



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
March 6, 2023

The City Council of the City of The Village, Oklahoma, met in regular session at City Hall on Monday, March 6, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., at 2304 Manchester Drive.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Sonny Wilkinson, Mayor
Wynter Griffis, Vice-Mayor
David Glover, Council Member
Sean Cummings, Council Member
Bubba Symes, Council Member

STAFF PRESENT

Dave Slezcick, City Manager
Beverly McManus, City Treasurer
Jeff Sabin, 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.

Councilmember Symes gave the Invocation and led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM III: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 17, 2023.

The mayor asked if there were any corrections, additions, or deletions to the Minutes of the meetings held on February 6, 2023. There were none and the Minutes were approved as written.

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

Jon Sousa of 3021 Chaucer Dr presented an issue in the vicinity of 9724 Georgia Ave regarding parking of vehicles on the street obstructing visibility of the intersection of Georgia Ave and Dublin Place.

Kara Walts presented a concept for a community Easter Egg hunt with a preliminary plan of activities and needs.

Jane Lowther addressed the Council regarding the great send off for Beverly Whitener; compliments to Beverly McManus; a sidewalk issue with uneven concrete on the north side of Manchester; compliments on the monthly SALT/Triad meeting for senior citizens; welcomed Dave Slezcick as new city manager; supported and encouraged participation in the Citizens Police Academy; informed that Patti Rossi, wife of former Village Police Officer Jim Rossi is seeking photos of former and retired Village Police Officers with their years of service, rank and badge number. Jane also presented concerns of the removal of memorial bricks from the Library recreation area due to the improvement project.



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Three persons logged in to zoom for the meeting at 6:30pm and 0 persons were online by 7:15 pm.

ITEM V: DISCUSSION AND REVIEW OF PRESENTATION FROM SHAY HAYS OF VIRIDIAN COFFEE FOR FUTURE LOCATION AT 9300 N. PENNSYLVANIA.

Shay Hays and staff with Viridian Coffee presented their plan for remodel of the former BancFirst Building to become the first OKC Metro location for Viridian Coffee. Shay described the business and their operations while reviewing provided plans for the property to customize it for their needs. Shay fielded questions from Council and the audience. The Mayor and Council welcomed Viridian to the community.

No action taken, presentation was requested by Viridian Coffee. Permitted and plan review will be accomplished by staff in the Planning Department. Rezoning is not needed, and no permanent additions or structural extensions are designed for the property

ITEM VI: CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE 769, ADOPTING THE OKLAHOMA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND FOR THE CITY MANAGER.

Mayor Wilkinson identified that the OkMRF City Manager Option Retirement Plan was negotiated with the contract of employment for the new city manager. OkMRF requires an approved ordinance to start the plan. City Manager Dave Slezcick stated that OkMRF was a retirement plan risk pool cooperative with membership of numerous cities and towns in Oklahoma, providing specific benefits for city managers not available in the retirement plan offered for City Employees. City Attorney Jeff Sabin provided that the ordinance was standard form and legally sound.

Mayor Wilkinson made the motion with a second from Councilmember Cummings. The motion passed with affirmative votes of all five councilmembers.

ITEM VII: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 03-06-2023 AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION WITH THE OKLAHOMA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND FOR THE CITY MANAGER.

Similar to Item VI, OkMRF requires the adopting resolution for plan participation.

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ITEM VIII: REPORTS, CORRESPONDENCE, ETC.

a) **Review of Expenditures:** *The Council reviewed the expenditure reports and the fund balance report. The city manager discussed that the staff team is working on a new format for fiscal reports to provide increased clarity in a shorter format for the Council and community.*

b) **Manager's Report:** *City Manager provided updates on The Village TIF Project with the Laud Design Monthly Field Report; GO Bond Paving, Sidewalk and Drainage Project with BWR Design Plans; and the Parks Phase III Project, not that the Duffner Park Project will impact the location for the Fall Festival. The Library Parking Lot and City Hall Parking lot projects are close to completion. Gladstone Drainage is moving along very well.*

The city manager is working on ARPA Reporting, finding a city engineer to replace Mr. Bryan Coon who retired in January, working with Civic Plus for a new website with meeting management software and multiple interactive features for community service and engagement, the MS4 stormwater plan and preparing to begin the annual budget process. Dave Slezigkey thanked everyone for the warm welcome and indicated that he is meeting with Bruce Stone weekly as he settles in.

c) **Reports from Council**

Mayor Wilkinson complimented the progress on the Gladstone Drainage Project; thanked Sean and Cathy Cummings for the invite to the OKC Youth Bike Club when they visited The Village Fire Station; complimented The Village Fire Department for saving the life of a neighbor having a stroke, thanking all of our public safety professionals for the excellent work that they do; provided best wishes and a speedy recovery to Carol; and closed with the reading of a thank you card from Beverly Whitener.

Councilmember Symmes commented on the Asset Seizure Fund and allowing the Police Department to select how to use funds.

Councilmember Cummings reminded everyone of the election on Tuesday, encouraging everyone to vote; indicated that Yoga in the park would be starting back up in the Spring; supported the Easter Egg hunt community event; and reminded the City Manager of looking into a Talent Management Consultant for future human resource needs for the City.

Councilmember Griffis is reviewing the OKC Youth Council and researching to see if a similar program could have value for youth in our community; Identified



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March as Women’s History Month reminded that four women have served on the City Council with two being Mayor and two being Vice-Mayor, and that the Ward 3 election will have two women on the ballot; requested an update on the balance of uncommitted ARPA funding (\$160,000); is attending a virtual She Leads conference sponsored by ICMA; is attending a Placemaking Conference sponsored by OU; attended the February ACOG meeting and was informed that The Village’s E-911 calls were 0.87% of the metro call volume; recognized March as Beverly Whitener month; will be attending an NLC Legislative Conference in Washington DC; has been appointed to the NLC Small Cities Council; discussed the need for a Charter Review Committee to review the City Charter for recommendations to update and modernize the Charter; asked if The Village has reentered into a contract with OK County Jail; and suggested that a resident who is a reporter for a metro news channel should attend the Citizens Police Academy.

Councilmember Glover expressed excitement for the upcoming Habitat for Humanity Project, and inquired about the policy on pursuit chases after observing TVPD pursue an ATV on city streets

City Attorney Jeff Sabin and Treasurer Beverly McManus opted to pass when asked for comments.

ITEM XI: ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Mayor Wilkinson

Vice-Mayor Wynter Griffis

Council Member Symes

Council Member Cummings

City Clerk

Council Member Glover