



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
June 20, 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
Wynter Griffis, Vice-Mayor
Bubba Symes, Council Member
Sean Cummings, Council Member

STAFF PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Sonny Wilkinson, Council Member

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 JUNE 6, 2022.

The mayor asked if there were any deletions, corrections, or additions to the Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting held on June 6, 2022. There were none. Council Member Cummings moved to approve the Minutes, as written. Vice-Mayor Griffis seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Symes, Cummings, Griffis, and Graham. Nay – none.

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

Chris Crawford, 10213 Haverhill Place, asked Mayor Graham about his conduct during a traffic stop in The Village involving the Nichols Hills Police. Mayor Graham advised that this was not city business and that he would be happy to discuss the matter privately. Mr. Crawford stated that it was city business because “you identified yourself as Mayor of The Village.” Mr. Crawford stated that the Mayor should answer for his conduct. The Mayor stated again that he would be happy to discuss the incident privately. Mr. Crawford continued to press the issue. City Attorney Jeff Sabin advised that City Council members are not obligated to answer questions.



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David Bennett, 1407 Andover Court, stated the Mayor has an obligation to conduct himself with higher standards and that the Mayor should go to a Nichols Hills City Council meeting and apologize.

Chase Harvick, 5920 North Sterling Drive, Oklahoma City, provided information about dissemination of public information and the value of speaking as one voice on issues. Mr. Harvick stated that information should never be leaked to the media or shared on social media. Mr. Harvick stated that hypocrisy is never a good look.

Carol Jenson, 2701 Kent Drive, asked the Mayor when he could meet to discuss this issue. The Mayor advised that he would be happy to set an appointment.

Jane Lowther, 10320 Haverhill, provided information about various transportation services for seniors. Ms. Lowther asked about the Share-A-Fare Program. The city manager advised that the city used to participate in the old program but does not currently participate in Embark's new program that provides subsidized transportation services using Send-A-Ride. Mr. Stone advised that this program is an updated version of Share-A-Fare and is comparatively cost-effective.

Ms. Lowther asked about plans for signalization at Vineyard and Penn and Manchester and Penn. Mr. Stone advised that the TIF Plan involves the elimination of one lane on Vineyard Boulevard, which will necessitate the reconfiguration of the signal lights at Vineyard & Penn. Mr. Stone advised that the current plan provides for the elimination of the signals serving the intersection of Manchester and Penn because it is too close to the other intersection to function safely and efficiently.

ITEM V: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 06-20-2022 (A) AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SOLICIT COMPETITIVE BIDS FOR PEDESTRIAN CROSSING IMPROVEMENTS AT BRITTON & MAY.

City Manager Bruce Stone explained that this project was originally intended to be done in conjunction with Sidewalk Project 4 but was delayed because of the time it took Oklahoma City to review and approve the plans. Mr. Stone advised that the signalization at Britton and May is completely within the corporate limits of The Village, but the system is owned and maintained by the City of Oklahoma City.

After a brief discussion, -- Vice-Mayor Griffis moved to approve Resolution 06-20-2022 (A). Council Member Cummings seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Symes, Cummings, Griffis, and Graham. Nay – none.



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ITEM VI: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 06-20-2022 (B) DECLARING PROPERTY SURPLUS AND OBSOLETE AND AUTHORIZING ITS SALE OR DISPOSAL.

The city manager advised that the Building & Code Department has asked the Council to declare a 2006 Chevrolet Impala surplus and to authorize its sale. Mr. Stone advised that the vehicle has extensive hail damage, and the passenger compartment is leaking.

After a brief discussion, Council Member Cummings moved to approve Resolution 06-20-2022 (B). Vice-Mayor Griffis seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Symes, Cummings, Griffis, and Graham. Nay – none.

ITEM VII: CONSIDERATION OF RENEWAL OF AUTOMATIC AID AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NICHOLS HILLS AND THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE; CONSIDERATION OF PROCLAMATION 06-20-2022 (A) AFFIRMING THE CITY COUNCIL'S COMMITMENT TO CONTINUED COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO CITIES.

City Manager Bruce Stone explained that state law authorizes cities to provide mutual aid, without a specific annual agreement between the cities. Mr. Stone noted that the arrangement with the City of Nichols Hills goes beyond typical mutual aid as both fire departments are dispatched simultaneously for emergency calls that occur in either city.

Council Member Symes told the Council that he recently talked to the city manager of Nichols Hills and told him that he wants to continue to cooperate with the City of Nichols Hills. Council Member Symes stated that he thought that it would be good for the City Council to express appreciation for the assistance The Village receives from Nichols Hills. Council Member Symes then read aloud Proclamation 06-20-2022 (A) affirming the City Council's commitment to continued cooperation between the two cities. All members of the Council signed the Proclamation.

Council Member Cummings stated that he recently made a visit to Nichols Hills and talked to the Nichols Hills Chief of Police.

After a brief discussion, Council Member Symes moved to approve the automatic aid agreement with the City of Nichols Hills. Mayor Graham seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Symes, Cummings, Griffis, and Graham. Nay – none.

ITEM VIII: REPORTS, CORRESPONDENCE, ETC.

- a) Review of Expenditures: The Council reviewed the expenditure reports. The city manager explained several of the expenditures.***



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b) Manager's Report

City Manager Bruce Stone reported that the monthly sales tax check for June was \$507,985, which is \$10,638 or 2.14% more than for the same period last year. Mr. Stone also reported that Use Tax was down by \$28,216 or 17.4% over the same period last year.

The city manager reported that base repair and curb & gutter replacement has been completed on Brighton Avenue and that the contractor has moved to Essex Court to make a couple of base repairs. Mr. Stone advised that cold milling of Carlisle Court, Andover Court, Brighton Avenue and Essex Court is scheduled to begin Monday or Tuesday of next week. Mr. Stone advised that asphalt resurfacing would follow soon thereafter.

Mr. Stone reported that the City of Oklahoma City has advised that the resurfacing project on Hefner will be part of a larger OKC project and that the timeline for completion of the project is between August and December 2022.

The city manager reported that ARPA funds will be electronically deposited in the City's account in September 2022. Mr. Stone stated that that work cannot begin on the Gladstone Drainage project until then. Mr. Stone told the Council that he does not currently see any acceptable way to reduce the costs of the project as all cost saving ideas that have been floated are either too risky or reduce the quality or capacity of the improvements. Mr. Stone stated that this is an extremely expensive project, and the cost will only go up as time goes by.

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

d) Reports from Council

Mayor Graham wished everyone Happy Juneteenth.

Mayor Graham stated that he is looking forward to continuing good relations between The Village and Nichols Hills.



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ITEM IX: **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Mayor Graham

Vice-Mayor Wynter Griffis

Council Member Wilkinson

Council Member Symes

City Clerk

Council Member Cummings