM ON THE OMAG BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

City Manager Bruce Stone gave the Council a brief overview of OMAG (Oklahoma Municipal Assurance Group) and the involvement of The Village in its creation in the 1980s. Assistant City Attorney Leslie Batchelor noted that OMAG also provides valuable training, guidance, and advice about laws and various issues facing municipal governments in Oklahoma.

Mr. Stone advised that Lindsey Grigg-Moak, City Clerk, City of El Reno and Vickie Patterson, City Manager, City of Broken Bow are the incumbents and that both have submitted letters seeking the support of the Council for their reelection.

After a brief discussion, Mayor Wilkinson moved to cast the city's ballots for Lindsey Grigg-Moak and Vickie Patterson. Vice-Mayor Graham seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Symes, Griffis, Graham, and Wilkinson. Nay – none.

ITEM X: 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 sales tax for the month of April was up by 8.63% over the same period last year. Mr. Stone reported that Use Tax was also up by 51.04% over the same period last year.

Mr. Stone reported that progress is being made on the street resurfacing project and that curb and gutter replacement and base repair has been completed on Carlisle and that Rudy Construction is now working on Brighton.

City Manager Bruce Stone advised that all sidewalk projects are complete and final bills have been submitted.

Mr. Stone advised that bid opening for the Gladstone Drainage and Resurfacing Project has been delayed until May 9th. Mr. Stone advised that the reason for the delay is because the plans need to be revised to provide a work around for two sewer lines that cross Gladstone.



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The city manager reported that the flow meters for the inflow and infiltration study should be installed this week.

Mr. Stone reported that Animal Welfare Officer Kadin Keenom would be moving because his fiancé is taking a position in the Dallas area.

The city manager showed the Council the official Ward 4 election results provided by the County Election Board. Mr. Stone advised that the final official tally was, Donna Rice Johnson, 237 votes and Sean Cummings, 479 votes.

Mr. Stone reported that the city would sponsor a public cleanup event on Saturday, April 23rd to cleanup Britton Road between Waverly and Penn. Mr. Stone advised that the city's stormwater management plan requires at least one public cleanup event per year.

The city manager reported that The Village Memorial Marathon Cheer Section would be at Casady Square next to Pier 88 on April 24th. Mr. Stone told the Council that the event would be sponsored again this year by "A Chance to Change."

Mr. Stone reported that the annual subsidy for EMSA would be the same amount as in the previous year. Mr. Stone advised that the subsidy would be \$72,395. Mr. Stone noted that EMSA usually bills the city less than the amount they state in their renewal letter.

The city manager reminded the Council that a work session with LAUD Studio is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on May 16th to review preliminary design of the TIF #1 Phase I Civic Plaza project. Mr. Stone advised that this work session would be followed by the first FY 2022-23 budget work session, which would get underway around 11:00 a.m.

c) Reports from Council:

Council Member Symes asked when the second budget work session would be held. After a brief discussion, the Council tentatively agreed to meet on May 31st at 3:00 p.m.

Council Member Griffis noted the homemade "slow down" signs on Westchester and wondered if this street might be a candidate for speed cushions. Mr. Stone advised that this should be considered for the FY 2022-23 budget. Mr. Stone further noted that resurfacing of Westchester is a listed bond 2022 bond project and that it would make sense to wait until resurfacing is completed to install speed cushions. The Council briefly discussed other locations where citizens have requested speed cushions.



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Vice-Mayor Graham stated that the Meeker Channel drainage improvements should be a priority for the FY 2022-23 budget. The city manager advised that there is a problem with the erosion of unimproved portions of the embankment and that repairs with sod have not been able to withstand the velocity of stormwater during heavy rains.

Vice-Mayor Graham told the Council that the new sand and salt storage building at Public Works looks good.

Mayor Wilkinson welcomed Assistant City Attorney Leslie Batchelor.

The mayor congratulated Sean Cummings on his election to the City Council and stated that he is looking forward to serving with him on the Council.

Mayor Wilkinson noted the town hall meeting held at The Village Library to informally discuss the proposed rezoning on May Avenue. The mayor said the meeting was "lively" and that the first formal public hearing for this matter would be before the Planning & Zoning Commission on April 25th at 5:30 p.m. The mayor stated that a quorum of the Council might be in attendance and that it would be appropriate for members of the Council to sit far apart and not discuss any official business.

Assistant City Attorney Leslie Batchelor thanked the Council for their support and trust and told the Council a little about a project she is working on called "Building Better Communities."

ITEM XI: NEW BUSINESS.

There was no new business to come before the Council.

ITEM XII: ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business to come before the Council and the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Wilkinson

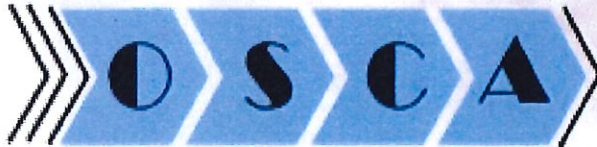
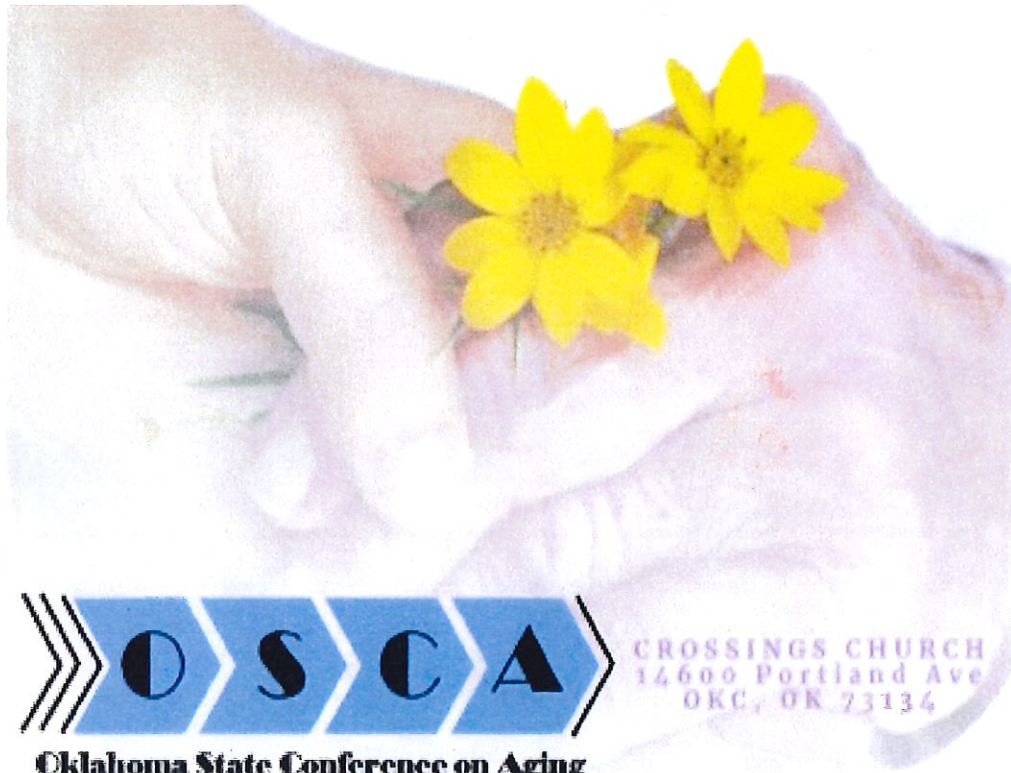
Vice-Mayor Graham

Council Member Symes

Council Member Griffis

City Clerk

Council Member Cummings



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