



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
May 7, 2018

The City Council of the City of The Village, Oklahoma, met in regular session at City Hall on Monday, May 7, 2018, at 7:30 p.m., at 2304 Manchester Drive.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Sonny Wilkinson, Mayor
Bubba Symes, Vice-Mayor
Cathy Cummings, Council Member
Stan Alexander, Council Member
Dave Bennett, Council Member

STAFF PRESENT

Bruce K. Stone, City Manager
Beverly K. Whitener, City Treasurer
Leslie V. Batchelor, City Attorney

ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER.

Mayor Bennett called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ITEM II: INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor Bennett gave the invocation and led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM III: ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE FOR RE-ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS, CATHY CUMMINGS AND SONNY WILKINSON.

Municipal Judge Danny White administered the Oath of Office for newly elected Council Members Cathy Cummings and Sonny Wilkinson.

ITEM IV: APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Mayor Bennett asked if there were any corrections, additions or deletions to the Minutes of the meetings held on April 16, 2018 and April 25, 2018. There were no corrections, additions or deletions and the Council approved the Minutes of the meetings held on April 16, 2018 and April 25, 2018, as written.

Mayor Bennett moved to Agenda Item XI.

ITEM V: CITIZENS DESIRING TO BE HEARD; PRESENTATIONS.

Jane Lowther asked about crash gates for Crossings at The Village. Mr. Stone advised that the developer has the gates on order and that they would be installed prior to the issuance of any building permits for homes in Phase 2 of the development.

Ms. Lowther stated that contactors have moved barricades and cones on NW 104th Street. Mr. Stone advised that the City would check into this.



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Bev Boyd asked if park committee appointments have been made and expressed her desire to serve as a representative of Johnson Park.

ITEM VI: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 05-07-2018 (A) AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A BUILDING PERMIT FOR A 2,797 SQUARE FOOT OFFICE SUITE AT 9801 NORTH MAY AVENUE – MAY AVENUE OFFICE SUITES PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT.

City Manager Bruce Stone told the Council that Jeremy Bryant owner of Marathon Construction is seeking permission to build the 6th and last office suite in the May Avenue Office Suites Planned Unit Development. Mr. Stone advised that the new office suite would be located on the northwest corner of May Avenue and Carlton Way and would be similar to the other five office suites already built. Mr. Stone told the Council that the Planning & Zoning Commission adopted Resolution PC 05-07-2018 (C) recommending that the Council authorize the issuance of a building permit for the new office suite.

After a brief discussion, Council Member Bennett moved to approve Resolution 05-07-2018 (A) authorizing the issuance of a building permit for a new 2,797 square foot office suite at 9801 North May Avenue. Council Member Cummings seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Cummings, Symes, Wilkinson, Bennett and Alexander. Nay – None.

ITEM VII. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSAL FROM LAUD STUDIO TO DEVELOP MASTER PLANS FOR PARKS AND COMMUNITY SIGNAGE.

Brent Wall with Laud Studio presented his firm's proposal to develop a master plan for city parks and for community signage. Mr. Wall explained that proposal includes a site inventory of each park and public engagement.

The Council discussed various ideas for park improvement including fencing, equipment for different ages and the disabled and the creation of citizens committees to provide input on park improvements.

The Council took no action on the proposal submitted by Laud Studios.

ITEM VIII. CONSIDERATION OF MARKETING AGREEMENT WITH UTILITY SERVICE PARTNERS PRIVATE LABEL, INC. – NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES SERVICE LINE WARRANTY PROGRAM.

City Manager Bruce Stone told the Council that staff performed a survey of Oklahoma cities participating in the NLC Service Line Warranty Program. Mr. Stone advised that the feedback was mixed. Mr. Stone said that the biggest problem other cities have had with the program relates to confusion about the coverages and how the program works.



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Vice-Mayor Symes asked about coverages and premiums and stated that there seems to be a discrepancy in information provided by the company representative and the program marketing literature.

After a brief discussion, City Attorney Batchelor advised that she would obtain the policy Declarations Pages to confirm the coverages provided by the program.

The Mayor tabled action on the item pending further review.

ITEM IX. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 05-07-2018 (B) PERTAINING TO A RECOMMENDATION OF THE TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMISSION FOR STOP SIGNS ON LAKESIDE DRIVE.

City Manager Bruce Stone advised that the Traffic & Safety Commission reconsidered its earlier recommendation to place a 3-way stop at the intersection of Center Street and Lakeside Drive. Mr. Stone advised that the Commission considered the alternate intersection of Lakeside Drive and Orlando but decided to stand by its earlier recommendation to place the 3-way stop at the intersection of Center Street and Lakeside Drive.

The city manager advised the Council that the stated purpose of the 3-way stop is to slow down traffic on Lakeside Drive. Mr. Stone told the Council that stop signs are not recommended for speed control and cited the Manual for Uniform Traffic Control Devices and a study by Cornell University that explains why stop signs are not effective in controlling speeds and should not be used for this purpose.

The city manager told the Council that he has been skeptical of the use of “speed humps” on public streets but noted that some cities are now using them including the cities of Norman and Broken Arrow. Mr. Stone suggested that this might be a good time to experiment with rubberized speed humps that can be placed and removed with relative ease.

The Council discussed other alternatives, including the possibility of purchasing additional radar speed signs to aid in speed control.

The Mayor tabled action on Resolution 05-07-2018 (B).

ITEM X. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS TO SERVE ON THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION AND THE VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.

The city manager advised that vacancies exist on the Planning & Zoning Commission and The Village Development Authority.



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Mr. Stone reported that Brent Giles, Chairman of the Planning & Zoning Commission, recommended that Jack Gregg be considered for the Planning & Zoning Commission. The Council suggested that Mr. Gregg come to a future meeting to introduce himself.

After a brief discussion, Vice-Mayor Symes moved to appoint John Allen to fill the unexpired term of Harry Teel (June 30, 2018) and to serve a new three-year term on the Commission beginning on July 1, 2018. Council Member Cummings seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Cummings, Symes, Wilkinson, Bennett and Alexander. Nay – None.

ITEM XI. CONSIDERATION OF ELECTION OF MAYOR AND VICE-MAYOR TO SERVE A ONE-YEAR TERM.

Council Member Cummings moved to elect Sonny Wilkinson as Mayor for a one-year term. Council Member Symes seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Cummings, Symes, Wilkinson, Bennett and Alexander. Nay – None.

Council Member Bennett moved to elect Bubba Symes as Vice-Mayor for a one-year term. Council Member Cummings seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Cummings, Symes, Wilkinson, Bennett and Alexander. Nay – None.

Mayor Wilkinson moved back to Agenda Item V.

ITEM XII. REPORTS:

a) Expenditure Reports: The Council reviewed the following expenditure reports:

General Fund, 04-08-2018:	\$10,824.65
Special Park Fund, 04-08-2018:	\$215.10
General Fund, 04-17-2018:	\$37,729.77
Municipal Court Cash Bond Fund, 04-17-2018:	\$450.00
Animal Bond Fund, 04-17-2018:	\$65.00
Special Park Fund, 04-17-2018:	\$25.00
UBBC Fund, 04-17-2018:	\$120.50
General Fund, 04-25-2018:	\$83,333.23
Municipal Court Cash Bond Fund, 04-25-2018:	\$1,438.00

b) Manager's Report:

City Manager Bruce Stone gave the Council a report on long water service lines on Lakeside Drive. Mr. Stone showed the Council maps indicating which homes can now be served by new water lines installed by Mulford Homes. Mr. Stone told the Council



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that fourteen (14) customers can now contact Oklahoma City to relocate their water meters. Mr. Stone stated that it appears Oklahoma City will relocate the meters and install new service connections without charge. Mr. Stone noted that residents would still have to engage a plumber to connect their private lines to the new meters. Mr. Stone advised that five (5) homes with long service lines still are not served by new water lines. Mr. Stone advised that Oklahoma City proposes to create a Special Assessment district to extend water lines for the remaining five (5) homes at an estimated cost of \$140,000.

The city manager reported on a right-of-way encroachment at 1415 Carlisle by the homeowner, Mark Bishop. Mr. Stone told the Council that the resident has installed extensive landscaping on the City right-of-way without obtaining a revocable right-of-way permit. Mr. Stone advised that some of the landscaping materials are permanently affixed to the ground, including at least two concrete ponds, steps, fencing (exceeding 2' feet in height) and other improvements. Mr. Mark Bishop attended the meeting to ask the Council to allow him to keep the landscaping. The Council looked at pictures of the landscaping. After a discussion, the Council agreed that all members of the Council should look at the landscaping before discussing this further.

Mr. Stone told the Council about an upcoming push to fund the construction of a regional rail system that would connect Edmond to Norman. Mr. Stone advised that the system would be funded by a ½ penny sales tax (if approved by voters). Mr. Stone advised that a station at Britton and Western would provide access to the system for residents of The Village. Mr. Stone told the Council that representatives from ACOG plan to give the Council a presentation later this summer.

The city manager reminded the Council that The Village Fair is May 19 at Casady Square.

c) Reports from the Council:

Council Member Cummings showed the Council yard signs that say "Spread Kindness, Build Community".

Council Member Cummings stated that a resident complained about fleas on park equipment in Meeker Park.

Council Member Cummings suggested that a "shred event" be considered at one of the City's festivals. Council Member Cummings stated that this would provide an opportunity for people to have their documents shredded and recycled.



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Council Member Cummings announced that Yoga in the Park would return on May 26th in Duffner Park. Council Member Cummings also said to look for the fruit stand to return to the Sun & Ski parking lot on May 19.

Council Member Cummings told the Council that several citizens have expressed an interest in creating new Neighborhood Watch Associations.

Vice-Mayor Symes stated that the recent Ward 5 Council election was well done by all and that he was happy to see that the candidates kept it positive.

Council Member Bennett thanked the Police Department for the good work in catching the auto burglars allegedly responsible for a recent string of car burglaries.

Council Member Bennett said kudos to Cathy Cummings on her recent appearance on Flash Point and for the opening of a new Irish Pub and Restaurant.

Mayor Wilkinson reported that he attended the Grand Opening of the Bike Lab and attended a promotional event by Dunkin' Donuts and the Woodsman Trading Company on May Avenue.

Mayor Wilkinson told the Council that he is honored and thrilled to serve as Mayor of The Village.

ITEM XIII. NEW BUSINESS.

There was no New Business to come before the Council.

ITEM XIV: ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

Mayor Wilkinson

Vice-Mayor Symes

Council Member Bennett

Council Member Cummings

City Clerk

Council Member Alexander