



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
January 21, 2020

The City Council of the City of The Village, Oklahoma, met in regular session at City Hall on Tuesday, January 21, 2020, at 7:30 p.m., at 2304 Manchester Drive.

COUNCIL PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Bruce K. Stone, City Manager
Beverly K. Whitener, City Treasurer
Jeff Sabin, Assistant City Attorney

ABSENT

Bubba Symes, 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 January 6, 2020 or to the Minutes of the special meeting held on January 8, 2020. There were no corrections, deletions or additions and the Council approved the Minutes of the meetings held on January 6, 2020 and January 8, 2020, as written.

ITEM IV: CITIZENS DESIRING TO BE HEARD; PRESENTATIONS; PROCLAMATIONS.

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

a) *Proclamation 01-21-2020 (A) – Firefighter Appreciation Week. Mayor Cummings read aloud Proclamation 01-21-2020 (A) and presented it to members of the fire department in attendance at the meeting.*

b) *Proclamation 01-21-2020 (B) - Lori Mahaffey Week. Mayor Cummings read aloud Proclamation 01-21-2020 (B) and told friends of Lori Mahaffey (Cindy Frankenfield), that the proclamation would be mounted on a plaque so that it can be given to Lori Mahaffey's family.*



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- c) Proclamation 01-21-2020 (C) – National Gun Violence Survivor Week. Mayor Cummings read aloud Proclamation 01-21-2020 (C) and presented it to attendees at the meeting that represent a local organization raising awareness about gun violence.

Jason Wiggins, The Village Library Manager, appeared before the Council and gave the Council a report on activity, events and other important information about The Village Library.

Jason Miller, 1623 Carlisle Court, appeared before the Council concerning a request to amend noise ordinances pertaining to barking dogs. Mr. Miller told the Council that his neighbor frequently complains about his dog(s) barking and that he has tried to cooperate to the extent practical. Mr. Miller told the Council that barking is what dogs do and that there should be appropriate changes to the City Code to recognize this. The city manager explained that there are several sections of the City Code that deal with noise issues, including “noisy dogs” and a more generic provision pertaining to “disturbing the peace”. Mr. Stone explained the typical way that these complaints are handled and said that most dog barking complaints are resolved out of court, but that in some cases the disturbed party must sign a formal complaint and testify in court to substantiate the allegations. The Council thanked Mr. Miller for his input.

A resident of Hawthorn (name and address unknown) thanked The Village Fire Department for their professional life-saving services.

Anna Leslie, 10260 Hawthorn Drive, appeared before the Council. Ms. Leslie told the Council that she is a retired teacher with ties to the OKC Arts Council and is relatively new to the area. Ms. Leslie stated that she would like more information about proposed public improvements in the vicinity of her home (TIF District #1). Ms. Leslie said that she has been hearing about these proposals from some of her neighbors. Ms. Leslie told the Council that her primary concern is noise and that she and many of her neighbors would like the tranquility of the neighborhood preserved. Ms. Leslie shared some of her ideas for improvements including senior exercise equipment, lavender gardens and other similar low intensity features such as labyrinths. The Council thanked Ms. Leslie for her ideas and concerns.

ITEM V: PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2019; HBC CPAS.

Lonnie Heim representing HBC CPAs appeared before the Council to review the annual audit report. Mr. Heim explained various sections of the report and told the Council that the audit did not find any irregularities, violations of the law or material weakness in internal controls.



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After a brief discussion, Mayor Cummings moved to accept the annual audit report. Council Member Graham seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Graham, Bennett, Cummings and Wilkinson. Nay - none.

ITEM VI: **CONSIDERATION OF AGREEMENT WITH OKLAHOMA CITY FOR RESURFACING THE INTERSECTIONS OF HEFNER & MAY AND HEFNER & PENNSYLVANIA.**

City Manager Bruce Stone told the Council that Oklahoma City will resurface the north half of Hefner from Penn to Lake Hefner Parkway and that they plan to resurface their side of the major intersections as well. Mr. Stone advised that this leaves The Village side of the intersections of Hefner and Penn and Hefner and May unimproved, which would look bad and stand out to tens of thousands of motorists who go through these intersections daily.

Mr. Stone told the Council that OKC proposes to include The Village side of the intersections in their project for a cost of \$22,753.08. Mr. Stone further advised that the work would involve a 2" overlay using "S4 SuperPave" asphalt and would include the use of geotextile mat to enhance the strength and longevity of the pavement. Mr. Stone told the Council that the work would also involve the raising or adjustment of numerous manholes and valve boxes.

After a brief discussion, Council Member Wilkinson moved to approve the Agreement with Oklahoma City for Resurfacing the Intersections of Hefner and May and Hefner and Pennsylvania Avenue. Mayor Cummings seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Graham, Bennett, Cummings and Wilkinson. Nay - none.

ITEM VII: **REPORTS:**

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

- G.O. Bond Project Fund, 01/03/2020:	\$314,399.94
- General Fund, 01/08/2020:	\$9,888.41
- General Fund, 01/10/2020:	\$79,874.40
- Capital Improvement Fund, 01/10/2020:	\$3,999.99
- Animal Bond Fund, 01/10/2020:	\$120.00
- G.O. Bond Project Fund, 01/10/2020:	\$4,570.50
- G.O. Bond Project Fund, 01/16/2020:	\$11,560.00

b) **Manager's Report:**

City Manager Bruce Stone reported that the monthly sales tax check was for \$497,553.87, which is a decrease of \$34, 016 or 6.4% over the same period last year. Mr. Stone also reported that the monthly Use Tax check was for \$86,610.71, which is a



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decrease of \$98,831 over the same period last year. Mr. Stone told the Council that these reports are disappointing but hoped that the downward trend would be short-lived. The city manager discussed possible reasons for the decrease, including Britton Road construction and the loss of several businesses. The Council asked when Braum's would start construction. Mr. Stone advised that the company can only say that construction is scheduled for some time in 2020.

The city manager reported that the Asphalt Paving Association will recognize the City of The Village with an "Urban Resurfacing" award recognizing the City's recent asphalt overlay program. Mr. Stone the Council that the project subcontractor, Dunham Paving, did an outstanding job. Mr. Stone noted that, unfortunately, Dunham Paving was not the subcontractor on the Lakeside Drive resurfacing project.

Mr. Stone noted the email correspondence (2015) with former County Commissioner Vaughn indicating the Commissioner would assist on the Britton Road project in the amount of \$60,000. Mr. Stone advised that the former Commissioner also cites in the email the specific statute the agreement would fall under. Mr. Stone told the Council that the District Attorney's office continues to dispute the legality of the proposed agreement.

Council Member Wilkinson asked about the proposed annexation of unincorporated portions of Britton Road. Assistant City Attorney Jeff Sabin advised that legal counsel will be ready to submit this for consideration (public notice and hearing) by the Council in approximately six weeks.

The city manager reviewed Field Report #8 submitted by LAUD Studio for the ongoing park improvement project.

Mr. Stone told the Council that he is still waiting for further recommendations from Terracon regarding the recent dry weather stream monitoring report. Mr. Stone advised the Council that three of the seventeen water samples indicated pollutant levels slightly outside the acceptable limits (chlorine and Ph).

The city manager showed the Council pictures of the proposed carwash on May Avenue. Mr. Stone advised that the proposed project is not allowed in the C-2 Zoning District and that the building and site would probably not meet landscape or architectural design requirements of the City. Mr. Stone told the Council that he would meet with the developer at 2:00 pm on February 4. Council Member Wilkinson stated that he would attend the meeting to learn more about the proposal.



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c) **Monthly Department Reports:**

The Council reviewed the monthly department reports.

d) **Reports from the Council:**

Council Member Graham told the Council that a film crew on Casady School campus illuminated the entire neighborhood for five hours with bright lights. Council Member Graham said that he received several complaints from residents in the area.

Council Member Graham reported that the radar speed sign on Carlton Way is back on but seems to be out of calibration. The city manager advised that the Police Department would be asked to check it and make the necessary adjustments.

City Manager Bruce Stone reported that only one bid was received for the animal shelter improvement project and that the bid was \$117,140. Mr. Stone stated that this is more than double the estimate for the project. Mr. Stone advised that he would talk to the sole bidder and find out the reason for the high bid and then determine how to get this project underway without undue delay.

Vice-Mayor Bennett gave a brief report on the ACOG Legislative Breakfast and discussed a few of the topics of interest including the possible reform of County Government.

Mayor Cummings asked when Britton Road would be totally completed. The city manager advised that ODOT recently said that everything would be complete by the end of January but noted that this seems unrealistic at this point.

The Council talked about new signalization at Britton and Penn and the need for repair of the signal at the fire station. Mr. Stone advised that the city engineer is working on plans for the Britton & Penn intersection, which would include ADA ramps and certain drain inlet adjustments. Mr. Stone further advised that the light at the fire station can be repaired relatively cheaply if set on static yellow instead of flashing yellow.

Mayor Cummings mentioned the new restaurant opening in Britton Square (Smoking Boar) called The Butcher and the Pig.

ITEM VIII: NEW BUSINESS.

There was no New Business to come before the Council.



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ITEM XIV: ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Mayor Cummings

Vice-Mayor Bennett

Council Member Symes

Council Member Graham

City Clerk

Council Member Wilkinson