



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
June 6, 2022

The City Council of the City of The Village, Oklahoma, met in regular session at City Hall on Monday, June 6, 2022, at 6:30 p.m., at 2304 Manchester Drive.

**COUNCIL PRESENT**

Adam Graham, Mayor  
Bubba Symes, Council Member  
Sonny Wilkinson, Council Member  
Sean Cummings, Council Member

**STAFF PRESENT**

Bruce K. Stone, City Manager  
Bonnie Updegraff, Purchasing Agent  
Jeff Sabin, City Attorney

**ABSENT**

Wynter Griffis, Vice-Mayor

**ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER.**

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

**ITEM II. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Mayor Graham asked for a moment of silence and then led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ITEM III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON MAY 16, MAY 19, AND MAY 31ST.**

The mayor asked if there were any deletions, corrections, or additions to the Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting held on May 16, 2022, or to the Minutes of the Special City Council Meetings held on May 16<sup>th</sup>, May 19<sup>th</sup>, and May 31<sup>st</sup>. There were none and the minutes of the meetings were all approved, as written.

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

The Village Library Manager Jason Wiggins gave the Council a report on library activities and programs. Mr. Wiggins told the Council about the Summer Reading Program. Mr. Wiggins stated that Story Time is scheduled every other Thursday at 3:30 p.m. Mr. Wiggins also mentioned the Reading to Dogs program.

Jane Lowther thanked the Council for the new radar speed sign on Meeker Drive.

Ms. Lowther told the Council that Chief of Police Russ Landon was recently recognized by "SALT" and given a framed certificate expressing appreciation for his service.



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Ms. Lowther stated that the Resolution regarding the receipt of 90% of budgeted revenues should be amended to encourage department to spend less because of high prices. The city manager advised that his resolution is required by state law and only *authorizes* the departments to expend more than 90% of the department's budget. Mr. Stone advised that it is currently estimated that expenditures will end up about 7% under budget at the end of the fiscal year.

Ms. Lowther stated that the city's mowing contractor is a veteran has been nice and helpful to residents in the area.

Ms. Lowther asked questions about proposed public transportation and the Share-A-Fare program the city used to offer residents of The Village. The city manager stated that the this is a listed agenda item and that it would be best to discuss this when the Council formally takes this up for discussion.

Ms. Lowther asked about the status of the TIF Project Plan. Mr. Stone advised that bid for the project would be scheduled for advertisement in August with construction possibly beginning this fall. Mr. Stone advised that the scope of the plan has been reduced due to sky rocketing construction costs. Mr. Stone advised that the project is expected to include the Civic Plaza, the Linear Park, (which includes the elimination of one lane of traffic on Vineyard Boulevard), the Senior Fitness Facility, and the reconstruction/reconfiguration of the library parking lot. Mr. Stone advised that the Dog Park, The Village Trails (through Hawthorn and along Village Drive) and the redesign of The Village Green at the library, would all have to be in later phases of development due to funding limitations.

(a) **Proclamation 06-06-2022 (A) – Pride Month in The Village.**

Mayor Graham read aloud a proclamation proclaiming the month of June as Pride Month in The Village.

**ITEM V: CONSIDERATION OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF OKLAHOMA FOR RESURFACING HEFNER ROAD BETWEEN PENN AND WAVERLY.**

City Manager Bruce Stone explained the proposed Interlocal Agreement with the City of OKC for resurfacing Hefner Road. Mr. Stone told the Council that the agreement provides for OKC to provide engineering and complete oversight of the resurfacing project. Mr. Stone advised that The Village would only be required to reimburse OKC for the cost of resurfacing the portion of Hefner Road within the corporate limits of The Village up to an amount not to exceed \$201,000. Mr. Stone advised that this project is a listed bond project and \$201,000 is under budget in spite of recent price hikes for asphalt and other oil-based products.



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After a brief discussion, Council Member Wilkinson moved to approve the interlocal agreement with the City of Oklahoma City. Council Member Cummings seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Symes, Cummings, Wilkinson, and Graham. Nay – none.

**ITEM VI: CONSIDERATION OF ANNUAL FIRE EQUIPMENT AGREEMENT WITH OKLAHOMA COUNTY FOR FY 2022-23.**

The city manager advised that this is the renewal of an annual agreement for the use of a County-owned rural firefighting vehicle. Mr. Stone stated that this is the vehicle that will be equipped with tanks, hoses, and other accessories by The Village Fire Department over the next year or so.

After a brief discussion, Council Member Cummings moved to approve the annual fire equipment agreement with Oklahoma County for FY 2022-23. Council Member Wilkinson seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Symes, Cummings, Wilkinson, and Graham. Nay – none.

**ITEM VII: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 06-06-2022 (A) DECLARING THAT 90% OF BUDGETED REVENUES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENTS TO SPEND ABOVE THE 90% BUDGET THRESHOLD.**

City Manager Bruce Stone explained that state law requires the adoption of this resolution. Mr. Stone reviewed Exhibit A of the Resolution that documents year-to-date revenues. Mr. Stone advised that 98% of budgeted revenues have been received as of May 31, 2022.

After a brief discussion, Council Member Cummings moved to adopt Resolution 06-06-2022 (A). Council Member Wilkinson seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Symes, Cummings, Wilkinson, and Graham. Nay – none.

**ITEM VIII: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 06-06-2022 (B) ESTABLISHING THE 911 FEE RATE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023.**

The city manager advised the Council that state law requires the City to establish the 911 fee each year by resolution. Mr. Stone told the Council that the maximum fee permitted is 3% of the base telephone land line charge. Mr. Stone further advised that the maximum fee would be needed fund the 911 System in 2023.

After a brief discussion, Council Member Wilkinson moved to approve Resolution 06-06-2022 (B) establishing the 911 fee rate for calendar year 2023. Council Member Cummings seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Symes, Cummings, Wilkinson, and Graham. Nay – none.



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**ITEM IX: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 06-06-2022 (C) ASSIGNING 911 FEES TO THE ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA GOVERNMENTS 911 ASSOCIATION FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023.**

The city manager explained that the State 911 Commission requires the City to authorize, on an annual basis, the assignment of 911 fees collected by telephone companies to the ACOG 911 Association. Mr. Stone advised that the assigned fees are used by the ACOG 911 Association to pay the cost of operating the 911 emergency telephone system.

After a brief discussion, Council Member Wilkinson moved to Resolution 06-06-2022 (C) assigning 911 fees to the ACOG 911 Association. Council Member Cummings seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Symes, Cummings, Wilkinson, and Graham. Nay – none.

**ITEM X: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 06-06-2022 (D) RENEWING THE SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING CONTRACTS WITH WASTE CONNECTIONS OF OKLAHOMA FOR FY 2022-23.**

The city manager advised that the city's contracts with Waste Connection expire on June 30, 2025, but that the contracts must be renewed each year by the City Council.

After a brief discussion, Council Member Wilkinson moved to approve Resolution 06-06-2022 (B) renewing the solid waste and recycling contracts with Waste Connections for FY 2022-23. Council Member Cummings seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Symes, Cummings, Wilkinson, and Graham. Nay – none.

**ITEM XI: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 06-06-2022 (E) RENEWING THE MOWING CONTRACT WITH PRECISION LAWNWORKS, LLC FOR FY 2022-23.**

The city manager advised that the city's contract with Precision Lawnworks, LLC expires on June 30, 2024, but that the contracts must be renewed each year by the City Council.

After a brief discussion, Council Member Wilkinson moved to approve Resolution 06-06-2022 (E) renewing the mowing contract with Precision Lawnworks, LLC for FY 2022-23. Council Member Cummings seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Symes, Cummings, Wilkinson, and Graham. Nay – none.

**ITEM XII: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR EXTENDING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SERVICES PROVIDED BY EMBARK TO THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE.**

Council Member Cummings expressed his concerns about the cost of extending public transportation to The Village as proposed by Embark. Council Member Wilkinson agreed that



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the option offered by Embark is too expensive, but that people need access to medical care, work, grocery stores and shopping centers. Council Member Wilkinson stated that the city should have conversations with Lyft, Uber, and similar services and programs with the goal of crafting an affordable program for The Village.

It was suggested that one option might be for the City to purchase its own minibus to provide transportation to and from bus stops and other locations.

Council Member Symes stated that the elderly generally do not ride buses unless the bus is provided by a senior care facility. Council Member Symes suggested that some form of survey should be done to determine who would ride the bus, how often they would ride, and the places they need help getting to.

Council Member Cummings agreed and stated that it might be a good idea to commission a feasibility study by a third party to provide the information needed to come up with a program that is both effective and affordable.

Council Member Wilkinson stated that he did not think the city needed to spend any money on a study and that the information needed could be obtained other ways.

A resident in attendance at the meeting told Council Members about the things west coast cities such as Santa Barbara do to provide public transportation services.

Carol Jensen noted that there are programs in existence for getting people to their medical appointments and that collaborating with the providers of these services should be explored.

Council Member Cummings shared his insights about public transportation in his hometown of Kansas City and the challenges faced by Kansas City in getting residents to ride the bus.

After a lengthy conversation, all members of the Council in attendance agreed that more affordable and practical options for public transportation are needed. The Council agreed to think about options and come back at a later time with ideas.

The Council took no formal action.

**ITEM XIII: CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE 767 AMENDING CHAPTER 13, SECTION 222, SUBSECTION (B)(2) PERTAINING TO TEMPORARY PARKING OF TRAVEL TRAILERS, MOTOR HOMES, TRAILERS, AND RECREATIONAL VEHICLES ON RESIDENTIAL LOTS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**



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The city manager explained that Ordinance 767 would provide an exception for the parking of travel trailers, recreational vehicles, and motor homes in the front driveway of residential property. Mr. Stone advised that the exception would allow the owner of a home that has been damaged to the point of being unfit for human occupancy, to live in a travel trailer, recreational vehicle, or motor home for a period not to exceed nine (9) months while the damaged home is being rebuilt or restored. Mr. Stone also advised that the exception would allow the travel trailer, recreational vehicle, or motor home to exceed the maximum size currently allowed by 10%.

Council Member Wilkinson stated that the provisions should include the issuance of a “no fee” permit by the city in order to document the beginning and end of the nine-month window allowed by the ordinance.

After a brief discussion, Council Member Wilkinson moved to approve Ordinance 767, as amended to require the issuance of a no fee permit. Council Member Cummings seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Symes, Cummings, Wilkinson, and Graham. Nay – none.

Council Member Wilkinson moved to adopt the Emergency Clause. Council Member Symes seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Symes, Cummings, Wilkinson, and Graham. Nay – none.

### **ITEM XIV: REPORTS, CORRESPONDENCE, ETC.**

**a) Review of Expenditures:** *The Council reviewed the expenditure reports.*

**b) Manager’s Report**

*City Manager Bruce Stone briefed the Council regarding the installation of speed cushions on Nichols Road. Mr. Stone advised the Public Works contacted Melodie Moore, explained the city’s plan for the installation of the speed cushions, and received constructive feedback from Ms. Moore.*

*Mr. Stone reported that the city would receive a Worker’s Compensation insurance refund of approximately \$70,000, which may be applied as a credit to the city’s annual premium of approximately \$209,000.*

**a) Monthly Department Reports:** *The Council reviewed the Monthly Department Reports.*





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**d) Reports from Council**

*Council Member Symes asked when plans for the TIF #1 Project would be ready. The city manager advised that LAUD Studio will have the plans ready to go to bid in August. (Council Member Symes arrived at the meeting late and was not present when this information was provided by the city manager under Agenda Item IV)*

*Council Member Cummings reported on the Yoga in the Park program, which he is now taking the lead on.*

*Council Member Cummings noted that the (Duffner) park has been full of people and suggested that the city consider adding programs such as live music events, theater, and other similar cultural events.*

**ITEM XV: ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

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Mayor Graham

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Vice-Mayor Wynter Griffis

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Council Member Wilkinson

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Council Member Symes

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City Clerk

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Council Member Cummings