



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
January 22, 2019

The City Council of the City of The Village, Oklahoma, met in regular session at City Hall on Tuesday, January 22, 2019, at 7:30 p.m., at 2304 Manchester Drive.

COUNCIL PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Bruce K. Stone, City Manager
Bonnie Updegraff, Purchasing Agent
Jeff Sabin, Assistant City Attorney

ABSENT:

Bubba Symes, 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.

Vice-Mayor Cummings 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 regular meeting held on January 7, 2019. There were no corrections, deletions or additions and the Council approved the Minutes of the meeting held on January 7, 2019 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.

Scott Bowen appeared before the Council seeking permission to build a carport. Mr. Bowen told the Council that there are several illegal/nonconforming carports in The Village that have slipped through the cracks and which look far worse than the one he wants to build. Mr. Bowen asked if someone would do a "ride-along" to look at the carports with him. Mayor Wilkinson stated that he would be happy to ride along with him.

Jane Lowther appeared before the Council and asked if there is anyway that she could get a report of ongoing activity in the neighborhood. The city manager advised that the City does



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not have a report that would only cover a specific neighborhood but that the Police Department has a daily patrol log that she could obtain upon request of the Chief of Police.

ITEM V: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 01-22-2019 (A) ADOPTING A NEW INVESTMENT POLICY FOR THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE AND APPROVING A CUSTODIAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH BANCFIRST.

Mr. Stone told the Council that the resolution adopts a new, more comprehensive, investment policy that addresses some of the deficiencies noted in the annual audit report. Mr. Stone stated that the resolution also authorizes an Investment Services Agreement with Bancfirst for the bank to act as the City's agent in the investment of the City's reserve funds. Mr. Stone advised that Morgan Stanley has been performing this service, but the firm will no longer provide this service after February.

After a brief discussion, Vice-Mayor Cummings moved to approve Resolution 01-22-2019 (A) adopting a new investment policy and authorizing an Investment Services Agreement with Bancfirst. Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. The vote: Yea - Cummings, Wilkinson and Alexander. Nay – None.

ITEM VI: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 01-22-2019 (B) AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SEEK COMPETITIVE BIDS FOR DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS ON NORTHLAND ROAD, SUNRISE BLVD. AND ORLANDO ROAD.

City Manager Bruce Stone reviewed the proposed Northland drainage project and summarized pros and cons of purchasing homes that flood instead of making the proposed drainage improvements.

After a discussion, the Mayor tabled action on this agenda item until more members of the Council are present to participate in the discussion.

The Council took no action.

ITEM VII: CONSIDERATION OF PROCLAMATION 01-22-2019 (A) EXPRESSING SUPPORT OF THE 2020 CENSUS AND AGREEING TO ASSIST THE U.S. CENSUS BUREAU IN ENSURING A FULL AND ACCURATE COUNT IN 2020.

City Manager Bruce Stone reported that the Census Bureau is preparing for the 2020 Census and is asking cities to help educate the public about the process and importance of an accurate count. Mr. Stone told the Council that the proclamation was requested by the Census Bureau and is like proclamations adopted by other cities across the country.



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After a brief discussion, Vice-Mayor Cummings moved to approve Proclamation 01-22-2019 (A) expressing support of the 2020 Census. Council Member Alexander seconded the motion. The vote: Yea - Cummings, Wilkinson and Alexander. Nay – None.

ITEM VIII: CONSIDERATION OF DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE CHANGES TO REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO BOATS, WATERCRAFT, RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, BUSES, VANS, TRUCKS AND OTHER COMMERCIAL VEHICLES.

Mayor Wilkinson tabled action on this agenda item until more members of the Council are present to participate in the discussion.

The Council took no action.

(Note: Council Member Bennett arrived at the meeting)

ITEM IX: REPORTS:

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

<i>General Fund, 01/10/2019:</i>	<i>\$17,839.49</i>
<i>Penalty Assessment Fund. 01/10/2019:</i>	<i>\$2,484.11</i>
<i>UBBC Fund, 01/10/2019:</i>	<i>\$452.00</i>
<i>G.O. Bond Fund, 01/10/2019:</i>	<i>\$2,801.16</i>

b) **Manager's Report:**

City Manager Bruce Stone reported that the monthly Sales Tax check was for \$531,569.80, which is an increase of \$97,702 or 22.5% over the same period last year. Mr. Stone also reported that Use Tax check for January was \$185,441.95, which is an increase of \$144,262 over the same period last year.

The city manager gave the Council a report on the Britton Road reconstruction project, which began on January 10th. Mr. Stone reported that the detour of traffic through residential neighborhoods has been a complete nightmare. Mr. Stone told the Council that the Street Department placed traffic signs at numerous locations and that the Police Department has written an unusual number of tickets for speeding and disobeying signs. Mr. Stone advised that the good news is that many motorists have figured things out and that traffic is not as much of a problem as it was during the first few days of the lane closure.



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The city manager reported that buried AT&T cables have stopped work temporarily on the west end of Britton Road and that the Contractor has moved to Phase 1A, which requires the closing of the westbound lane of Britton Road for the entire mile between Penn and May.

Mr. Stone reported that Crossland Heavy Contractors has formally engaged Haskell Lemon to replace Markwell Paving and that the new subcontractor is scheduled to resume work on Northland Road and Berkshire Way the week of January 28th.

The city manager reported that A-Tech Paving has been working steadily on curb and gutter replacement on the streets east of Penn and that the asphalt crew started laying asphalt on Waverly on Friday, February 18th.

Mr. Stone reported that Public Works received a revised quote for the repair of the collapsed drainage box at Britton and Stratford. Mr. Stone advised that A-Tech Paving quoted a price of approximately \$21,000 as compared to the quote from Crossland Heavy Contractors, which was in excess of \$100,000. After a brief discussion, the consensus of the Council was to proceed with this repair project and pay for it using G.O. Bond money.

The city manager reported that Cimarron Construction would begin water line replacement west of May soon. Mr. Stone advised that the contractor is replacing lines from May Avenue to Northland Road on Kerry Lane, Huntleigh Drive and Carlton Way. Mr. Stone advised that when work is complete west of May, the contractor would replace lines east of May on Carlton Way and Huntleigh Drive from Mahler Place to May Avenue. Mr. Stone told the Council that all the new lines would be on the north side of the street.

Mr. Stone reported that the computer system in City Hall suffered a ransomware attack on Sunday night, January 13th. Mr. Stone told the Council that on Monday the 14th, staff found the network server locked down with a message providing contact information on how to decrypt the files. Mr. Stone reported that IT support was able to restore all files from backups and has determined that the virus got in when tech support for court system software accessed the server remotely to provide support. Mr. Stone advised that IT support has made changes in security protocol to eliminate this vulnerability and others as well, including the closing of ports and the restriction of access to others. Mr. Stone told the Council that the City has cybersecurity insurance and will file a claim after receiving an invoice for the cleanup and recovery. Mr. Stone advised that the Police Department would refer the incident to the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation.

The city manager noted a copy of the letter to the Metropolitan Library System authorizing the renovation of The Village Library, which is owned by the City of The Village and leased to the library system.



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Mr. Stone reported that Dheepak Jayakrishnan (a resident of The Village) has developed an app that would be beneficial to elderly residents and shut-ins in The Village and that he requests that the City consider allowing him to advertise the new app on the City's Facebook Page and Webpage. After a brief discussion, the consensus of the Council was to avoid the use of the City's online platforms for commercial advertising.

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

d) **Reports from the Council:**

Mayor Wilkinson stated that he would like to see a report of citations issued in December as compared to January in order to illustrate traffic enforcement as a result of the Britton Road lane closure.

Mayor Wilkinson stated that the closing of Andrew Johnson Elementary School would be a focus of discussion over the coming months and that he hoped that the school could be repurposed for a use that is beneficial to The Village and the surrounding neighborhood.

Council Member Bennett asked about Christmas Decoration awards and who the winners are.

Council Member Bennett told the Council that he and Vice-Mayor Cummings participated in the Martin Luther King Day Parade.

ITEM X. NEW BUSINESS.

There was no New Business to come before the Council.

ITEM XI: ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Mayor Wilkinson

Vice-Mayor Cummings

Council Member Bennett

Council Member Symes

City Clerk

Council Member Alexander