



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
March 6, 2017

The City Council of the City of The Village, Oklahoma, met in regular session at City Hall on Monday, March 6, 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
C. Scott Symes, Council Member

STAFF PRESENT

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

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 February 20, 2017 regular meeting. There were no corrections, additions or deletions and the Council approved the Minutes of the February 20, 2017 regular 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.

Library Manager Ben Mead-Harvey appeared before the Council and gave a report on reorganization of The Village library. Mr. Harvey told the Council that the library would close for 1 to 2 weeks in May to install carpet, shelving and seating.

Peggy Vogt asked what the Board of Adjustment does. City Manager Bruce Stone explained that the Board of Adjustment is a quasi-judicial body that considers applications for variances to zoning and building codes and adjudicates disputes between the Building Inspector and contractors concerning the interpretation of building codes.



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ITEM V. **DISCUSSION OF AND POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 723 AMENDING CHAPTER 20, SECTIONS 20-13 AND 20-15 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE; PERTAINING TO SIGN PLACEMENT ON PUBLIC PROPERTY; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

The Council discussed a draft of Ordinance 723 and directed staff to make final revisions to the language. The consensus of the Council was to allow yard signs to be placed on the right of way, four feet back from the curb. The Council also requested language authorizing the impoundment of yard signs in violation of the provisions of the Ordinance.

The Council took no action.

ITEM VI. **CONSIDERATION OF MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS TO THE VILLAGE VISION STEERING COMMITTEE.**

City Attorney Leslie Batchelor advised the Council that Council Members Symes and Wilkinson met to review the applications received for “At-Large” membership on The Village Vision Steering Committee. Ms. Batchelor stated that there were many highly qualified applicants. Ms. Batchelor stated that the list of recommended appointees includes representatives of the business and religious community.

After a brief discussion, Mayor Hibbard accepted the recommendations for membership on The Village Vision Steering Committee and made the appointments accordingly.

ITEM VII: **REPORTS:**

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

1. *12/05/2016: General Fund, \$10,035.64*
2. *12/05/2016: Special Park Fund, \$2,777.71*
3. *03/01/2017: General Fund, \$178,797.04*
4. *03/01/2017: Court Cash Bond Fund, \$300.00*
5. *03/01/2017: Animal Bond Fund, \$105.00*
6. *03/01/2017: Special Park Fund, \$21.96*
7. *03/01/2017: UBCC Fund, \$128.00*



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b) *Manager's Report:*

City Manager Bruce Stone reviewed the most current draft of an Ordinance pertaining to the placement of polycarts. Mr. Stone advised that an exception to the rules for placement of carts has been added for elderly and handicapped residents that qualify for free house side service. After a discussion, the consensus of the Council was to proceed with consideration of the Ordinance, with an effective date of 90 days from the date of adoption of the Ordinance.

Mr. Stone reviewed the most current draft of an Ordinance pertaining to parking and storing of boats, trailers, RVs, buses and motor homes. The Council discussed size restrictions and restrictions on parking of these vehicles in portions of the driveway that extend into the right of way. After a lengthy discussion, the Council directed staff to continue refining language for further discussion.

Mr. Stone reviewed the most current draft of an Ordinance pertaining to the parking of vehicles on paved and unpaved surfaces. After a lengthy discussion, the consensus of the Council was to proceed with consideration of an Ordinance that would eliminate all parking of vehicles on the grass and which would allow one vehicle to be parked on a gravel surface (*in accordance with specific design standards*) behind the Front Building Line (*side or rear yard*), provided that the vehicle is behind a sight-proof fence and not visible from outside the premises.

The city manager reported that a bid of \$133,000 was received to drill a water well to provide water for the splash pad. Mr. Stone advised that he is exploring other alternatives but is not optimistic that a drilling a well would be economically feasible.

Mr. Stone reported that staff would meet with the City Engineer tomorrow to discuss changes to the construction plans for Britton Road. Mr. Stone advised that the revisions would be to reduce the width of certain commercial driveways and to enhance the look and walkability of the final product. Mr. Stone advised that ODOT expects to advertise the project for bid in August but would delay construction until after the 2017 holiday shopping season. Mr. Stone advised that requested revisions to the plan could delay the project.

The city manager gave a brief report on the Annual Stormwater Report submitted to ODEQ in late February.

c) *Reports from the Council:*



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Council Member Symes asked about street lighting. Mr. Stone advised that the City provides street lights upon application and review. Mr. Stone told the Council that the City has not received an application for a street light in a long time. Mr. Stone advised that applicants usually do not want a pole in their yard. Mr. Stone advised that an application form can be obtained from the City webpage.

Council Member Wilkinson advised that Officer Green responded to a residential alarm in his neighborhood recently. Council Member Wilkinson asked if alarm systems are required to have a permit. Mr. Stone advised that the Police Department requires alarms to be registered but that there is no fee for registration.

Council Member Wilkinson asked if the City has an annual city-wide cleanup. Mr. Stone advised that the City used to have an annual spring cleanup. Mr. Stone advised that the cleanup took a couple of weeks to complete and required assistance from the County (trucks and workers) to complete. Mr. Stone advised that the annual cleanup was discontinued when monthly bulk waste pickup was added to residential sanitation service.

Vice-Mayor Bernardy advised that he had received a compliment from a citizen about curb cleaning done by the Code Department.

Vice-Mayor Bernardy asked if “No Fouling” signs could be posted at the entryways to the greenbelt in Hawthorn.

ITEM VIII: NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business to come before the Council.

ITEM IX: ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

Mayor Hibbard

Vice-Mayor Bernardy

Council Member Bennett

Council Member Wilkinson

City Clerk

Council Member Symes