



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
June 17, 2019

The City Council of the City of The Village, Oklahoma, met in regular session at City Hall on Monday, June 17, 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  
George Colbert, Council Member

**STAFF PRESENT**

Bruce K. Stone, City Manager  
Jamie Gilpin, Payroll/Benefits Administrator  
Jeff Sabin, Assistant City Attorney

**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 special meetings held on May 29, 2019 and May 30, 2019 and the Minutes of the regular meeting held on June 3, 2019. There were no corrections, deletions or additions and the Council approved the Minutes of the meetings held on May 29, 2019, May 30, 2019 and June 3, 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.

Jason Wiggins, The Village Library Manager, appeared before the Council to introduce himself and talk about the Summer Reading program at The Village Library.

Mark Paul appeared before the Council to ask about possible rezoning of lots on Britton Road near Little Caesar's Pizza. The Council briefly discussed the pros and cons of redeveloping small residential lots.



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**ITEM V: CONSIDERATION OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH OKLAHOMA COUNTY FOR STREET REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE.**

City Manager Bruce Stone explained that this is an annual agreement with Oklahoma County to provide a framework for interlocal assistance from the County for minor street maintenance and repair. Mr. Stone advised that any major project done in conjunction with the County requires a separate agreement.

After a brief discussion, Council Member Wilkinson moved to approve the interlocal agreement with Oklahoma County for minor street repairs and maintenance. Council Member Graham seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Colbert, Graham, Bennett, Cummings and Wilkinson. Nay – none.

**ITEM VI: CONSIDERATION OF INTERLOCAL JAIL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH OKLAHOMA COUNTY.**

City Manager Bruce Stone explained that this is an annual agreement with Oklahoma County for use of the County Jail. Mr. Stone advised that the County does not charge the City for prisoners held on state or federal charges. Mr. Stone advised that the cost to keep a prisoner held on municipal charges in the Council jail would increase from \$43.78 to \$44.61 a day beginning on July 1, 2019.

After a brief discussion, Vice-Mayor Bennett moved to approve the Jail Services Agreement with Oklahoma County. Council Member Colbert seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Colbert, Graham, Bennett, Cummings and Wilkinson. Nay – none.

**ITEM VII: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 06-17-2019 (A) MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.**

The city manager told the Council that several appointed positions will expire on June 30, 2019. Mr. Stone advised that other vacancies have occurred to due to death and because appointees have moved from The Village.

The Council discussed various options for filling the vacancies.

After a brief discussion, Council Member Wilkinson moved to approve Resolution 06-17-2019 (A) appointing Judy Smith to a three-year term on the Metropolitan Library Commission and Bubba Symes to fill an unexpired term on The Village Development Authority. Council Member Graham seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Colbert, Graham, Bennett, Cummings and Wilkinson. Nay – none.



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The Council asked the city manager to ask Stan Alexander if he would serve on The Village Development Authority, if appointed.

**ITEM VIII: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 06-17-2019 (B) RENEWING A CONTRACT WITH LANDSCAPE PARTNERS, LTD FOR MOWING SERVICES.**

The city manager explained that the City took bids for mowing services two years ago and entered into a three-year contract with Landscape Partners. Mr. Stone advised that this Resolution would renew the contract with Landscape Partners for the final year.

After a brief discussion, Council Member Graham moved to approve Resolution 06-17-2019 (B) renewing the contract with Landscape Partners for mowing services. Vice-Mayor Bennett seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Colbert, Graham, Bennett, Cummings and Wilkinson. Nay – none.

**ITEM IX: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 06-17-2019 (C) RENEWING CONTRACTS WITH WASTE CONNECTIONS OF OKLAHOMA FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL AND RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING SERVICE.**

The city manager explained that the City has long-term contracts with Waste Connections for solid waste collection and disposal and residential recycling service. Mr. Stone told the Council that Waste Connections is bound to the terms of the contract until 2025 but the City can opt out of the contracts at the end of any fiscal year. Mr. Stone advised that the City has very favorable terms and that the company continues to do a good job.

After a brief discussion, Council Member Graham moved to approve Resolution 06-17-2019 (C) renewing the contract with Waste Connections for solid waste collection and disposal and residential recycling service. Vice-Mayor Bennett seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Colbert, Graham, Bennett, Cummings and Wilkinson. Nay – none.

**ITEM X: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 06-17-2019 (D) ESTABLISHING THE 9-1-1 TELEPHONE FEE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2020.**

City Manager Bruce Stone told the Council that state law requires the City to establish the 911 Telephone fee for each calendar year. Mr. Stone advised that the rate would need to stay at 3% in order to pay the costs of operating the 911 Emergency system.

After a brief discussion, Council Member Colbert moved to approve Resolution 06-17-2019 (D) establishing the 911 Telephone fee for calendar year 2020. Vice-Mayor Bennett seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Colbert, Graham, Bennett, Cummings and Wilkinson. Nay – none.



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**ITEM XI: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 06-17-2019 (E) ASSIGNING 9-1-1 REVENUES TO THE ACOG 9-1-1- ASSOCIATION.**

City Manager Bruce Stone advised the Council that this resolution is needed to let the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority know that the City wants its 911 revenues assigned to the ACOG 9-1-1 Association.

After a brief discussion, Council Member Graham moved to approve Resolution 06-17-2019 (E) assigning the 911 telephone revenues to the ACOG 9-1-1 Association. Council Member Colbert seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Colbert, Graham, Bennett, Cummings and Wilkinson. Nay – none.

**ITEM XII: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 06-17-2019 (F) APPROVING THE FY 2019-20 COMBINED MUNICIPAL BUDGET.**

The city manager briefly reviewed the proposed budget for FY 2019-20. Mr. Stone advised that the Council has held the appropriate work sessions with staff and has held a public hearing to provide an opportunity for public to comment on the proposed budget. Mr. Stone advised that all of the legal requirements to adopt the budget have been fulfilled.

After a brief discussion, Council Member Colbert moved to adopt Resolution 06-17-2019 (F) approving the FY 2019-20 Combined Municipal Budget. Vice-Mayor Bennett seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Colbert, Graham, Bennett, Cummings and Wilkinson. Nay – none.

**ITEM XIII: REPORTS:**

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

- G.O. Bond Fund, 06/04/2019:	\$420,447.65
- General Fund, 06/05/2019:	\$33,343.43
- G.O. Bond Fund, 06/05/2019:	\$1,328.40
- General Fund, 06/11/2019:	\$9,803.48
- G.O. Bond Fund, 06/11/2019:	\$932.75

**b) Manager's Report:**

City Manager Bruce Stone reported that the monthly sales tax check was for \$552,279.87, which is not only an all-time high, but an increase over the same period last year of \$32,424 or 6.24%. Mr. Stone also reported that the Use Tax check was for \$129,166.38, which is an increase of \$73,081 or 130.3% over the same period last year.



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Mr. Stone briefed the Council on the status of various bond projects that are currently underway. Mr. Stone asked the Council what they thought about asking the contractor to delay resurfacing Projects 4 and 5 (Britton Road east of Penn, Penn south of Britton and Hefner between Penn and Lakeside) until after Britton Road is done. Mr. Stone advised that this might be the best in order to minimize traffic congestion. The Council briefly discussed that idea and had mixed emotions about the delay, but the general consensus was that the delay might be for the best.

The city manager advised that Johnnies would like the City and ODOT to consider making the new westbound lane “eastbound” until the new eastbound lane is done. Mr. Stone told the Council that the restaurant believes that most of their business comes from May Avenue and that this would not adversely affect any homes or businesses. The Council briefly discussed the pros and cons but failed to reach a consensus on the idea. *(Note: ODOT field personnel advised later that this is not likely to be approved for safety reasons as it would cause dangerous conflicts at the intersection of Britton/Penn)*

The city manager reported that the City’s Worker’s Compensation annual premium would go up to \$222,286, which is an increase of approximately 7% over last year.

Mr. Stone gave the Council a report on the new EMBARK Share-a-Fare program and how the new program works. Council Member Wilkinson stated that he would like EMBARK to come to a meeting and explain bus service proposals and options provided to the city manager.

The city manager advised the Council that he has been talking to a group of citizens who wish to help the City care for and find homes for stray animals in The Village. Mr. Stone told the Council that he expects a formal proposal to be presented for consideration by the Council in the near future.

Mr. Stone showed the Council a picture of several scooters that were left on a corner at Westchester and Stratford. The Council discussed the matter and noted that these are usually retrieved within a day after they are left by the users and that it does not seem to be problem, at least so far.

### **c) Reports from the Council:**

Council Member Colbert told the Council that he would like to initiate discussion with Oklahoma City regarding sidewalk improvements needed on Britton Road west of the Lake Hefner Parkway. Council Member Colbert stated that the sidewalk ends on the bridge and that there is no sidewalk connecting to restaurants and the Bert Cooper trail system.



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Council Member Colbert also told the Council that he had talked to Robert King who lives at Lakeshore and Britton Road about utility trucks crossing his property to access utilities behind the homes on Lakeshore and Lakeside Drives. Council Member Colbert said that perhaps a paved alley or drive could be installed along the right-of-way on Britton Road to provide utility access.

Council Member Graham told the Council he would like to get started on community branding and establishing a new visual identity for the City. The Council discussed the development of an RFP to get the process started.

Vice-Mayor Bennett thanked The Village Fire Department for their quick response to an emergency call in his neighborhood.

Council Member Wilkinson asked about efforts to register boats, trailers, RVs and similar regulated vehicles. The city manager advised that the Code Department is working on the registration form and would begin contacting owners of these types of vehicles well in advance of the October 1 deadline.

Mayor Cummings told the Council that she is sorry that the showing of the Harry Potter movie in Bumpass Park had to be terminated due to severe weather.

The city manager advised that the movie was scheduled to start too early. Mr. Stone stated that it might be a good idea to try showing the next movie (June 29 at 9:00 p.m.) in the public space (future civic park) next to City Hall.

Mayor Cummings announced that Yoga in the Park would be on Saturday, June 22 at 10:00 a.m. in Duffner Park.

Mayor Cummings stated that the VPD vs VFD softball game was great.

**ITEM XIV. NEW BUSINESS.**

There was no New Business to come before the Council.



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**ITEM XV: ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

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Mayor Cummings

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Vice-Mayor Bennett

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Council Member Colbert

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Council Member Graham

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City Clerk

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Council Member Wilkinson