



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
March 20, 2023

The City Council of the City of The Village, Oklahoma, met in regular session at City Hall on Monday, March 20, 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 Slezickey, 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.**

Mayor Wilkinson gave the Invocation and led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ITEM III: COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

Abigail Stout, The Village Library Manager, reported with compliments on the parking lot improvement project and other quality of life improvements in the area that will enhance the Library. She advised the community on the garden tool loan program for the community available at the library, an upcoming blood drive on March 26, and the need for teen volunteers at the Library.

Susan McTiernan of 2816 Chaucer Dr advised the Council of an ongoing issue for her and her neighbors from loud music and a noise nuisance at Twenty 6 Lounge in The Collonade, a commercial complex south of Chaucer Dr.

Jane Lowther presented concerns on two street lights out; a concern of a resident shouting obscenities from a window in his residence near Meeker Park; TVPD Salt meeting positive comments and the full citizens police academy; an oilfield tank access on a new road, the upcoming Easter Egg hunt. She also expressed concerns on the brick wall memorial at the Library being removed for the outdoor library classroom improvement project.

Kara Tam-Walts updated on the progress of the upcoming community Easter Egg hunt.

**ITEM IV: APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA.**

The consent agenda consisted of minutes of the March 6, 2023 Regular Meeting, acceptance of claims, a Proclamation for Women's History Month and a Proclamation for National Telecommunicator Week. Councilmember Cummings motioned to approve with a second from Vice-Mayor Griffis. *Recorded Vote: Yes*-Wilkinson, Symes, Cummings, Griffis, Glover. *No*-None.



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**ITEM V: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 03-20-2023 (A) ADDING THE CITY MANAGER AS THE TRUSTEE OF THE VILLAGE VARIABLE AND LONGEVITY PLAN (Employee Retirement Plan)**

This item replaces Bruce Stone with Dave Slezickey as the Trustee for the City Employee Retirement Plan. Motion to approve by Mayor Wilkinson with second from Councilmember Cummings. *Recorded Vote: Yes*-Wilkinson, Symes, Cummings, Griffis, Glover. **No**-None.

**ITEM VI: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 03-20-2023 (B) APPROVING SUPRPLUS CITY PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING DISPOSAL.**

This action declares surplus old and obsolete body cameras from TVPD as well as old and obsolete panel dividers for old patrol SUVs no longer in service. All items have no applicability for current or future use. Motion to approve by Councilmember Cummings with a second from Councilmember Symes. *Recorded Vote: Yes*-Wilkinson, Symes, Cummings, Griffis, Glover. **No**-None.

**ITEM VII: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 03-20-2023 (C) ADDING CITY MANAGER AND TREASURER AS SIGNATURE AUTHORITIES FOR INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS (IMA) WITH BANCFIRST.**

This action removes Bruce Stone and Beverly Whitener replacing them with Dave Slezickey and Beverly McManus for the management of investment accounts with BancFirst. Motion to approve by Mayor Wilkinson with a second from Vice-Mayor Griffis. *Recorded Vote: Yes*-Wilkinson, Symes, Cummings, Griffis, Glover. **No**-None.

**ITEM VIII: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 03-20-2023 (P&Z-A) FOR A LOT SPLIT FOR 10009 LAKESHORE DR.**

Resolution approves for a lot split with a recommendation to approve from the Planning and Zoning Commission. The lot is currently vacant, and two new homes will be built on it. Motion to approve by Councilmember Symes with a second from Councilmember Cummings. *Recorded Vote: Yes*-Wilkinson, Symes, Cummings, Griffis, Glover. **No**-None.

**ITEM IX: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 03-20-2023 (D) ADDING DOCUMENT MASTER DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN AS "EXHIBIT B" TO ORDINANCE 769 APPROVED 3-06-2023 FOR CITY MANAGERS RETIREMENT PLAN.**

This resolution adds the document of the Oklahoma Municipal Retirement Fund Master Defined Contribution Plan as Exhibit B to Ordinance 769 for the retirement plan for the City Manager. The supporting document was accidentally omitted from the agenda packet when Ordinance 769 was approved on March 6, 2023. Motion to approve by Mayor Wilkinson with a second from Councilmember Symes. *Recorded Vote: Yes*-Wilkinson, Symes, Cummings, Griffis, Glover. **No**-None.



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### **ITEM X: CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE OkMRF AUTHORIZED AGENT DESIGNATION FORM WITH CITY MANAGER AS AUTHORIZED AGENT.**

This action designates Dave Slezcicky as the Authorized Agent for the Oklahoma Municipal Retirement Fund for the city manager's retirement plan. Motion to approve by Mayor Wilkinson with a second from Vice-Mayor Griffis. *Recorded Vote: Yes-*Wilkinson, Symes, Cummings, Griffis, Glover. **No-**None.

### **ITEM XI: CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE AUTHORIZATION OF BOND FOR CITY TREASURER.**

The filing of the bond for the City Treasurer requires a copy of the minutes authorizing such. Motion to approve by Mayor Wilkinson with a second from Councilmember Cummings. *Recorded Vote: Yes-*Wilkinson, Symes, Cummings, Griffis, Glover. **No-**None.

### **ITEM XII: DISCUSSION REGARDING VACANCY ON THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION.**

P&Z Chair Brent Giles stepped down after numerous years of service leaving a vacancy on the Commission. Councilmember Symes suggested Dan Caseman. Councilmember Glover stated a desire to return to service on the P&Z Commission after the new councilmember was seated after the April elections. **No Action Taken.**

### **ITEM XIII: CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF DESIGN PLANS FROM BWR FOR STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FROM GO BOND.**

Bryan Richards with BWR Design Group presented the plan for nineteen street improvement projects for 3.9 miles throughout the city, to be funded by the first half issuance of the 2022 GO Bonds. After plan review and discussion, motion to approve by Councilmember Cummings with a second from Vice-Mayor Griffis. *Recorded Vote: Yes-*Wilkinson, Symes, Cummings, Griffis, Glover. **No-**None.

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

**a.) Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer McManus updated the Council on finances and identified updates on progress creating new reports with more information than data, working with Beverly Whitener, Bruce Stone and Dave Slezcicky to learn and understand the intricacies of fourteen funds and the multiple funding sources for the numerous projects the City is engaged in.

**b.) Manager's Report:** City Manager Dave Slezcicky reported:

- EMSA has a shortage and The Village's share of the subsidy will be a \$15,712 increase for the last two quarters of this fiscal year.
- Donald Vick, PE is the new city engineer for plan review and assistance to the public works department. Don is a retired engineer with decades of municipal engineering experience.



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- OK County ARPA Application was submitted for \$50,000 to be used towards the purchase of a new brush response unit for TVFD.
- Email migration from Cox Business to Microsoft Exchange will provide an email address for all city employees and all Councilmembers at a \$6,700 annual cost increase.
- The new website design, hosting, community engagement and meeting software management platform from CivicPlus has been presented for a one-time cost of \$24,750 and then an annual maintenance fee of \$7,500.
- Initial meeting with NPS for health benefits suggests an increase of 15%, and will know in early May what the exact increase will be.
- Collective Bargaining Agreement Negotiations with IAFF Local will open next week, followed by FOP negotiations.
- Beginning budget work and looking at planning workshop in April.

**c.) Staff/Department Reports:** presented to the Council

**d.) City Attorney Comments:** Mr. Sabin advised that he may not be at the next meeting due to a scheduled oral surgery.

**e.) Council Comments:**

Council Member Symes asked the City Attorney if there was any update on the litigation regarding a street project issue. He advised that David Austin owns Duffy's Dog Park due east of the intersection of Vineyard and Manchester, and that he is planning to make some improvements on it and have it fully available for public access. Perhaps the dog park planned for the east side of city hall may not be necessary. He complimented the city hall parking lot improvement project. He congratulated Ken Nelson for being appointed to an ACOG Regional Planning Committee. He also suggested that we look into a business of the month promotion and Keep it Local campaign.

Council Member Cummings asked about social media postings for the City and increasing our activity. He also advised that Yoga is starting back up and reminded everyone about the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt and the need for volunteers and donations to support it. He also commented that the brick removal was a delicate process, and that we will make every effort to provide for the best extraction of the bricks for return to individuals wanting them.

Vice-Mayor Griffis reminded to support the Easter Egg Hunt. She suggested that we create a space for recognition of Beverly Whitener and Bruce Stone at City Hall with an Employee Wall of Fame. Mayor Wilkinson supported this idea. She also presented a comment from a resident concerned about the trash truck damaging their curb.



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Mayor Wilkinson advised that we should look at trash can storage and trash bags left on porches after visiting with a resident. He emphasized that some property managers need to be more responsible for residential rental properties, and suggested that we look into how to better handle that, and possibly look at what we can modify in City Code to achieve this, suggesting that City of Miami, OK, could be a benchmark to review. He suggested that the City could support the Library's Garden Tool Loan Program with a lawn mower, and provide assistance to residents who need help keeping their lawns mowed. He asked if the new website would have an online codification feature as that is something we need to look into. He suggested that we look into seeing if speed bumps are needed on Sunnymead. He asked if there was a way that we could engage residents to not block the sidewalks with vehicles in driveways. He commented that he had a very good visit with a resident following misinformation on social media, and encouraged everyone to reach out for personal contact. He inquired about a feral cat program for a neutering catch and release program similar to Oklahoma City. He suggested additional training for TVPD for response to domestic violence. He observed that EMSA's response time is getting better for the OKC Metro Area. He presented images as an example of honoring the Library brick donors through a plaque to be placed in the library, expressing empathy towards those concerned with the brick removal while identifying that the new project requiring the brick wall removal will provide improved quality of life and opportunities for recreation and expand opportunities for library usage. He advised that the City will provide more information as the project moves forward.

Councilmember Glover suggested that the City look into a Charter review to try and update the current City Charter. He supported Councilmember Symes comments to Buy in The Village and our dependency on sales tax for revenue. He supported the upcoming Habitat for Humanity Project and reminded everyone that the four new homes will be owned and not rental units. He suggested that we catalog the names on the bricks in the memorial wall at the library, and those with multiple bricks should only be listed once.

**ITEM XV. NEW BUSINESS**

No new business presented.

**ITEM XVI: ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

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Mayor Wilkinson

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Vice-Mayor Wynter Griffis

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Council Member Symes

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Council Member Cummings

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City Clerk

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Council Member Glover