



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
May 22, 2019

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

COUNCIL PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

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

ABSENT

George Colbert, Council Member

ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER.

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

ITEM II: INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

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

ITEM III: APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Mayor Cummings asked if there were any corrections, additions or deletions to the Minutes of the regular meeting held on May 6, 2019. There were no corrections, deletions or additions and the Council approved the Minutes of the meeting held on May 6, 2019, as written.

ITEM IV: 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.

Jon Cunningham appeared before the Council to submit a proposal to amend City ordinances pertaining to keeping and raising of chickens on residential property. Mr. Cunningham gave the Council a list of justifications for the change and provided suggestions for common sense chicken regulations.

The Council discussed the pros and cons of “urban chickens” and asked Mr. Cunningham questions.



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Council Member Graham stated that the City should look at regulations that other cities in our area have adopted.

Vice-Mayor Bennett stated that he would not support this as chickens may not stink but what they produce does. Vice-Mayor Bennett stated that hat he would not want chickens next door to him.

Mike Ray told the Council that his neighbor in Edmond has chickens and that they are not a problem until the chickens are out of the coop at which time his dog goes crazy trying to eat them for lunch.

Mayor Cummings thanked Mr. Cunningham for his thorough and interesting presentation and stated that the City should do some research on this topic.

Peggy Vogt told the Council that there is graffiti on a manhole near Grace Bible Church. The city manager advised that this is in Oklahoma City but that he would contact the appropriate officials to ask them to take care of the eyesore.

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 told the Council that he has not obtained a copy of the Performance Bond posted by the developer or the plans he requested six weeks ago. The city manager gave Mr. Hand a complete set of construction plans and a letter from the City Engineer stating that that the plans submitted by the developer were reviewed and approved by the City and that, to his knowledge, the work was done in accordance with the approved plans. Mr. Stone reiterated what he had stated in several previous meetings, that he could not find a Performance Bond and that, had there been one, it would have been returned to the developer long ago as the developer fulfilled his responsibilities.

A) **CONSIDERATION OF PROCLAMATION 05-22-2019 (A) DECLARING JUNE 7, 2019 AS GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY IN THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE.**

Mayor Cumming read aloud Mayoral Proclamation 05-22-2019 (A) declaring June 7, 2019 as Gun Awareness Day in the City of The Village.

Mayor Cummings introduced Jennifer Joy Birch who provided gun violence statistics for the edification of the Council. Ms. Birch advised that Oklahoma ranks 5th in the nation for violent deaths. Ms. Birch introduced Kiona Millirons who told the Council that her sister was a victim of gun violence in Sacramento, California.

Mayor Cummings thanked Jennifer and Kiona for coming to the meeting and urged citizens of The Village to wear orange on June 7th to participate in Gun Violence Awareness Day.



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B) PRESENTATION BY LAUD STUDIO – TIF #1 & TIF #4 CONCEPTS UPDATE.

LAUD Studio representatives, Brent Wall and Jessica Lerner presented a detailed report of preliminary concepts for public improvements in the TIF #1 and TIF #4 project area. Brent Wall showed the Council various conceptual design schematics for a linear park on Vineyard Boulevard, a new 2-acre public space adjacent to City Hall, signalization revisions at Vineyard and Penn, the integration of Masonic Park and The Village Green into the proposed linear park as well as multipath (pedestrian and bike) improvements along Village Drive to connect the City's civic area (City Hall, Police Department, Library and Post Office) to Britton Road.

ITEM V. PUBLIC HEARING PROVIDING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED REZONING OF LOT 5, BLOCK 0, MASON ADDITION, 1520 WEST BRITTON ROAD AND THE WEST 150' OF LOT 12, BLOCK 6, CASADY HEIGHTS ADDITION FROM A-1 SINGLE FAMILY TO C-2 COMMERCIAL.

Mayor Cummings tabled this item pending republication of a Notice of Hearing.

ITEM VI. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 05-20-2019 (A) PERTAINING TO THE PROPOSED REZONING OF LOT 5, BLOCK 0, MASON ADDITION, 1520 WEST BRITTON ROAD AND THE WEST 150' OF LOT 12, BLOCK 6, CASADY HEIGHTS ADDITION FROM A-1 SINGLE FAMILY TO C-2 COMMERCIAL.

Mayor Cummings tabled this item pending the holding of the required Public Hearing.

ITEM VII. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 05-22-2019 (B) AMENDING THE FY 2018-19 GENERAL FUND & VPWA BUDGETS.

City Manager Bruce Stone reviewed the proposed budget amendments as explained in Resolution 05-22-2019 (B). Mr. Stone advised that several revenue and expenditure (flow through) transactions were under budgeted, or not budgeted at all for the year. Mr. Stone advised that the most important item not accounted for in the General Fund was Ad Valorem Tax related to the General Obligation Bond issue. Mr. Stone advised that these funds, estimated at \$623,000, were supposed to go directly to the General Obligation Sinking Fund but were deposited by Oklahoma County (direct deposit) to the General Fund. Mr. Stone told the Council that these funds then had to be transferred to the General Obligation Bond Sinking Fund, which created an unbudgeted expenditure in the General Fund.

After a brief discussion, Vice-Mayor Bennett moved to approve Resolution 05-22-2019 (B). Council Member Graham seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Graham, Bennett, Wilkinson and Cummings. Nay – none.



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ITEM VIII. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 05-22-2019 (C) DECLARING THAT 90% OF BUDGETED REVENUES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENTS TO EXPEND MORE THAN 90% OF THEIR APPROVED BUDGETS.

City Manager Bruce Stone showed the Council a report of revenues received as of May 14, 2019. Mr. Stone advised that, the City has received approximately 96% of budgeted revenues for the year. Mr. Stone advised that the Council is required by law to adopt a resolution stating that 90% of budgeted revenues have been received and which authorizes the departments to expend more than 90% of their approved budgets.

After a brief discussion, Council Member Wilkinson moved to approve Resolution 05-22-2019 (C). Council Member Graham seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Graham, Bennett, Wilkinson and Cummings. Nay – none.

ITEM IX: REPORTS:

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

- G.O. Bond Fund, 05/02/2019:	\$323,565.12
- G.O. Bond Fund, 05/02/2019:	\$367.35
- General Fund, 05/02/2019:	\$54,465.66
- General Fund, 05/03/2019:	\$14,061.57
- Capital Improvement Fund, 05/03/2019:	\$1,173.12
- Special Park Fund, 05/03/2019:	\$15.00
- General Fund, 05/07/2019:	\$33,393.24
- Capital Improvement Fund, 05/07/2019:	\$10,000.00
- Capital Improvement Fund, 05/07/2019:	\$11,662.85
- G.O. Bond Fund, 05/07/2019:	\$6,500.00
- General Fund, 05/08/2019:	\$6,627.30
- Capital Improvement Fund, 05/08/2019:	\$2,660.86
- Special Park Fund, 05/08/2019:	\$44.98

b) Manager's Report:

City Manager Bruce Stone reported that the monthly sales tax check was \$468,314, which is \$26,354 or 5.96% more than received for the same period last year. Mr. Stone also reported that the Use Tax check was \$83,397, which is \$15,372 or 22.6% more than received for the same period last year.



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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.

The city manager stated that it would be appropriate for LAUD Studio to give a presentation to update the full Council about preliminary concepts for public improvements in the TIF project area. Mr. Stone advised that this would be especially helpful for newly elected members of the Council to learn about and provide input on these exciting improvements.

Mr. Stone asked the Council to set aside a couple of dates and times to conduct budget work sessions. After a brief discussion, the Council decided to schedule meetings for 8:00 a.m. on May 29th and May 30th.

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

d) **Reports from the Council:**

Council Member Graham said he learned a lot on his ride-along with the Police Department and encouraged other members of the Council to do the same.

Council Member Wilkinson thanked the city manager and public works for all their work in relation to the various street projects. The city manager advised that public works personnel have been out practically all night long during recent storms and deserve recognition for the hard work that they do.

Mayor Cummings told the Council that the ribbon cutting at the Statesman Club was “a blast”.

Mayor Cummings gave the Council a brief report on the Clean Cities luncheon she attended recently. Mayor Cummings told the Council that it appears that CNG vehicles would not be a viable option for public safety vehicles but could be beneficial for larger trucks.

City Attorney Leslie Batchelor told the Council that she would have a draft ordinance ready for the Council to consider at the next meeting. Ms. Batchelor reviewed some of the changes in animal regulations that would be proposed for consideration by the ordinance.



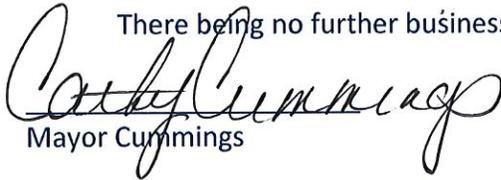
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ITEM XI. NEW BUSINESS.

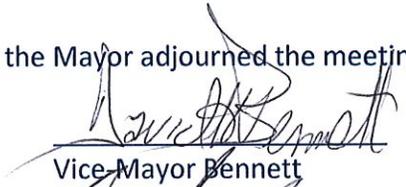
There was no New Business to come before the Council.

ITEM XII: ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 10:15 p.m.



Mayor Cummings



Vice-Mayor Bennett

Council Member Colbert



City Clerk



Council Member Graham



Council Member Wilkinson