



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
August 5, 2019

The City Council of the City of The Village, Oklahoma, met in regular session at City Hall on Monday, August 5, 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 Whitener, City Treasurer
Leslie Batchelor, 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 regular meeting held on July 15, 2019. There were no corrections, deletions or additions and the Council approved the Minutes of the meeting held on July 15, 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.

Tom Wolfe, Eva Lundgren, Cheryl Steckler and Christina Meyers appeared before the Council to submit a proposal to improve The Village animal shelter and animal welfare services provided by the City. The individuals represented themselves as "Village Animal League" (VAL) and proposed several improvements to the animal shelter, veterinary care, fostering and adoption of animals in the custody of the City. The VAL proposed several short-term and long-term goals for improvements and recommended that the City employ either a full-time or part-time person to be responsible for the shelter and interaction with volunteers. The group also expressed plans to create a 503 (c) non-profit to raise funds to help with various costs of animal welfare.



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Cynthia Armstrong briefly spoke to the Council and encouraged the Council to take a close look at the proposal and give it serious consideration. Ms. Armstrong stated that she would donate \$1,000 to the non-profit organization when it is created.

Herman Jones appeared before the Council and stated that he would like to work with The Village to improve fostering and adoption of animals.

Cindy Frankenfield appeared before the Council and stated that she supports the proposal from the VAL. Ms. Frankenfield stated that she has always been a proponent of "24-7" animal control services for The Village.

The Council thanked the group for coming and for the detailed and well-thought out presentation.

Jane Lowther told the Council Public Works is doing a good job cleaning the Meeker channel and removing branches and brush. Mr. Stone advised that the city would try to routinely monitor this area and cleanup as needed. Mr. Stone stated that residents who live next to the channel frequently dump limbs, grass clippings, etc., over the fence adding to the maintenance problem.

The city manager asked Ms. Lowther if she received the information that she requested about Tax Increment Districts #1 and #4. Ms. Lowther acknowledged receipt of the information. Mr. Stone also stated that efforts are being made to arrange a meeting with Rausch Coleman to look at drainage issues on Haverhill.

Sergeant Vernon Green introduced Taylor Harrill, the newest addition to The Village Police Department, who just completed field training. The City Council welcomed Taylor to The Village.

ITEM V: CONSIDERATION OF AGREEMENT WITH OKLAHOMA COUNTY FOR USE OF RURAL FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT.

City Manager Bruce Stone explained to the Council that this is a renewal of an annual agreement with Oklahoma County for the use of rural firefighting equipment owned by the County. Mr. Stone told the Council that the County plans to replace this equipment with new equipment next year but will expect the participating cities to provide all of the extra equipment needed such as hoses, pumps, radios and other accessories needed to fight rural fires.

After a brief discussion, Vice-Mayor Bennett moved to approve the Agreement with Oklahoma County for use of rural firefighting equipment. Council Member Graham seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Graham, Bennett, Cummings and Wilkinson. Nay – none.



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ITEM VI. CONSIDERATION OF INTERLOCAL AUTOMATIC AID AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF NICHOLS HILLS AS AUTHORIZED BY OKLAHOMA STATE STATUTES, TITLE 11, SECTION 29-105.

City Manager Bruce Stone explained to the Council that this is a renewal of an annual agreement with the City of Nichols Hills. Mr. Stone told the Council that the agreement has worked well for both cities over the year and ensures that adequate resources are always available to respond to medical emergencies and fires in both cities.

After a brief discussion, Council Member Graham moved to approve the automatic aid agreement with Nichols Hills. Vice-Mayor Bennett seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Graham, Bennett, Cummings and Wilkinson. Nay – none.

ITEM VII. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH FOP LODGE #222 FOR FY 2019-20.

City Manager Bruce Stone explained the negotiated changes to the collective bargaining agreement with the FOP Lodge #222 for FY 2019-20.

After a brief discussion, Mayor Cummings moved to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the FOP FY 2019-20. Vice-Mayor Bennett seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Graham, Bennett, Cummings and Wilkinson. Nay – none.

ITEM VIII. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS, LOCAL 3958 FOR FY 2019-20.

City Manager Bruce Stone explained the negotiated changes to the collective bargaining agreement with the International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 3958.

After a brief discussion, Council Member Graham moved to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with IAFF Local 3958 for FY 2019-20. Vice-Mayor Bennett seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Graham, Bennett, Cummings and Wilkinson. Nay – none.

ITEM IX. CONSIDERATION OF ENGAGEMENT OF HBC CPAS TO PERFORM THE AUDIT OF MUNICIPAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR FY 2018-19.

City Manger Bruce Stone advised the Council that HBC CPAs have submitted a proposal to perform the audit for FY 2018-19 at the same rate as in the previous year. Mr. Stone told the Council that the firm has done a good job in the past and recommends that the Council continue to use their services.



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After a brief discussion, Council Member Wilkinson moved to engage HBC CPAs to perform the audit of the municipal financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. Vice-Mayor Bennett seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Graham, Bennett, Cummings and Wilkinson. Nay – none.

ITEM X: **REPORTS:**

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

- General Fund, 07/24/2019:	\$36,556.25
- G. O. Bond Fund, 07/24/2019:	\$480.00
- General Fund, 07/24/2019:	\$889.85
- General Fund, 07/25/2019:	\$6,134.59
- Special Park Fund, 07/25/2019:	\$1,230.81
- General Fund, 07/26/2019:	\$1,574.60
- Special Park Fund, 07/26/2019:	\$3.00
- General Fund, 07/26/2019:	\$15,000.00
- G. O. Bond Fund, 07/26/2019:	\$20,040.91
- General Fund, 07/30/2019:	\$18,640.72
- Special Park Fund, 07/30/2019:	\$515.10
- G.O. Bond Fund, 07/30/2019:	\$1,230.00

b) **Manager's Report:**

City Manager Bruce Stone reported that bids were opened for Phase I Park Improvements and that Jenco Construction Company was the low bidder at \$1,240,600. Mr. Stone advised that the bid is about \$32,000 over the engineer's estimate and budget for this project. Mr. Stone advised that LAUD Studio recommends that the bid be awarded to Jenco Construction Company. Mayor Cummings asked what the next step is. Mr. Stone stated that a contract with Jenco Construction Company would be on the next agenda for consideration by the Council and that a decision would need to be made whether to add funds to the budget or to reduce the scope of the project to get it within budget.

Mr. Stone advised that the drainage project on Northland is done and Brewer Construction that Brewer Construction did an outstanding job.

Mr. Stone reported that the start of resurfacing work on Penn and Britton east of Penn has delayed a few days. Mr. Stone advised that traffic would be congested but that the project would be completed relatively quickly.

The city manager reported that Oklahoma City met with representative of Crossland and ODOT to decide what to do about the water line in the way of the new 30" storm sewer. Mr. Stone reported that they decided on a course of action that does not require the water line to be



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moved. Mr. Stone stated that this should allow the remaining drainage pipe to be installed without another extended delay.

Dorothy Henson asked where the storm water goes (*in reference to the new storm sewer on Britton Road*). Mr. Stone advised that it goes south across Britton Road and that the water eventually makes its way to the channel on Village Drive. Ms. Henson asked if the water could be taken another direction. Mr. Stone advised that in most cases the water cannot be diverted without exposing the city to liability for flooding that might occur as a result of the change. Mr. Stone further advised that Oklahoma City has plans for drainage improvements in this area (*east of May Avenue and south of Britton Road*) as part of a recent bond issue approved by OKC voters.

Ms. Henson asked about cleaning the channel along Village Drive. Mr. Stone stated that Public Works has been trying to get a contractor to do the work but so far with no success.

Mr. Stone also reported that he is working to get Crossland to re-do the asphalt on Lakeside Drive from the curve to Hefner Road.

The city manager reported that the variance request for a billboard sign appears to have been withdrawn and it seems that an Ordinance is tentatively under consideration to make the billboard sign in question legal without the need for a variance. After a brief discussion, the Council directed legal counsel to draft a letter to the Mayor and City Council of Oklahoma City stating The Village's strong opposition to an ordinance making the sign legal.

Mr. Stone reported that the funds allocated to LAUD Studio for their services related to TIF #1 and #4 are exhausted, but that additional work is needed to finish the preliminary planning work. Mr. Stone advised that he proposes to borrow these extra funds from the Capital Improvement Fund and to repay the funds from loan proceeds after a development loan is secured. The Council raised no objections to this course of action.

The city manager described the new Share-A-Fare program initiated by EMBARK and asked if the City Council would like to participate in the program to extend transportation assistance to elderly, low income and/or disabled residents. After a brief discussion, the Council thought it would be best to delay making a decision on participation in the program.

Mr. Stone reported that Oklahoma City has asked if The Village would like to cost share in the resurfacing of Hefner Road between Waverly and Pennsylvania Avenue. Mr. Stone advised that The Village share would be \$325,533. The city manager told the Council that this street was not a listed bond issue project and that he was afraid that cost sharing in this project would leave the City short of funds needed to complete listed bond



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projects. After a brief discussion, the Council agreed that it would not be prudent for The Village to participate in this project at the present time.

c) Reports from the Council:

Council Member Graham asked what the process is for filling the vacant Ward 2 Council position. Mr. Stone advised that the Council can either appoint someone to fill the unexpired term or leave the seat open until the next election.

Mayor Cummings reported that there are some construction signs and other construction items in the channel near Greystone and Village Drive. Council Member Wilkinson also noted that there are loose millings southeast of the bridge on Carlton Way and Village Drive.

Mayor Cummings asked if dirt bikes are legal in The Village. Mr. Stone advised that the bike must be street legal and driven by a licensed driver. Mr. Stone added that helmets are required for drivers under eighteen years of age.

Mayor Cummings reminded the Council of The Village City-Wide Block Party on August 17th at Duffner Park. Mayor Cummings stated that volunteers are needed to help set up at 3 pm. Mayor Cummings also reminded the Council that Crazy Rich Asians would be the movie for Movie Night, which follows immediately after the Block Party.

Mayor Cummings announced that the Larry Johnson Foundation has organized a fundraising event in Duffner Park on September 7 to raise money to help musically gifted kids. Mayor Cummings told the Council that there would be several bands performing throughout the day.

Council Member Graham reported that the signal light at Britton and Penn still does not seem to be working correctly. Mr. Stone advised that the light has already been checked but Public Works would be asked to check it again.

ITEM XI. NEW BUSINESS.

There was no New Business to come before the Council.



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ITEM XII: ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor Cummings

Vice-Mayor Bennett

Unfilled Position

Council Member Graham

City Clerk

Council Member Wilkinson