



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
September 17, 2018

The City Council of the City of The Village, Oklahoma, met in regular session at City Hall on Monday, September 17, 2018, at 7:30 p.m., at 2304 Manchester Drive.

**COUNCIL PRESENT**

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

**STAFF PRESENT**

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

**ABSENT:**

Stan Alexander, Council Member

**ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER.**

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

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

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

**ITEM III: APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

Mayor Wilkinson asked if there were any corrections, additions or deletions to the Minutes of the meeting held on September 4, 2018. There were no corrections, deletions or additions and the Council approved the Minutes of the meeting held on September 4, 2018, as written.

**ITEM IV: CITIZENS DESIRING TO BE HEARD; PRESENTATIONS.**

Mayor Wilkinson stated that this is the time set aside for citizens to address the Council on any matter not on the posted agenda.

Barrett Davidson, 2924 Kerry Lane, appeared before the Council and spoke on behalf of the owners of a dog recently declared to be potentially vicious by Judge White. Mr. Davidson told the version of the story which he and the defendant believed to be true. Mr. Davidson advised that the conditions imposed on the dog owners are too onerous and that the Council should look at making some changes to allow the Judge more flexibility in sentencing and by providing for an appeal process in lieu of appeal to District Court.



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The Council discussed numerous ideas for improving the animal ordinance. After a discussion, the consensus of the Council was to schedule a work session to discuss the various issues and to give legal counsel a sense of what changes the Council would like to formally consider.

Mayor Wilkinson asked for a timeline on the completion of engineering projects.

City Treasurer stated that volunteers are needed for the Fall Festival on October 13.

**ITEM V: PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF TIF 1 AND TIF 3 ANNUAL REPORTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2018.**

City Attorney Leslie Batchelor reviewed the annual Tax Increment District reports for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. Ms. Batchelor told the Council that the reports shows a significant increase in property values in the Tax Increment District #1 since 2006. Ms. Batchelor reported that Base Assessed Values in TIF District #1 was \$1,033,448 in 2006. Ms. Batchelor advised that the new development in the TIF area has created an incremental assessed value of \$6,548,566 and that total combined base and incremental assessed property values in TIF 1 reached a total of \$7,582,014 in 2018.

After a brief discussion, Vice-Mayor Cummings moved to accept the annual TIF Reports. Council Member Bennett seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Symes, Bennett, Cummings and Wilkinson. Nay – none.

**ITEM VI. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 09-17-2018 (A) MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND THE VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.**

The Mayor tabled action on this item.

**ITEM VII. REPORTS:**

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

<i>General Fund, 09/04/2018:</i>	<i>\$47,810.97</i>
<i>Special Park Fund, 09/04/2018;</i>	<i>\$486.35</i>

b) **Manager's Report:**

City Manager Bruce Stone reported that the monthly sales tax check was for \$472,073.57, which is an increase of \$49,195 or 11.63% over the same period last year. Mr. Stone told the Council that of this amount, \$52,452 goes to the Capital Improvement Fund. Mr. Stone further reported



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that Use Tax was up by \$31,866 over the same period last year. The city manager reported that higher cigarette and tobacco taxes seem to be responsible for a significant decrease in cigarette and tobacco taxes. Mr. Stone stated that cigarette and tobacco taxes are down by 62% year-to-date. Mr. Stone stated it could be that people (1) have cut down on smoking, (2) stocked up on cigarettes before the higher taxes became effective, (3) are buying cigarettes out of State or a combination of all these possibilities.

Mr. Stone showed the Council an aerial photo of the area west of May taken in 1951. Mr. Stone pointed out landmarks in the photo and noted the network of creeks and gullies that were filled in when the area was developed. *(Photo courtesy of Jerry Webb)*

The city manager reported that it would cost approximately \$1,500 a year to live stream City Council meeting on the City's webpage, Mr. Stone advised that this includes the cost of storing a full year of Council Meetings on the Cloud. Mr. Stone advised that audio system improvements in the Council Chamber would be made soon and live streaming could be done anytime thereafter.

Vice-Mayor Cummings said she would like to do a robocall to advise residents of the OG&E tree trimming program.

**c) Monthly Department Reports.** The Council reviewed the monthly department reports.

**d) Reports from the Council:**

Council Member Bennett told the Council that he would be working on a Veteran's Day program again this year. Council Member Bennett advised that Veteran's Day would be celebrated on Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup> this year.

Council Member Symes asked about high grass signs. The city manager advised that signs are still being used but Code Enforcement has taken the wet weather into consideration. Council Member Symes stated that some commercial companies are blowing grass clippings into the street.

Vice-Mayor Cummings said she is thankful that the Council let her represent the City at the Oklahoma Municipal League Conference. Vice-Mayor Cummings advised that she needs more business cards because she distributed so many at the conference and elsewhere.

Vice-Mayor Cummings said that emails pertaining to the Park survey are still coming in. Vice-Mayor Cummings stated that many citizens want walking trails and dog parks.



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Mayor Wilkinson stated that he wants the Council to consider dog licensing.

Mayor Wilkinson reported that he had received a complaint about the City's mowing contractor blowing grass clippings into the drainage channel on Village Drive.

Mayor Wilkinson asked about the status of the right-of-way encroachments at 1415 Carlisle. The city manager advised that the resident is making progress and has until October 1 to finish removing the encroachments as agreed upon.

Mike Ray told the Council that he attended the recent vicious dog hearings and heard all the testimony. Mr. Ray told the Council that the Judge said he must go by the evidence presented at the hearing when making his ruling. Mr. Ray stated that the resident who spoke earlier on behalf of the defendant expressed an opinion about the ruling and the Judge but was not at the hearing and didn't hear all the testimony and the evidence.

**ITEM VIII. NEW BUSINESS.**

There was no New Business to come before the Council.

**ITEM IX: ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Mayor Wilkinson

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Vice-Mayor Cummings

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Council Member Bennett

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Council Member Symes

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City Clerk

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Council Member Alexander