



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
April 15, 2019

The City Council of the City of The Village, Oklahoma, met in regular session at City Hall on Monday, April 15, 2019, at 7:30 p.m., at 2304 Manchester Drive.

COUNCIL PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Bruce K. Stone, City Manager
Beverly K. Whitener, City Treasurer
Jeff Sabin, Assistant City Attorney

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 regular meeting held on April 1, 2019. There were no corrections, deletions or additions and the Council approved the Minutes of the meeting held on April 1, 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.

Jeff Hand, former President of The Villas Home Owner's Association, appeared before the Council about a drainage problem on the west side of the housing development. Mr. Hand explained that water runs from Covenant Presbyterian Church into the back yards of several homes on Chianti Circle. Mr. Hand told the Council that he is seeking a solution to the problem. City Manager Bruce Stone advised that the church does not have any legal responsibility to take remedial action but is willing to work with the residents to resolve the problem. Mr. Stone advised that the City Engineer asked for, but never received, an illustration of the solution proposed by Mr. Lloyd Scott, who is one of the affected residents. Mr. Hand told the Council that he hoped to obtain a copy of the Performance Bond posted by the developer in order to get the bonding company to pay for the needed work. The city manager advised that he would look for a performance bond but stated that the only bond he knows the city has on file is the



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maintenance bond for the public street (Tuscany Boulevard), which serves the subdivision. Mr. Stone advised that the bond was for two years and expired in 2010.

A resident of Casady Manor appeared before the Council and complained about rocks and debris in the channel north of the YMCA. The city manager advised that the complaint would be investigated, and that Public Works would clean up as needed.

Beverly Boyd asked when work on parks would take place. The city manager advised that plans and specifications are expected to be done by the end of June and that construction could start by late summer.

Beverly Boyd stated that Britton Road looks awesome.

Craig Mitchell asked about Wellington Avenue. The city manager advised that the street is in really bad shape and that funding has been proposed for improvements in the next fiscal year. Mr. Stone also noted that OKC has a bond issue that will address some of the drainage issues in that area. Mr. Stone stated that the OKC bond issue improvements are probably still several years out.

ITEM V: CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE 744 OF THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE, OKLAHOMA AMENDING CHAPTER 13, SECTIONS 13-1, 13-222, 13-223, 13-228, AND 13-233 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE; PERTAINING TO PARKING OF CERTAIN VEHICLES, INCLUDING TRAILERS, BOATS, MOTOR HOMES, AND RECREATIONAL VEHICLES; PROVIDING FOR REGISTRATION OF (GRANDFATHERING) OF SAID EXISTING VEHICLES; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF OCTOBER 1, 2019.

Assistant City Attorney Jeff Sabin reviewed the most recent changes to Ordinance 744. Mr. Sabin stated that input from the Public Hearing held at the meeting held on April 1st has been incorporated in the final draft of the Ordinance. Mr. Sabin stated that the allowable width of travel trailers, motor homes, or recreational vehicles has been increased to 8.5 feet. Mr. Sabin advised that the revised Ordinance provides for grandfathering of existing boats, travel trailers, motor homes, and recreational vehicles if registered with the City by October 1, 2019.

City Manager Bruce Stone stated that, if the Ordinance is adopted, Code Enforcement would make contact with every resident who has a vehicle affected by the Ordinance and would advise them of the requirement to register. Mr. Stone stated that a registration form could also be handed out for residents to fill out and return. Mr. Stone advised that after October 1, field personnel would refer to the registration list when enforcing the new ordinance.



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Several citizens attended the meeting and commented on the proposed Ordinance. *(Names and addresses of the residents were not provided.)* A list of the major concerns expressed were as follows:

- *Grandfathering in is not fair to new residents who wish to have a boat, trailer, or other recreational vehicle;*
- *Residents who have grandfathered vehicles would not be able to upgrade to a new vehicle.*
- *Nobody has ever complained about an existing boat or vehicle.*

Vice-Mayor Cummings stated that the Ordinance and specifically, grandfathering, sends a “non-welcoming message” to new residents.

Council Member Symes stated that a lot of good feedback has been provided but that he did not feel comfortable voting on this now.

Mayor Wilkinson stated that it is time for the Council to vote either up or down on the Ordinance and that he is not in favor of dragging this out any further.

Council Member Alexander stated that he likes everything about the Ordinance except grandfathering and that grandfathering would be a problem for the Council in the future.

Council Member Bennett stated that he sees the stricter regulations as a benefit to property values in the future and that he can support the Ordinance with the provision providing for grandfathering.

There was no further discussion and Council Member Alexander moved to approve Ordinance 744. Mayor Wilkinson seconded the motion. The vote – Yea – Bennett, Wilkinson and Alexander. Nay – Symes and Cummings. The ordinance was adopted.

ITEM VI. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 04-15-2019 (A) AUTHORIZING THE SOLICITATION FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS FOR SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS ON PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, VINEYARD BOULEVARD AND MANCHESTER DRIVE, 2018 BOND ISSUE PROJECT #8.

City Manager Bruce Stone advised that the sidewalk plans have been revised to provide for 5' sidewalks on both sides of Penn south of Britton Road. Mr. Stone described the scope of the project.



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After a brief discussion, Council Member Bennett moved to approve Resolution 04-15-2019 (B) authorizing the solicitation of competitive bids for the sidewalk project. Vice-Mayor Cummings seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Symes, Bennett, Cummings, Wilkinson and Alexander. Nay – none.

ITEM VII. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 04-15-2019 (B) DECLARING THE WEEK OF APRIL 14-20 AS TELECOMMUNICATOR’S WEEK IN THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE.

City Manager Bruce Stone advised the Council that this resolution recognizes the good work done by our 911 Telecommunicators and others across the country.

After a brief discussion, Vice-Mayor Cummings moved to approve Resolution 04-15-2019 (B). Council Member Bennett seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Symes, Bennett, Cummings, Wilkinson and Alexander. Nay – none.

ITEM VIII. CONSIDERATION OF CASTING BALLOTS FOR THE ELECTION OF TWO CANDIDATES FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE OKLAHOMA MUNICIPAL ASSURANCE GROUP.

The Council reviewed the list of nominees for election to the OMAG Board of Directors and discussed the qualifications of the candidates.

After a brief discussion, Vice-Mayor Cummings moved to cast the City’s ballots for Beverly McManus, City Treasurer of Nicoma Park and Jeff Knapp, Vice-Mayor of Bethany. Council Member Bennett seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Symes, Bennett, Cummings, Wilkinson and Alexander. Nay – none.

ITEM IX: REPORTS:

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

- General Fund, 03/29/2019:	\$83,6213.55
- Capital Improvement Fund, 03/29/2019:	\$2,730.00
- General Fund, 04/02/2019:	\$2,692.00
- G.O. Bond, 04/04/2019:	6,500.00
- G.O. Bond, 04/09/2019:	\$1,092.50
- General Fund, 04/09/2019:	\$101,663.50
- Animal Bond Fund, 04/09/2019:	\$45.00
- UBCC Fund, 04/09/2019:	\$372.00
- G.O. Bond Fund, 04/09/2019:	\$331.80

b) **Manager's Report:**



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City Manager Bruce Stone reported that the monthly sales tax check was for \$468,616, which is an increase of \$66,903 or 16.65%. Mr. Stone also reported that the Use Tax Check was for \$60,804, which is an increase of \$28,698 over the same period last year.

Mr. Stone reported that A-Tech Paving has completed the repair of the collapsed drainage structure at Britton & Stratford and did a good job. Mr. Stone told the Council that the new concrete top is 10" thick with steel reinforcing.

The city manager reported that driveways and approaches are being poured on Britton Road and the work is moving quickly. Mr. Stone told that Council that the contractor (Crossland Heavy Contractors) expects to be ready to jump to the other side of Britton by June. Mr. Stone also noted that the AT&T fiber optic line has still not been moved and advised that this could cause a delay in completing the westbound lane.

The city manager gave the Council a report on Bond Project #2. Mr. Stone reported that there are three sections of existing concrete on Carlton Way that pose some difficulties for resurfacing. Mr. Stone advised that after consultation with the contractor and city engineer, it is recommended that the bad sections of concrete be replaced with new concrete.

The city manager gave the Council a report on Bond Project #3, which is to begin shortly after Project #2 is completed. Mr. Stone advised that Project #3 is the area south of Britton Road and west of Penn. Mr. Stone reported that there are several spots in the existing concrete that will need to be patched before overlay. Mr. Stone also reported that the original plan to resurface only the west half of Stratford Drive is not practical and that the best option is to resurface the entire street from Westchester to just south of Sheffield.

The city manager gave the Council a report on Bond Project #4, which is the resurfacing of Hefner Road from Lakeside to Penn. Mr. Stone advised that the timing of this project could be problematic due to the Britton Road project. Mr. Stone told the Council that it seems to make sense to do Hefner before the eastbound lane of Britton is closed and to do Hefner in two phases. Mr. Stone reported that the current plan is to mill and resurface west of May first and then mill and resurface Hefner from May to Penn.

The city manager gave the Council a report on Bond Project #7, which is the drainage project on Orlando, Sunrise and Northland. Mr. Stone reported that the new drainage pipe will have to be located in the street due to gas lines and other utilities which are in the unpaved part of the right-of-way. Mr. Stone advised that this increases the project cost by approximately \$100,000.



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The city manager reported that rates for Residential & Commercial Sanitation and Recycling Service will increase 1.38% in accordance with the CPI. Mr. Stone advised that the new rates would become effective on July 1, 2019.

Mr. Stone discussed the City's stormwater plan and advised the Council that dry weather screening for 2018 has been completed. Mr. Stone reported that phenols were detected at two monitoring stations and that follow up testing concluded that the phenols are coming from somewhere upstream in Oklahoma City. Mr. Stone advised that Terracon, the engineering company that performed the screening on the City's behalf, does not feel that additional testing is necessary. Mr. Stone advised that OKC will be notified of our findings.

The city manager reported that retired Billing Clerk, Judy Westerheide, has come out of retirement to help until a new Court Clerk can be hired and trained.

c) Reports from the Council:

Vice-Mayor Cummings thanked Bubba and Stan for their service on the Council.

Vice-Mayor Cummings announced that first-ever The Village Easter Egg Hunt would be on Saturday, April 20 at Duffner Park from 10 a.m. to noon.

Vice-Mayor Cummings told the Council that A-1 Pet Emporium would be providing free micro-chipping for dogs at the Dog Walk in the Park, which is to be held on May 18th in Duffner Park. Vice-Mayor Cummings also reported that a booth would be setup to take donations for The Village Animal Shelter.

Council Member Bennett commended both Bubba Symes and Stan Alexander for their willingness to be public servants and thanked them for their service on the City Council.

Council Member Symes thanked everyone on the Council and stated that he had a lot of fun serving on the Council, especially his four terms as Mayor.

Council Member Alexander stated that it was an honor and pleasure to fill the unexpired term of Hutch Hibbard and that he enjoyed his 34th and final year on the Council.

Assistant City Attorney Jeff Sabin briefed the Council on HB 1032, which would restrict the powers of cities to establish building design standards. *(Council Member-elect Adam Graham noted that the bill failed.)*



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Mayor Wilkinson asked about the water running down Gladstone from Carlton Way to the channel. The city manager advised that the water has been tested and that it is ground water. Mr. Stone told the Council that this area has a natural spring that comes to the surface as the water table rises. Mr. Stone explained that the City installed a French Drain system about 20 years ago that has worked up until now.

Mayor Wilkinson briefly talked about planning sessions with LAUD Studio for public improvements in TIF Districts #1 and #4.

Mayor Wilkinson stated that he has enjoyed the past year as Mayor and that he has learned a lot. Mayor Wilkinson thanked Stan and Bubba for their service.

ITEM XI. **NEW BUSINESS.**

There was no New Business to come before the Council.

ITEM XII: **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Mayor Wilkinson

Vice-Mayor Cummings

Council Member Bennett

Council Member Symes

City Clerk

Council Member Alexander