



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
October 21, 2019

The City Council of the City of The Village, Oklahoma, met in regular session at City Hall on Monday, October 21, 2019, at 7:30 p.m., at 2304 Manchester Drive.

COUNCIL PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Bruce K. Stone, City Manager
Beverly Whitener, City Treasurer
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 regular meeting held on October 7, 2019. There were no corrections, deletions or additions and the Council approved the Minutes of the meeting held on October 7, 2019, as written.

ITEM IV: CITIZENS DESIRING TO BE HEARD; PRESENTATIONS.

Mayor Cummings stated that this is the time for citizens to bring up matters that are not on the posted agenda.

Tom Wolfe appeared before the Council with a brief update on the activities of the Village Animal League. Mr. Wolfe introduced Jim Abernathy who presented cost estimates for the renovation of the animal shelter. Mr. Abernathy told the Council that the total cost of renovation is estimated at \$93,000 and that donations and in-kind services are estimated at approximately \$47,000. City Manager Bruce Stone told the Council that the sand and salt storage building budgeted for acquisition this year is expected to be much cheaper than originally thought and that the excess funds, (\$25,000 to \$28,000) could be used to help pay for shelter renovation. Mr. Wolfe told the Council that if the City can contribute this much, he is confident that the balance of funds needed could be raised through private donations. Several members of the Council suggested other possible donors and contractors that might be able to give a discounted price for certain shelter improvements. Mr. Wolfe asked what the next steps would be. Mr. Stone



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advised that, once the required funding is secured, there would have to be a competitive bidding process consistent with the requirements of the City Charter and City Code. Mr. Stone advised that bidding a project like this would be challenging because of the donated items and services.

Jane Lowther told the Council she was impressed by Mr. Abernathy's presentation.

Ms. Lowther asked if something could be done with the dead trees on the oil well site on Manchester. Mr. Stone advised that Code Enforcement would look at the trees and start appropriate abatement actions.

Ms. Lowther reminded the Council that Trunk or Treat would be October 31 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm in Meeker Park. Mr. Stone advised that he plans to do a robocall to let people know about the event.

Ms. Lowther asked the Council if they could poll citizens about their opinions on community branding.

Ms. Lowther asked about park improvements in Meeker Park and if citizens could have input on the final plan. Mr. Stone advised that the City already has an approved Masterplan for City parks, including Meeker Park. Mr. Stone advised that the Council can amend the plan at any time as deemed appropriate.

ITEM V: PUBLIC HEARING TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE 750 AMENDING CHAPTER 24, SECTIONS 24-1, 24-329(c), 24-330(c), 24-331(b), AND 24-332(a) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE; PERTAINING TO BUILDING AND SITE DESIGN STANDARDS FOR CORPORATE OFFICE COMPLEXES.

Mayor Cummings stated that this is a public hearing to provide an opportunity for the public to comment on proposed Ordinance 750.

No citizens wished to comment, and the Mayor closed the public hearing.

ITEM VI: CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE 750 AMENDING CHAPTER 24, SECTIONS 24-1, 24-329(c), 24-330(c), 24-331(b), AND 24-332(a) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE; PERTAINING TO BUILDING AND SITE DESIGN STANDARDS FOR CORPORATE OFFICE COMPLEXES; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Assistant City Attorney Jeff Sabin reviewed the proposed changes to building and site design standards for corporate office complexes. Mr. Sabin told the Council that the proposed changes only relate to corporate office complexes that are designed to accommodate at least



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1,000 employees. Mr. Sabin advised that the specific design requirements to be amended by the Ordinance include provisions for primary exterior building materials, continuous roofline, transparency and canopy design.

City Manager Bruce Stone advised the Council that the Planning & Zoning Commission recommends that the City Council approve Ordinance 750, as written.

After a brief discussion, Vice-Mayor Bennett moved to approve Ordinance 750. Council Member Wilkinson seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Wilkinson, Graham, Bennett, Cummings and Symes. Nay – none.

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

ITEM VII: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 10-21-2019 (A) ESTABLISHING FEES AND POLICY FOR THE USE OF THE CITY'S ROLL OFF DUMPSTER SERVICE.

City Manager Bruce Stone told the Council that this Resolution is an attempt to address complaints received about the City's policy for the use of the roll off dumpster at Public Works. Mr. Stone advised that the property owner who came to the last meeting told the Council that he owns three rental properties in The Village and that he pays the utility bill for the properties but cannot use the roll off container unless he pays \$75 per pickup load. Mr. Stone advised that the Resolution amends the policy to give Landlord's who pay the bill, the same access to the service as residents in good standing who actually live in the home. Mr. Stone further advised that the Resolution provides access to the service for people or companies hauling debris at no charge on behalf of residents who are unable to haul debris to the roll off container on their own.

Mr. Stone advised that he is concerned that unscrupulous Landlords who own property outside The Village would abuse the service as has been known to happen in the past. Council Member Wilkinson suggested that the new policy be monitored for abuse over the next six months.

After a brief discussion, Council Member Wilkinson moved to approve Resolution 10-21-2019 (A). Council Member Graham seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Wilkinson, Graham, Bennett, Cummings and Symes. Nay – none.

ITEM VIII: DISCUSSION OF COMMUNITY BRANDING PROPOSALS AND DETERMINATION OF THE PROCESS FOR EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS, PHASING OPTIONS AND FUNDING.



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The Council discussed the process for evaluation of the branding proposals submitted by various companies.

After a brief discussion, the Council decided to interview all six firms that submitted community branding proposals. Council Members Wilkinson and Graham volunteered to arrange times for the Council to meet with representatives of the firms and to devise an evaluation form.

The Council took no formal action.

ITEM IX: **REPORTS:**

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

- VPWA, 10/08/2019:	\$153,249.98
- General Fund, 10/10/2019:	\$45,807.51
- G.O. Bond Fund, 10/10/2019:	\$353.00
- G.O. Bond Fund, 10/14/2019;	\$555,244.59

b) Manager's Report:

City Manager Bruce Stone reported that the monthly sales tax check was for \$470,710.76, which is \$17,563 or 3.6% less than for the same period last year. Mr. Stone also reported that the monthly Use Tax check was for \$87,955.50, which is an increase of \$18,553 over the same period last year.

The city manager advised that Planning Commissioner Trevor Hayes moved out of The Village and that the Council should be thinking of a replacement to fill his unexpired term.

Mr. Stone gave the Council an update on Britton Road construction. Mr. Stone reported that the contractor hit a water valve near Johnnies and that OKC is currently trying to get the leak under control. Mr. Stone told the Council that a 20" water line runs in the eastbound lane of traffic from Sunnymead to somewhere east of May and that ODOT is in contact with OKC regarding the possibility of relocating the line. Mr. Stone noted that all parties are in agreement that this should not be allowed to delay the project. Mr. Stone also noted that the plans call for the elimination of two of the four driveways that service the Montessori school. Mr. Stone advised that ODOT would be discussing this with the school. Mr. Stone noted that this portion of Britton Road is not incorporated and, consequently, The Village does not have jurisdictional authority to impose the City's curb cut standards.



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Mr. Stone showed the Council the list of registered vehicles and boats as of October 1, 2019. Mr. Stone told the Council that some of the registered vehicles did not need registration as they are not oversized as per the City Code.

The city manager gave the Council an update on park construction. Mr. Stone advised that Jenco plans to have everything completed by the end of the year, except for the installation of some playground equipment and new playground safety surface.

c) Reports from the Council:

Council Member Symes asked about repairs on Lakeside Drive. Mr. Stone advised that he is still working on this but that it seems likely that the City will be forced to file a claim against the contractor's performance and/or maintenance bond.

Council Member Graham said the contractors who installed the new guardrail on Village Drive let pieces of concrete fall into the channel.

Council Member Graham asked for additional police presence in the neighborhoods around Carlton Way and Village Drive, especially in the evenings when people walk their dogs.

Vice-Mayor Bennett told the Council that he received a complaint about people draining their swimming pools to the street. Mr. Stone advised that this is legal as long as the water contains less than one part per million of chlorine. Mr. Stone advised that the City generally recommends that the pools be siphoned to the nearest sanitary sewer.

Vice-Mayor Bennett mentioned ongoing problems with drainage in the 1400 Block of Andover, which is on the jurisdictional boundary between The Village and Oklahoma City.

Vice-Mayor Bennett asked about Chief Kinman. Mr. Stone advised that the procedure was successful and that he is home recuperating.

Vice-Mayor Bennett suggested that the City might find it in the long-term interest of the City to provide incentives for City employees to live in The Village.

Council Member Wilkinson thanked the City Manager for getting the guardrail replaced on Village Drive.

Council Member Wilkinson told the Council about an event he attended recently where he was able to see some of the new technology used in law enforcement.



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Vice-Mayor Bennett reported that he attended an ACOG workshop where members worked on the legislative agenda for the upcoming legislative session. Vice-Mayor Bennett stated that some of the main issues were air quality, sales tax on groceries, regulation of CBD, marijuana dispensaries and gun control.

Mayor Cummings reported that the Pine Pantry continues to suffer from vandalism and wondered if some kind of surveillance warning could be placed on the property as a deterrent. Mayor Cummings also encouraged people to donate to the pantry.

Mayor Cummings told the Council that the Celtic Festival was everything she had hoped it would be and thanked all of the people who supported the event, including police, fire and public works employees who contributed in one way or another.

ITEM X. **NEW BUSINESS.**

There was no New Business to come before the Council.

ITEM XI: **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:48 p.m.

Mayor Cummings

Vice-Mayor Bennett

Council Member Symes

Council Member Graham

City Clerk

Council Member Wilkinson