



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
January 17, 2017

The City Council of the City of The Village, Oklahoma, met in regular session at City Hall on Tuesday, January 17, 2017, at 7:30 p.m., at 2304 Manchester Drive.

COUNCIL PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Bruce K. Stone, City Manager
Bonnie Updegraff, Code Clerk
Leslie Batchelor, City Attorney
Paul Kinman, Chief of Police

ABSENT:

C. Scott Symes, 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.

Council Member Bennett 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 January 3, 2017 regular meeting or to the Minutes of the January 9, 2017 special meeting. There were no corrections, additions or deletions and the Council approved the Minutes of the January 3, 2017 regular meeting and the Minutes of the January 9, 2017 special meeting as written.

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.

Mayor Hibbard presented plaques to John Petree (Ward 1) , Christopher Goldsworthy (Ward 2) and Amy Klinge (Ward 5) recognizing their efforts to decorate their homes during the holiday season.

Cathy Davis appeared before the Council and stated that the City should make more use of social media to communicate with the public.



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Vice-Mayor Bernardy stated that important information is always available to the public from the City webpage.

City Manager Bruce Stone advised that the City recently added Twitter as a social media tool and stated that code information is now available from the City YouTube channel. Mr. Stone advised that the City would resume mailing newsletters to residents each quarter and would continue sending the information via eNews, which has approximately 900 subscribers. Mr. Stone stated that the City of The Village is a small City and cannot afford a full-time public information officer or social media person but would try to do more in spite of limited resources.

ITEM V. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 01-17-2017 (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.

City Manager Bruce Stone advised the Council that the Chairman of The Village Development Authority has recommended that Bob Calvert be appointed to fill the vacancy on the TVDA.

After a brief discussion, Council Member Wilkinson moved to approve Resolution 01-17-2017 (A) appointing Bob Calvert to fill an unexpired term on The Village Development Authority. Council Member Bennett seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Wilkinson, Bennett, Bernardy and Hibbard. Nay – none.

ITEM VI. CONSIDERATION OF A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE FOR FY 2016-17.

City Manager Bruce Stone told the Council that the negotiation process with the FOP went very smoothly and that the parties have negotiated and agreed upon a good a Collective Bargaining Agreement. Mr. Stone recommended that the Council approve the agreement.

Police Chief Paul Kinman answered questions from the Council.

After a brief discussion, Council Member Bennett moved to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police for FY 2016-17. Vice-Mayor Bernardy seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Wilkinson, Bennett, Bernardy and Hibbard. Nay – none.



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ITEM VII. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 01-17-2017 (B) ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FOR AUDIT SERVICES.

City Manager Bruce Stone advised that no proposals were received and that he would talk to Lonnie Heim of HBC CPAs to see if the firm would perform the audit for another year.

The Council took no formal action.

ITEM VIII. CONSIDERATION OF PROCLAMATION 01-17-2017 (A) CALLING FOR AN ELECTION FOR THE POSITION OF CITY COUNCILMAN, WARDS 1, 2, 3 & 4.

City Manager Bruce Stone told the Council that the filing period established at the last meeting should be changed because the County Election Board is closed on February 20 for President's Day.

After a brief discussion, Council Member Bennett moved to approve Proclamation 01-17-2017 (A). Council Member Wilkinson seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Wilkinson, Bennett, Bernardy and Hibbard. Nay – none.

ITEM IX: REPORTS:

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

1. 12/30/2016: *General Fund, \$99.00*
2. 01/10/2017: *General Fund, \$51,640.69*
3. 01/10/2017: *Municipal Court Bond Fund, \$149.00*
4. 01/10/2017: *Animal Bond Fund, \$45.00*
5. 01/10/2017: *Special Park Fund, \$171.30*

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

City Manager Bruce Stone reported that the monthly sales tax check was for \$479,824.59, which is an increase of \$104,146 or 28.27% over the same period last year. Mr. Stone told the Council that sales taxes are up by \$604,017 so far this fiscal year.

The city manager asked when the Council would like to discuss strategic planning again. After a brief discussion, the Council agreed to discuss the matter at the next City Council meeting.



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Mr. Stone noted the Adopt-A-Pet report included in the packet. Mr. Stone advised that this program has been well-received by the public and that Shannon Curran deserves the credit for the success of the program.

The city manager told the Council that some local business people are parking commercial vehicles in the City Hall parking lot overnight and sometimes over the weekend. Mr. Stone advised that this seems to be happening more frequently and asked the Council if it would be appropriate to restrict this practice.

- c) **Monthly Department Reports:** *The Council reviewed the monthly department reports.*
- d) **Reports from the Council:**

Council Member Wilkinson stated that he wants the City to hire a part time social media specialist. A resident in the audience stated that the more information you put out, the worse it gets.

Mr. John Petree stated that the enforcement of signs is not consistent. Mr. Petree said he got a notice for a sign in his yard but there was a sign down the street that was not cited. The city manager stated that when Code Enforcement moves a sign, citizens or realtors often move them right back. Mr. Stone stated that signs can be moved or new ones put out within a few days after Code Enforcement patrols the street.

Council Member Wilkinson stated that the Ordinance requiring signs to setback 12' from the curb is unreasonable and should be reduced. Mr. Stone stated that the Council set this standard and can change it at any time.

Council Member Bennett commended Public Works for salting/sanding streets during the recent ice storm.

Vice-Mayor Bernardy reported that a resident of Hawthorn called to complain about the grass in the green belt common area. Vice-Mayor Bernardy stated that repair crews working the on the channel liner damaged the sod and that it needs repair. Vice-Mayor Bernardy also mentioned a few trees that are growing close to the channel, which if not removed, could damage the channel liner.



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Vice-Mayor Bernardy stated that off-street parking is needed at Johnston Park located at Sunnymead and Carlton Way.

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 8:50 p.m.

Mayor Hibbard

Vice-Mayor Bernardy

Council Member Bennett

Council Member Wilkinson

City Clerk

Council Member Symes