



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
March 20, 2017

The City Council of the City of The Village, Oklahoma, met in regular session at City Hall on Monday, March 20, 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
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.

Council Member 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 March 6, 2017 regular meeting. There were no corrections, additions or deletions and the Council approved the Minutes of the March 6, 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.

Wendy Mounger thanked the City Council for resolving a problem with an illegal business in her neighborhood.

ITEM V: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 03-20-2017 (A) PERTAINING TO REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF FINAL PLATS FOR THE MULFORD ESTATES ADDITION AND THE MULFORD GARDENS ADDITIONS TO THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE.

City Manager Bruce Stone advised the Council that the Planning & Zoning Commission reviewed the final plats for the Mulford Estates and Mulford Gardens



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Additions to the City of The Village and recommends that the Council approve the final plats.

Mr. Stone told the Council that the City Engineer asked for a few minor changes to the plat pertaining to private utility easements. Mr. Stone advised that the plats have been revised accordingly.

Mr. Stone advised that the new additions would be served by public water and sewer services and that all water and sewer lines will be located within dedicated public easements and rights-of-way. Mr. Stone noted that the State must approve the sewer and water plans before a permit can be issued.

The city manager reported that the civil engineering plans have not been approved by the City Engineer and that no work would be allowed until the City Engineer gives his stamp of approval. Mr. Stone told the Council that the major civil engineering concern is how drainage will be handled.

Mr. Stone advised the Council that the final plats have also been reviewed by legal counsel and the plats comply with applicable zoning and subdivision regulations for this development. (Mulford Estates Planned Unit Development)

The Council asked about sidewalks and street lighting. Mr. Stone told the Council that subdivision regulations require sidewalks on at least one side of the street and that OG&E would install needed street lights at the request of the City. Mr. Stone stated that street lighting is paid for by the City. Mr. Stone advised that the City would work with the developer and OG&E to provide decorative lighting if the developer wants more upscale lighting for the additions.

Council Member Symes asked when construction would begin. Mr. Bruce Mulford stated that he cannot sell lots until the final plat is approved and filed of record but that he hoped to begin construction soon.

After a brief discussion, Council Member Wilkinson moved to approve Resolution 03-20-2017 (A) approving the final plats of the Mulford Estates and Mulford Gardens Additions to the City of The Village. Council Member Symes seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Symes, Wilkinson, Bennett, Bernardy and Hibbard. Nay – none.

ITEM VI: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 03-20-2017 (B) APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF A BUILDING PERMIT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW 5,888 SQUARE FOOT RETAIL CENTER IN HEFNER TOWN CENTER, 2206 WEST HEFNER ROAD.



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City Manager Bruce Stone advised the Council that the Planning & Zoning Commission reviewed the site plans for a new 5,888 square foot retail building at 2206 West Britton Road and recommends that the Council authorize the issuance of a building permit.

Mr. Stone told the Council that a complete zoning review has been done and that the proposed building meets all the requirements of applicable zoning for this area. Mr. Stone briefly reviewed the area regulations for The Vineyard Planned Unit Development including setbacks, lot size, lot coverage, height, exterior masonry and landscape requirements.

The applicant, Mr. David Austin, appeared before the Council and answered questions about the proposed building. Mr. Austin complemented the Council on all that has been done over the past few years in redeveloping the Vintage Lakes Apartments and helping new businesses move into the area.

After a brief discussion, Vice- Mayor Bernardy moved to approve Resolution 03-20-2017 (B) authorizing the issuance of a building permit for a 5,888 square foot retail building at 2206 West Hefner. Council Member Symes seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Symes, Wilkinson, Bennett, Bernardy and Hibbard. Nay – none.

ITEM VII: CONSIDERATION 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.

Legal Counsel, Jeff Sabin, explained the provisions of Ordinance 723. Mr. Sabin advised that the final draft of the ordinance incorporates language suggested by the Council at the last meeting.

After a brief discussion, Council Member Wilkinson moved to approve Ordinance 723. Council Member Bennett seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Symes, Wilkinson, Bennett, Bernardy and Hibbard. Nay – none.

Vice-Mayor Bernardy moved the approval of the Emergency Clause. Council Member Symes seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Symes, Wilkinson, Bennett, Bernardy and Hibbard. Nay – none.



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ITEM VIII: **CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE 724 AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-23 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE; PERTAINING TO POLYCAR T PLACEMENT AND STORAGE; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Legal Counsel, Jeff Sabin, explained the provisions of Ordinance 724. Mr. Sabin advised that the final draft of the ordinance incorporates language suggested by the Council at the last meeting, including an exemption for elderly/handicapped residents who qualify for free house side service. Mr. Sabin told the Council that the Ordinance has an effective date of July 1, 2017.

The Council reviewed an illustration showing the proposed regulations for the placement of polycarts.

After a brief discussion, Council Member Wilkinson moved to approve Ordinance 723. Council Member Bennett seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Symes, Wilkinson, Bennett, Bernardy and Hibbard. Nay – none.

ITEM IX: **CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE 725 AMENDING CHAPTER 13, SECTIONS 13-228 AND 13-233 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE; PERTAINING TO PARKING OF VEHICLES ON UNPAVED SURFACES AND EXTENSION OF PARKED VEHICLES INTO THE STREET; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Legal Counsel, Jeff Sabin, explained the provisions of Ordinance 725. Mr. Sabin advised that the Ordinance does not address regulations pertaining to the parking of boats, trailers, buses, RVs and motor homes. Mr. Sabin told the Council that the Ordinance only provides new regulations for parking on unpaved surfaces and prohibits extension of parked vehicles into the street.

The Council reviewed illustrations summarizing the proposed regulations.

After a brief discussion, Council Member Wilkinson moved to approve Ordinance 723. Council Member Bennett seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Symes, Wilkinson, Bennett, Bernardy and Hibbard. Nay – none.

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ITEM X: **CONSIDERATION OF APPEAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER TO PAINT 1605 DUBLIN ROAD.**

City Manager Bruce Stone advised the Council that the owner of the home at 1605 Dublin has acted in good faith to make repairs and improvements to the home and is asking for a two month extension to the Administrative Order to paint her home by May 31, 2017.

After a brief discussion, Mayor Hibbard moved to grant a two month extension of the deadline to paint the home to July 31, 2017. Vice-Mayor Bernardy seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Symes, Wilkinson, Bennett, Bernardy and Hibbard. Nay – none.

ITEM XI: **CONSIDERATION OF APPEAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER TO REPLACE THE ROOF OF 2013 SHEFFIELD ROAD.**

City Manager Bruce Stone advised the Council that the owner of the home at 2013 Sheffield has appealed an Administrative Order to replace the roof of this residence. Mr. Stone showed the Council pictures of the roof and advised that the owner did not give a reason for the appeal. Mr. Stone advised that the County property records show that the owner of this home owns 7 homes, two of which are in The Village.

After a brief discussion, Council Member Wilkinson moved to deny the appeal. Council Member Bennett seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Symes, Wilkinson, Bennett, Bernardy and Hibbard. Nay – none.

ITEM XII: **REPORTS:**

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

1. *01/08/2017: General Fund, \$7,616.67*
2. *01/08/2017: Special Park Fund, \$1,367.49*

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

City Manager Bruce Stone reported that the monthly sales tax check was for \$419,936, which is an increase of \$53,681 or 14.5% over the same period last year. Mr. Stone also reported that Use Tax was up by \$25,547 over the same period last year.

The city manager showed the Council pictures of two houses on Stoneham, which pose a dilemma for Code Enforcement because the trees and shrubbery



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at the homes go dormant in the winter but are green during the growing season.

Mr. Stone advised the Council that the City qualified as a Certified Health City at the Merit level for the second year in a row.

The city manager reported that the City will participate in “LitterBlitz” again this year and that the cleanup event will be on Saturday, April 29.

The Council reviewed the monthly department reports.

c) Reports from the Council:

Council Member Symes introduced Vicky Palmer who was recently appointed to fill a vacancy on the Board of Adjustment. Ms. Palmer told the Council about a 5 year old girl with stage 4 cancer who Council Member Symes invited to tour the City facilities. Ms. Palmer told the Council that the City of The Village rolled out the red carpet for this child and that she had a wonderful time riding the fire truck and blowing the sirens in a police car.

Council Member Bennett asked about street lights at Britton and Penn. The Council suggested that the OG&E Community Affairs representative come to a Council Meeting.

Council Member Wilkinson asked about the status of plan revisions for Britton Road. Mr. Stone advised that City Attorney Leslie Batchelor is contacting certain businesses to see if they would agree to closing and/or reduction in the width of their service driveways. Mr. Stone advised that the design changes would result in some cost increase but according to the City Engineer would not be significant.

Vice-Mayor Bernardy thanked Public Works for removing problem trees along the channel liner in Hawthorn and for installing “No Fouling” signs. Vice-Mayor Bernardy mentioned that some trees in Johnson Park could use some trimming.

Mayor Hibbard told the Council that the Corporation Commission approved a rate increase for OG&E.



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Mayor Hibbard stated that a representative of the YMCA should be involved in The Village Vision strategic planning process.

Mayor Hibbard told the Council that Andrew Johnson Elementary School is on the school closure list recommended by Oklahoma City Public Schools in order to cope with a serious budget shortfall.

ITEM XIII: NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business to come before the Council.

ITEM XIV: ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:22 p.m.

Mayor Hibbard

Vice-Mayor Bernardy

Council Member Bennett

Council Member Wilkinson

City Clerk

Council Member Symes