



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
May 6, 2019

The City Council of the City of The Village, Oklahoma, met in regular session at City Hall on Monday, May 6, 2019, at 7:30 p.m., at 2304 Manchester Drive.

**COUNCIL PRESENT**

Sonny Wilkinson, Mayor  
Cathy Cummings, Vice-Mayor  
Dave Bennett, Council Member  
George Colbert, Council Member  
Adam Graham, Council Member

**STAFF PRESENT**

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

Vice-Mayor Cummings introduced Senator Julia Kirt, Representative Andy Fugate and Representative Sherrie Conley.

Mayor Wilkinson thanked outgoing Council members Stan Alexander and Bubba Symes for their dedicated service to The Village. Mayor Wilkinson thanked Stan and Bubba for their leadership and mentorship. Mayor Wilkinson presented street signs "Alexander Lane" and "Symes Circle" to the outgoing Council Members as a token of appreciation for their service.

Senator Julia Kirt presented Citations from the State Senate, signed by Senator Kirt and Representative Chelsey Branham, recognizing and commending Stan Alexander and Bubba Symes for their public service.

**ITEM III: ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS.**

Municipal Judge Danny White administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Council Members Bennett, Graham and Colbert.

**ITEM IV: CONSIDERATION OF ELECTION OF MAYOR AND VICE-MAYOR TO SERVE A ONE YEAR TERM.**

Mayor Wilkinson thanked everybody for their work over the past year and stated that he is proud of has been accomplished during his term as Mayor.



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Mayor Wilkinson moved to elect Vice-Mayor Cathy Cummings to serve a one-year term as Mayor. Council Member Bennett seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Colbert, Graham, Bennett, Cummings and Wilkinson. Nay – none.

Mayor Cummings thanked all the people in attendance, members of the Council, the City staff, her three daughters and especially her husband, Sean Cummings.

Mayor Cummings stated that it is a privilege to serve the citizens of The Village as their Mayor.

Mayor Cummings thanked Sonny Wilkinson for his service as Mayor and welcomed new Council Members, George Colbert and Adam Graham.

Mayor Cummings announced upcoming events including the Dog Walk in the Park and Movie Night.

Mayor Cummings moved to elect Council Member David Bennett to serve a one-year term as Vice-Mayor. Council Member Wilkinson seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Colbert, Graham, Bennett, Cummings and Wilkinson. Nay – none.

Mayor Cummings recessed the meeting for refreshments and pictures.

Mayor Cummings reconvened the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

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

Mayor Cummings 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 Homeowner'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 has not obtained a copy of the Performance Bond posted by the developer and read aloud a section of the City Code which requires the bond to be provided. The city manager advised that he has looked and could not find a performance bond on file. Mr. Stone stated that the only bond that the city has on file is the maintenance bond for the Tuscany Boulevard, which serves the nursing home and subdivision. Mr. Stone advised that the work done by the developer was completed many years ago and, to his knowledge, the developer met his obligations. Mr. Stone advised that he would provide what information he can as soon as time permits.



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Kim Plant, who lives in the 2800 Block of Manchester, appeared before the Council regarding speeding on her street. Ms. Plant told the Council that increased patrol and monitoring by the Police over the past couple of weeks has not improved the situation. Mayor Cummings asked if the speeding is worse at a specific time of day. Ms. Plant advised that it is worst between 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. The Mayor advised that maybe a radar sign or speed hump might be a viable solution. The city manager advised that the preliminary budget for next year includes a proposal to purchase additional radar signs and a few speed humps to see if these are as effective as advertised. Council Member Colbert stated that the radar signs and three-way stop at Lakeshore and Kerry Lane have helped slow traffic down.

Stan Alexander invited the Council to attend a ribbon cutting at the Statesman Club on Thursday between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Cummings presented former Mayor Sonny Wilkinson a "Recognition Packet" containing a catalog so that he can order a memento of his choice in recognition and appreciation of his service as Mayor.

**ITEM Vi: APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

Mayor Cummings asked if there were any corrections, additions or deletions to the Minutes of the regular meeting held on April 15, 2019. There were no corrections, deletions or additions and the Council approved the Minutes of the meeting held on April 15, 2019, as written.

**ITEM VII: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 05-06-2019 (A) AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A BUILDING PERMIT FOR TEMPORARY CLASSROOMS FOR CASADY SCHOOL.**

City Manager Bruce Stone briefly summarized the application by Casady School to place a temporary classroom building on land owned by the school. Mr. Stone advised that the Planning & Zoning Commission approved a resolution recommending that the City Council authorize the issuance of a permit for the temporary classroom building.

Jim Bonfiglio, Casady School Director of Operations, explained that an increase in enrollment has left the school short of classroom space and that the school would like to bring in a temporary classroom building to house the new students (Pre-K) until current facilities can be expanded. Mr. Bonfiglio told the Council that the building would be placed behind the old Country Leisure Pool & Spa building in an inconspicuous place and behind a sight-proof fence.

After a brief discussion, Council Member Wilkinson moved to approve Resolution 05-06-2019 (A) authorizing the issuance of a building permit for a temporary classroom building for use by Casady School. Vice-Mayor Bennett seconded the motion. The vote: The vote: Yea – Colbert, Graham, Bennett, Cummings and Wilkinson. Nay – none.



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**ITEM VIII: CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE 745 AMENDING CHAPTER 15, ARTICLE II, SECTIONS 15-30 THROUGH 15-49 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR OWNERS TO RECLAIM PERSONAL PROPERTY OF ASCERTAINABLE OR APPARENT VALUE THAT IS REMOVED PURSUANT TO NUISANCE ABATEMENT PROCEDURE; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

City Manager Bruce Stone advised that there is a need to provide a procedure for the owner of valuable property removed by the City during legal abatement of a public nuisance to reclaim the property. Mr. Stone showed the Council pictures of a current abatement where certain property to be removed by the City might want to be reclaimed by the rightful owner.

Council Member Colbert asked for a clarification of the intent of the Ordinance. Mr. Stone advised that the ordinance was researched and drafted by Assistant City Attorney Jeff Sabin and provides a reasonable process for property taken by the City to be reclaimed before it is disposed of or sold by the City. Mr. Stone stated that currently, there is no provision or procedure for a property owner to reclaim such property.

After a brief discussion, Council Member Wilkinson moved to approve Ordinance 745. Mayor Cummings seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Colbert, Graham, Bennett, Cummings and Wilkinson. Nay – none.

Council Member Wilkinson moved to approve the Emergency Clause. Vice-Mayor Bennett seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Colbert, Graham, Bennett, Cummings and Wilkinson. Nay – none.

**ITEM IX: REPORTS:**

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

- General Fund, 04/15/2019:	\$88,506.86
- Animal Bond Fund, 04/15/2019:	\$20.00
- G.O. Bond Project Fund, 04/15/2019:	\$216.00
- G.O Bond Sinking Fund, 04/16/2019:	\$228,300
- G.O. Bond Project Fund, 04/19/2019:	\$2,111.00
- General Fund, 04/19/2019:	\$442.51
- General Fund, 04/24/2019:	\$15,000.00
- General Fund, 04/25/2019:	\$22,356.40
- Capital Improvement Fund, 04/25/2019:	\$77,236.00
- Special Park Fund, 04/25/2019:	\$85.99
- G. O. Bond Project Fund, 04/25/2019:	\$21,820.00



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Mayor Cummings asked about surplus fire equipment. Mr. Stone advised that surplus equipment and vehicles can be transferred to other political subdivisions pursuant to the Interlocal Governmental Cooperation Act. Mr. Stone advised that the City is currently storing a surplus truck at Public Works (1991 Fire Stix).

**b) Manager's Report:**

City Manager Bruce Stone gave the Council a report on the status of the various bond projects including Britton Road, Resurfacing Project #2 and the Northland Drainage Project.

Mr. Stone reported that he would like to see the full Council get an update on the status of the conceptual design of Public improvements contemplated for TIF Districts #1 and #4. Mr. Stone advised that a meeting with Love's is scheduled later this week to provide key decision makers at Love's an overview of what the City is thinking in terms of public improvements. City Attorney Leslie Batchelor provided a brief description of preliminary ideas for various improvements in the TIF project area, including a temporary dog park.

Council Member Colbert asked why the park would be temporary. Ms. Batchelor explained that the property could possibly be put to higher use by the City in the future.

The city manager told the Council that budget amendments would be needed to complete the fiscal year. Mr. Stone briefly explained why amendments would be necessary and stated that this would be on the next agenda for consideration by the Council.

The city manager reported that only a few volunteers showed up to participate in LitterBlitz but that the event was a success, nonetheless.

Mr. Stone reported that The Village Friends did not do a Marathon Cheer Section this year. Vice-Mayor Bennett stated that some residents on Penn could not get out of their drives during the Marathon and that resident should be notified in advance of lane closures.

The city manager advised that rates for the City's health insurance plan (Blue Cross & Blue Shield) would go up 2.3% in July.

Mr. Stone noted the Change Order for the drainage project included in his written report and as previously discussed in a Council meeting. Mr. Stone advised that the drainage pipe had to be placed in the street in order to avoid utilities causing the cost of the project to increase.

**c) Reports from the Council:**

Council Member Graham stated that he is looking forward to working with everyone.



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Council Member Colbert stated that he is excited to be working with Adam and the rest of Council and looks forward to keeping the progress going.

Council Member Wilkinson told the Council the ride-along he had with Officer Jacobson and encouraged other members of the Council to go on one if they had not done so yet.

Council Member Wilkinson thanked everyone again for their work and support during the past year.

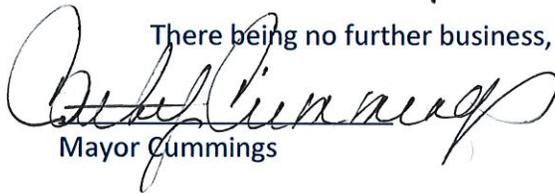
Mayor Cumming told the Council that the Easter Egg Hunt was great and said she would like it to be an annual event.

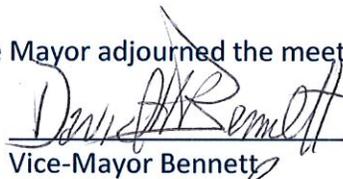
**ITEM XI. NEW BUSINESS.**

There was no New Business to come before the Council.

**ITEM XII: ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

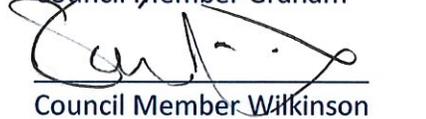
  
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