



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

January 3, 2017

The City Council of the City of The Village, Oklahoma, met in regular session at City Hall on Tuesday, January 3, 2017, at 7:30 p.m., at 2304 Manchester Drive.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Hutch Hibbard, Mayor
Chris Bernardy, Vice-Mayor
Dave Bennett, Council Member

STAFF PRESENT

Bruce K. Stone, City Manager
Beverly Whitener, City Treasurer
Leslie Batchelor, City Attorney

ABSENT:

C. Scott Symes, Council Member
Sonny Wilkinson, Council Member

ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER.

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

ITEM II: INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Vice-Mayor Bernardy gave the invocation and led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM III: APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

The Mayor asked if there were any corrections, additions or deletions to the Minutes of the December 19, 2016 regular meeting. Vice-Mayor Bernardy stated that there should be a comma in the number \$30,000 under the Manager's report. There were no further corrections, additions or deletions and the Council approved the Minutes of the December 19, 2016 regular meeting as corrected.

ITEM IV: CITIZENS DESIRING TO BE HEARD, PRESENTATIONS.

The Mayor stated that this is a time for citizens to address the Council on any matter not on the posted agenda.

There were no citizens desiring to be heard.



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ITEM V. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 01-03-2017 (A) MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO FILL VACANCIES ON THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND THE VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.

The Council discussed possible candidates for appointment to the Board of Adjustment and The Village Development Authority.

The Mayor tabled action on the resolution until the next regular meeting.

ITEM VI. CONSIDERATION OF PROCLAMATION 01-03-2017 (A) CALLING FOR AN ELECTION FOR THE POSITION OF CITY COUNCILMAN, WARDS 1, 2, 3 & 4.

After a brief discussion, Council Member Bennett moved to approve Proclamation 01-03-2017 (A). Vice-Mayor Bernardy seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Bennett, Bernardy and Hibbard. Nay – none.

ITEM VIII: REPORTS:

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

1. *12/23/2016: General Fund, \$101,429.97*

- b) **Manager's Report:**

City Manager Bruce Stone reported that negotiations with the FOP have concluded and the City and the FOP have agreed to tentative contract for FY 2016-17. Mr. Stone told the Council that the FOP is scheduled to vote on the proposed contract on January 4.

Mr. Stone advised the Council that there has been a rash of water breaks recently, which have created muddy messes in various parts of the City. Mr. Stone advised that OKC is struggling to keep up with repairs at this time but that they will try to begin cleanup on Saturday the 31st.

The city manager advised the Council that Bids for audit services are due on January 10.

Mr. Stone reported that the protest period for the City's water well application would end soon and he would proceed to advertise for well drilling bids in the near future.



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The city manager reported that the City has qualified as a Certified Health City again this year.

Vice-Mayer Bernardy asked about the grant program for certified cities. Mr. Stone advised that certification makes the city eligible to apply for a grant but that the City has not yet made application. Mr. Stone advised that grant awards must be expended in the year the funds are received.

City Attorney Leslie Batchelor, told the Council that it is her opinion that cities may regulate the use of vapor products on city-owned property, if so desired.

c) Reports from the Council:

Council Member Bennett stated that ACOG is still reporting that Oklahoma is in the midst of a drought.

Vice-Mayer Bernardy reported that he recently met with representatives of the Hawthorn Neighborhood Association. Vice-Mayer Bernardy stated that the association would like to know if Bald Cypress Drive could be closed to through traffic. The city manager advised that this would be within the purview of the Council but stated that would be wise to hold public hearings before proceeding down that path.

Mayor Hibbard reported that he met recently with representatives of the YMCA regarding the possibility of the City partnering with the YMCA to find a suitable new location in The Village.

City Attorney Leslie Batchelor reported that she could not recommend providing a variance process for signs as discussed at the previous Council Meeting. Ms. Batchelor advised that there needs to be an objective standard that applies to all businesses equally.

Mr. Stone reminded that Council of the special meeting scheduled on January 9 to discuss various regulations, including those pertaining to boats, trailers, RVs and trash carts and signs.

ITEM IX: NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business to come before the Council.



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ITEM X: ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Mayor Hibbard

Vice-Mayor Bernardy

Council Member Bennett

Council Member Wilkinson

City Clerk

Council Member Symes