



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
March 2, 2020

The City Council of the City of The Village, Oklahoma, met in regular session at City Hall on Monday, March 2, 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  
Bubba Symes, Council Member

**STAFF PRESENT**

Bruce K. Stone, City Manager  
Beverly K. 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 meeting held on February 17, 2020. There were no corrections, deletions or additions and the Council approved the Minutes of the meetings held on February 17, 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.

Michaela Freeland, Casady School Librarian, appeared before the Council to present a plan to place a Little Free Library in Johnson Park. Ms. Freeland explained how the program works and told the Council that this would be a community service project for Casady students. Ms. Freeland stated that she hoped the Council would permit the Little Free Library to be put in the park in conjunction with upcoming park improvements. Ms. Freeland answered questions from the Council. The Mayor and Council thanked Ms. Freeland for coming to the meeting and for explaining the proposal.

Dennis Box, legal counsel for Coulter Carwash, appeared before the Council with other representatives of the company. Mr. Mohammed Khan, engineering consultant for the proposed development on May Avenue, showed the Council slides of the development and explained the



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site and traffic control plan for the proposed development. The facility manager explained the operation and staffing of the proposed carwash. The Council asked several questions about the facility including traffic flow, sight-proof fencing, noise, signage and exterior lighting. The overall plan was well-received by the Council and the developer advised that they would submit an application for a Planned Unit Development to allow the carwash on the property. *(Note: Carwashes are not an authorized use in the C-2 Commercial District)*

Jane Lowther reported the following:

- *An abandoned home at 10105 Stoneham.*
- *A streetlight out at Stoneham and Lanesboro; and*
- *A missing fence slat on the east side of Meeker Park.*

Ms. Lowther suggested that information about the City Manager's recent induction into the NW Chamber of Commerce Hall of Honor be put on the City's website.

**ITEM V: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 03-02-2020 (A) DECLARING CERTAIN VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT SURPLUS AND OBSOLETE AND AUTHORIZING ITS SALE OR DISPOSAL.**

City Manager Bruce Stone reviewed the list of vehicles and equipment no longer in use by The Village Police Department. Mr. Stone advised that the items would be sold on eBay or similar web-based platform. Mr. Stone told the Council that sometimes surplus items cannot be sold and must be discarded.

After a brief discussion, Council Member Graham moved to approve Resolution 03-02-2020 (A). Mayor Cummings seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Symes, Graham, Bennett, Cummings and Wilkinson. Nay - none.

**ITEM VI: REPORTS:**

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

- General Fund, 02/21/2020:	\$9,191.19
- Capital Improvement Fund, 02/21/2020:	\$2,582.23
- General Fund. 02/21/2020:	16,162.24
- Capital Improvement, 02/21/2020:	\$14,375.00



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**b) Manager's Report:**

City Manager Bruce Stone reported that OMAG is now accepting nominations for election to the OMAG Board of Directors. Mr. Stone advised that this is the municipal insurance pool that provides liability, property, fleet and worker's compensation insurance for over 300 cities in Oklahoma. Mr. Stone advised that three board positions are up for election this year.

The city manager told the Council that a walk-through for improvements in Harrison Park and Bumpass Park improvements was completed recently. Mr. Stone advised that a "punch list" of deficiencies and things to do before formal acceptance and final payment has been prepared by LAUD Studio. The Council reviewed the two latest field inspection reports for the various park projects. Mr. Stone reported that excavations produced more dirt than expected and approximately 10,000 square feet of additional sod is needed to cover an area in Wayne Schooley Park. Mr. Stone advised that the extra sod would cost approximately \$4,000.

Council Member Graham asked about tennis court lighting. Mr. Stone advised that the tennis court in Harrison Park is the only one that has lights and that a work order for OG&E to reinstall electric service has been issued. Mr. Stone advised the old lights from the tennis courts in Duffner Park and Bumpass Park have been salvaged and stored at Public Works, but that reinstallation of the lights was not covered in the current contract with Jenco Construction.

The Council asked about radar signs. Mr. Stone advised that five (5) new signs have been acquired and would be installed at locations to be determined.

Mr. Stone reported that demolition permits have been issued for Manhattan Cleaners near Hefner and May and for the vacant building next to Walmart Neighborhood Market in Casady Square. *(Note: This is the location for the new Braum's store)*

**c) Reports from the Council:**

The Council asked for information about the 2020 Census to be put on utility bills for March and April. The Council discussed an issue with college and university cities, which have large student bodies. There was concern as to the fairness of college and university students claiming residency in their host City since the students' permanent residences are usually elsewhere.

Council Member Symes asked about the status of the City's claim filed with Crossland's bonding company. Mr. Stone advised that Crossland's legal counsel has reached out and wants to discuss the matter.

Council Member Symes told the Council about an aggressive dog incident in Canadian County and expressed his desire for the City to remain tough on aggressive and dangerous dogs in The Village.



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Council Member Graham asked about plans for new signalization at Britton and Penn. The city manager advised that some of the storm drains are in the way of the required ADA ramps and that the city engineer is trying to find the most economical way to work around the inlets. Mr. Stone advised that he recommends that this be the first project to go to bid when bonds proceeds are in hand.

Vice-Mayor Bennett asked who owns the house on the corner of Waverly and Britton. Mr. Stone advised that Charlie Givens recently bought the house. Mr. Stone advised that Charlie Givens has been building hotels and large developments in Dallas and Houston and that this purchase seems uncharacteristic. Mr. Stone advised that he does not know what his plans are for the property and why he bought it.

Council Member Wilkinson briefed the Council on an incident that occurred recently during mass at St. Eugene' Catholic Church. The Council briefly discussed church security issues and measures churches should take to protect their congregations from violent people wishing to do harm.

Council Member Wilkinson advised that he appreciates the way the Coulter Carwash team has approached the City and the way they are working to resolve the City's concerns about their proposed development.

Assistant City Attorney Jeff Sabin reminded the Council that a Public Hearing is scheduled on March 16<sup>th</sup> to hear comments from the public about the proposed Britton Road Annexation. Mr. Sabin told the Council that he would provide information for the Council prior to the hearing.

Mayor Cummings told the Council she was approached by a resident of Oklahoma City who lives at Sunnymede and Crowden who wants to be annexed by The Village. The city manager advised that this is extremely unlikely to happen since the Oklahoma City would have to de-annex the property first.

The Mayor encouraged everyone to vote in the primary election on Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**ITEM VII: NEW BUSINESS.**

There was no New Business to come before the Council.



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**ITEM VIII:**     **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

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Mayor Cummings

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Vice-Mayor Bennett

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Council Member Symes

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Council Member Graham

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City Clerk

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Council Member Wilkinson