



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
May 18, 2020

The City Council of the City of The Village, Oklahoma, met in Special Session at City Hall on Monday, May 18, 2020, at 7:30 p.m., via teleconference.

COUNCIL PRESENT

David Bennett, Mayor
Sonny Wilkinson, Vice-Mayor
Adam Graham, Council Member
Bubba Symes, Council Member

STAFF PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Cathy Cummings, Council Member

ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER.

Mayor Bennett called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ITEM II: ROLL CALL AND WELCOME. Mayor Bennett welcomed everyone to the meeting.

ITEM III: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON APRIL 20, 2020.

The Mayor asked if there were any corrections, additions or deletions to the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on May 4, 2020. There were no corrections, additions, or deletions and the Minutes were approved as written.

ITEM IV: CITIZENS DESIRING TO BE HEARD, PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS.

Mayor Bennett announced that this is the time for citizens to address the Council on any matter not listed on the agenda.

- a) **PROCLAMATION 05-18-2020 (A) – HONORING GRADUATING SENIORS.** City Manager Bruce Stone read aloud the Mayoral Proclamation honoring all local graduating seniors.



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Jane Lowther appeared before the Council. Ms. Lowther thanked the Police and Fire Departments for being a part of a young boy's Birthday Party on Haverhill. Ms. Lowther also said she is happy that the parks and splashpad have reopened (*The splashpad opened on May 23*).

ITEM V: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 05-18-2020 (A) ESTABLISHING THE 9-1-1 FEE RATE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021.

City Manager Bruce Stone advised the Council that this Resolution is required every year in order to establish the 911 fee for the upcoming calendar year. Mr. Stone advised that the fee would remain at 3% of the base telephone line charge.

After a brief discussion, Vice-Mayor Wilkinson moved to approve Resolution 05-18-2020 (A) establishing the 9-1-1 fee for calendar year 2021. Council Member Graham seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Symes, Graham, Wilkinson and Bennett. Nay – none.

ITEM VI: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 05-18-2020 (B) APPROVING THE ASSIGNMENT OF 9-1-1 FEES TO THE ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA GOVERNMENTS 9-1-1 ASSOCIATION.

City Manager Bruce Stone advised the Council that the State 911 Commission requires the governing body to officially assign 911 fees each year to the ACOG 911 Association, which operates the system and administers the 911 funds.

After a brief discussion, Council Member Graham moved to approve Resolution 05-18-2020 (B) assigning 911 fees to the ACOG 911 Association. Council Member Symes seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Symes, Graham, Wilkinson and Bennett. Nay – none.

ITEM VII: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 05-18-2020 (C) DECLARING THAT 90% OF BUDGETED REVENUES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND AUTHORIZING BUDGET EXPENDITURES BEYOND THE 90% LIMIT.

The city manager told the Council that the Municipal Budget Act prohibits spending more than 90% of the City's approved budget until 90% of budgeted revenues have been received. Mr. Stone advised that approximately 95% of budgeted revenues had been received as of May 11th.

After a brief discussion, Council Member Graham moved to approve Resolution 05-18-2020 (C) declaring that 90% of budgeted revenues have been received. Council Member Symes seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Symes, Graham, Wilkinson and Bennett. Nay – none.



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ITEM VIII: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 05-18-2020 (D) RENEWING THE CONTRACTS WITH WASTE CONNECTIONS OF OKLAHOMA, INC. FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL SANITATION AND RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING SERVICES FOR FY 2020-21.

City Manager Bruce Stone advised the Council that the City has a ten-year contract with Waste Connections that requires annual renewal. Mr. Stone advised that rates would increase by 2% on August 1, 2020.

Council Member Graham asked why the City entered such a long-term contract. The city manager advised that the contract binds Waste Connections for the ten years of the contract, but the City is only bound to the contract for one year at a time. Mr. Stone advised that the capital investment that a company has to make to serve The Village (trucks, carts, dumpsters, personnel, etc.) amounts to many hundreds of thousands of dollars and the rates paid for service will tend to be lower given a long-term commitment from the City. Mr. Stone further advised that the rates the City pays are open record and any waste company that would like to do business with the City and can give the City a better deal then they should let us know.

After a brief discussion, Vice-Mayor Wilkinson moved to approve Resolution 05-18-2020 (D) renewing the contracts with Waste Connections. Council Member Graham seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Symes, Graham, Wilkinson and Bennett. Nay – none.

ITEM IX: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 05-18-2020 (E) PERTAINING TO AN APPLICATION BY THE VILLAGE BAPTIST CHURCH FOR AN ELECTRONIC MESSAGE DISPLAY.

City Manager Bruce Stone advised that Village Baptist Church has made application for an electronic message display (EMD) on May Avenue. Mr. Stone advised that the church is located in the A-1 Single Family Zoning District and that Chapter 20 of The Village City Code requires permits for EMDs to be approved by the City Council. Mr. Stone explained the different levels of EMDs and told the Council that only Level 1 and Level 2 EMDs are allowed in the A-1 Single Family Zoning District.

The Council looked at illustrations of the proposed sign and where it would be located in relation to neighboring homes. Steve Damlo, representative of the Church, attended the meeting and answered questions from the Council. Mr. Damlo told the Council that the Church hoped to have the sign installed before the end of June.

After a brief discussion, Vice-Mayor Wilkinson moved to adopt Resolution 05-18-2020 (E) approving the application for a Level 2 EMD and provided that the sign is equipped with an ambient light dimming feature. Council Member Graham seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Symes, Graham, Wilkinson and Bennett. Nay – none.



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ITEM X: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 05-18-2020 (F) DIRECTING THAT NOTICE OF A PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF A PORTION OF THE BRITTON ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY BE PUBLISHED IN A LEGALLY QUALIFIED NEWSPAPER; DIRECTING THAT A NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION BE MAILED TO PROPERTY OWNERS, THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND THE OKLAHOMA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS; AND DIRECTING THAT A PUBLIC HEARING BE HELD ON THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION.

Assistant City Attorney Jeff Sabin explained that the pandemic and subsequent cancellation of the scheduled Public Hearing on March 16 requires that the entire annexation process, including the publication of a Notice of Hearing and the mailing of notices to affected property would have to be repeated.

City Manager Bruce Stone advised that the hearing would be held on June 15, 2020.

After a brief discussion, Vice-Mayor Wilkinson moved to adopt Resolution 05-18-2020 (F). Council Member Graham seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Symes, Graham, Wilkinson and Bennett. Nay – none.

ITEM XI: REPORTS, CORRESPONDENCE, ETC.

a) *Review of Expenditures.* *The Council reviewed the expenditure reports.*

b) *Manager's Report.* *City Manager Bruce Stone reported on the following:*

The city manager reported that Sales, Use and Tobacco Taxes for the month of May 2020 were up by a total of \$62,589 or 11.3% over the same period last year. These receipts reflect sales in March 2020. Mr. Stone said in light of the shutdown, he was surprised by the increase. Mr. Stone noted that tax receipts for the month of April would show the full impact of the shutdown on revenues but that the City would not receive this revenue until June.

The city manager asked the City Council to set tentative dates for budget work sessions. After a brief discussion. the Council agreed to May 27th and May 29th.

c) *Monthly Department Reports.* *The city manager explained the monthly finance report and the unusual traffic enforcement report in which only two citations were issued as a result of the pandemic. Mr. Stone informed the Council of SB 1264, which if passed by the legislature and signed by the Governor, would prohibit officers from being disciplined for not writing tickets.*



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d) Reports from City Council.

Council Member Symes asked if ODOT had submitted the bill for Change Orders on the Britton Road Project. Mr. Stone advised that an invoice has been received and that there would be enough money left in the Bond Fund to pay the bills.

The Council discussed the narrow strip on Britton Road between the curb and the sidewalk and what could be done to make it more attractive by using low-maintenance, drought-tolerant plants, rock or other landscape material.

Council Member Graham reported that Waste Connections is picking up trash at 5:50 am in Casady Square. Mr. Stone advised that they are not supposed to pick up before 6:00 a.m.

Council Member Graham asked about an RV and numerous dogs on Huntleigh. The city manager advised that the Police and Code Enforcement have been working on resolving several issues at this residence.

Vice-Mayor Wilkinson reported that the frisbee golf basket in Wayne Schooley Park is still locked.

Dustin Struthers introduced himself to the Council.

ITEM XII: NEW BUSINESS.

There was no New Business to come before the Council.

ITEM XIII: ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business and Mayor Cummings adjourned the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

Mayor Bennett

Vice-Mayor Wilkinson

Council Member Graham

Council Member Symes

City Clerk

Council Member Cummings