



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
March 19, 2018

The City Council of the City of The Village, Oklahoma, met in regular session at City Hall on Monday, March 19, 2018, at 7:30 p.m., at 2304 Manchester Drive.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Dave Bennett, Mayor
Sonny Wilkinson, Vice-Mayor
Cathy Cummings, Council Member
Bubba Symes, Council Member

STAFF PRESENT

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

ABSENT:

Hutch Hibbard, Council Member

ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER.

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

ITEM II: INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Vice-Mayor Wilkinson 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 meeting held on March 5, 2018. There were no corrections, additions or deletions and the Council approved the Minutes of the meeting, as written.

ITEM IV: CITIZENS DESIRING TO BE HEARD; PRESENTATIONS.

A resident asked about the proposed stop signs on Lakeside Drive. Mayor Bennett asked that discussion on this be taken up under the posted agenda item later in the meeting.

Peggy Vogt asked the city manager if he received the requested information about private water lines on Lakeside Drive. Mr. Stone advised that Oklahoma City has not provided the requested information. Mr. Stone advised that he would follow up with Oklahoma City.

Council Member Cummings introduced Carri Hicks. Ms. Hicks addressed the audience and City Council and stated that she is a candidate for State Senate District 40. Ms. Hicks stated that she is a 4th Grade math and science teacher in Deer Creek Public Schools and that her priorities, if elected, would be public education, criminal justice reform and access to affordable



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healthcare. Ms. Hicks talked at length about problems faced by public schools such as large class sizes, lack of funding and the constant loss of qualified teachers.

Peggy Vogt stated that the City Council should consider giving its TIF money to the schools instead of spending it for public improvements in The Village as currently planned.

ITEM V: PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE AUDIT OF THE COMBINED MUNICIPAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2017, HBC CPAs.

Lonnie Heim with HBC CPAs presented the audit of the combined municipal financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017. Mr. Heim directed the Council to the Management Discussion and Analysis prepared by the city manager, which presents financial information in an easy to understand format. Mr. Heim went over various sections of the audit report. Mr. Heim advised that the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective modified cash basis financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of The Village, Oklahoma, as of June 30, 2017.

After a brief discussion, Council Member Cummings moved to accept the audit of the combined municipal financial statements for fiscal year ending June 30, 2017. Vice-Mayor Wilkinson seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Symes, Wilkinson, Bennett and Cummings. Nay – none.

ITEM VI: CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION WITH RESPECT TO RESOLUTION 03-19-2018 (A) FIXING THE AMOUNT OF COMBINED PURPOSE BONDS TO MATURE EACH YEAR; FIXING THE TIME AND PLACE THE BONDS ARE TO BE SOLD; DESIGNATING A PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR; APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT AND DISTRIBUTION THEREOF; AND AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO GIVE NOTICE OF SAID SALE AS REQUIRED BY LAW AND FIXING OTHER DETAILS OF THE ISSUE.

Allan Brooks, bond counsel, explained the resolution. Mr. Brooks told the Council that the resolution established the time and place that the bonds are to be sold and designates Bancfirst as the paying agent for the bond proceeds. Mr. Brooks also stated that the resolution approves the preliminary disclosure statement and authorizes the City Clerk to give notice of the sale of bonds.

Mr. Brooks stated that four fifths of the Council would need to be available on April 25, 2018 for a special meeting to select the successful bidder and to formally approve the issuance of the bonds. After a brief discussion, the Council agreed to meet at 4:00 p.m. on April 25, 2018.



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After a brief discussion, Council Member Symes moved to approve Resolution 03-19-2018 (A). Vice-Mayor Wilkinson seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Symes, Wilkinson, Bennett and Cummings. Nay – none.

ITEM VII: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 03-05-2018 (B) EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR STATE QUESTION 794, THE CRIME VICTIM RIGHTS AMENDMENT, ALSO KNOWN AS MARSY'S LAW FOR OKLAHOMA.

City Manager Bruce Stone advised that Council Member Cummings asked that Resolution 03-05-2018 (B) placed on the agenda for consideration by the Council.

Council Member Cummings welcomed Joshua Harris back to the meeting and asked him to explain why the constitutional amendment known as Marcy's Law is needed. Mr. Harris advised that this is not a partisan issue and that the measure has been endorsed by the District Attorney's Association, the Fraternal Order of Police, the Association of Oklahoma Chiefs of Police as well as by many other organizations and cities.

City Manager Bruce Stone told the Council that Assistant City Attorney Jeff Sabin asked City Prosecutor Matt Love to comment on State Question 794, which could possibly affect the operations of municipal court. Mr. Stone read Mr. Love's memorandum which advised that the Constitutional amendment would not create any additional duties or responsibilities for City staff and that the City is already doing everything that would be required by the amendment. Mr. Love wrote that he fully supports that measure.

After a brief discussion, Council Member Cummings moved to approve Resolution 03-19-2018 (B) expressing support for Marcy's Law. Vice-Mayor Wilkinson seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Symes, Wilkinson, Bennett and Cummings. Nay – none.

ITEM VIII: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 03-05-2018 (C) APPROVING RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMISSION FOR A 3-WAY STOP AT LAKESIDE DRIVE AND CENTER STREET AND FOR THE INSTALLATION OF STOP SIGNS FOR TRAFFIC EXITING THE MULFORD ESTATES AND MULFORD GARDENS ONTO LAKESIDE DRIVE FROM JULIETTE LANE, NORA LANE AND CAVALIER LANE.

City Manager Bruce Stone explained the recommendation of the Traffic & Safety Commission to make a 3-way stop at Lakeside and Center Street and to place stop signs for traffic exiting Juliette Lane, Nora Lane and Cavalier Lane.

A resident appeared before the Council to ask the Council to consider Orlando and Lakeside as an alternate location for the 3-way stop because it is located much further from Hefner than Center Street and would be more effective in controlling speeding. City Manager



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Bruce Stone advised that traffic engineers do not recommend stop signs for speed control. Mr. Stone advised that the Commission probably chose Center and Lakeside because it carries more traffic than the intersection of Lakeside and Orlando.

A lengthy discussion ensued about the need for stop signs at the proposed locations as well as at other locations. The city manager recommended that the Council send the matter back to the Traffic & Safety Commission for further study.

Council Member Cummings moved to refer this matter back to the Traffic & Safety Commission for further review and study. Vice-Mayor Wilkinson seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Symes, Wilkinson, Bennett and Cummings. Nay – none.

ITEM IX: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 03-05-2018 (D) AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS WITH HUITT-ZOLLARS, INC. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO THE 2018 GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND STREET PROJECTS – TASKS 5 - 9.

City Manager Bruce Stone explained Tasks 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 providing engineering services for various projects related to the 2018 G.O. Street Bond Issue. Mr. Stone explained the proposed signalization improvements as they relate to engineering services for Task 5. Mr. Stone told the Council that Tasks 6 through 9 break residential street resurfacing into four (4) separate projects to allow smaller contractors the opportunity to bid on the work. Mr. Stone briefed the Council on recommended paving specifications that would be included in the bidding documents.

The city manager told the Council that the engineering tasks to be considered next would be for sidewalk improvements and park improvements. Mr. Stone advised that he would recommend that a master plan be developed for various parks. The Council agreed that developing a master plan would be a good idea. The Council also discussed activating the Park Commission that was created several years ago by ordinance.

After a brief discussion, Council Member Symes moved to approve Resolution 03-19-2018 (D) authorizing the city manager to execute agreements with Huitt-Zollars for engineering services related to the 2018 General Obligation Street Bond Projects, Tasks 5, 6, 7, and 9. Vice-Mayor Wilkinson seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Symes, Wilkinson, Bennett and Cummings. Nay – none.

ITEM X: CONSIDERATION OF AGREEMENT WITH THE OKLAHOMA TAX COMMISSION FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF CITY SALES AND USE TAXES.

City Manager Bruce Stone told the Council that the new sales tax rate becomes effective on April 1 and that a new agreement with the Oklahoma Tax Commission is needed to provide for the administration of the City's sales and use tax. Mr. Stone advised that the Tax



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Commission charges the City ½ percent of the amount collected on behalf of the City as administrative fee.

After a brief discussion, Council Member Symes moved to approve the Agreement with the Oklahoma Tax Commission for the Administration of the Sales and Use Tax. Council Member Cummings seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Symes, Wilkinson, Bennett and Cummings. Nay – none.

ITEM XI. REPORTS:

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

<i>General Fund, 02-08-2018:</i>	<i>\$6,995.58</i>
<i>Special Park Fund, 02-08-2018:</i>	<i>\$4.68</i>
<i>General Fund, 03-05-2018:</i>	<i>\$60,817.85</i>
<i>Special Park Fund, 03-05-2018:</i>	<i>\$119.54</i>
<i>UBBC Fund, 03-05-2018:</i>	<i>\$140.00</i>
<i>General Fund, 03-07-2018:</i>	<i>\$1,005.00</i>

b) *Manager's Report:*

City Manager Bruce Stone reported that longtime city employee Erwin Pickett passed away today after a lengthy illness. Mr. Stone stated that Mr. Pickett worked for the City for over 40 years and would be missed. Mr. Stone advised he would let the Council know of funeral arrangements.

The city manager reported that the monthly sales tax was \$429,497, which is an increase of \$9,561 or 2.28% over the same period last year. Mr. Stone also reported that Use Tax was up by \$5,032 or 13.23% over the same period last year.

Mr. Stone told the Council that Casady School is planning a major change to their main entrance on Penn. Mr. Stone advised that the new entry would be 4 lanes with a "Welcome Center". Mr. Stone advised that the improvements would involve a change to signalization at Dublin and Penn including the relocation of one signal pole and the restriping of the pedestrian crossing.

Mr. Stone advised the Council that the former Director of ACOG, John Johnson, passed away suddenly in February. Mr. Stone advised that no further details are available at this time.



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The city manager reported that Bruce Mulford has submitted a rezoning application for a new residential Planned Unit Development and the associated Preliminary Plat for the new subdivision. Mr. Stone advised that the new subdivision would have eight (8) residential lots and would be called Mulford Center. Mr. Stone advised that Mulford Center would be located on Center Street on land previously occupied by Christ Community Church.

Mr. Stone reminded the Council that the Planning & Zoning Commission is currently short one Commissioner. Mr. Stone stated that there is no urgency to fill this position but that the Council should be thinking about possible candidates.

The city manager reported that Waste Connections has announced a 2% rate increase for sanitation and recycling services to become effective July 1.

c) *Reports from Council:*

Council Member Symes asked Bruce Mulford if he would install decorative street lighting in his new additions on Lakeside Drive. Mr. Mulford advised that he does not want street lighting. Mr. Mulford told the Council that all of the new homes have LED exterior lighting which are activated by motion detector. Mr. Mulford stated that Sunset Estates, which he completed a few years ago, has similar lighting and is very bright.

Council Member Cummings asked if it would be possible to move a fire hydrant at 2236 Westchester. Mr. Stone advised that it is unlikely Oklahoma City would move the hydrant unless the resident is willing to pay for its relocation.

ITEM XII. NEW BUSINESS.

There was no New Business to come before the Council.

ITEM XIII: ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor Bennett

Vice-Mayor Wilkinson

Council Member Symes

Council Member Cummings

City Clerk

Council Member Hibbard