



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
April 3, 2017

The City Council of the City of The Village, Oklahoma, met in regular session at City Hall on Monday, April 3, 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  
Bonnie Updegraff, Clerk  
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.**

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

Pat Lewis appeared before the Council and gave a report on recent problems with electric service in The Village.

The Council asked about system capacity and whether it would be adequate to serve the new houses in The Village. Mr. Lewis stated that system capacity is not an issue and that OG&E is capable of meeting the increased demand.

The Council asked about putting electrical lines underground and screening of the Tennessee substation. Mr. Lewis advised that all new development is served underground but that the City would have to pay for relocating existing lines. Mr. Lewis further stated



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that new substations built in cities are screened but that the City would have to pay to screen existing substations like the Tennessee Substation.

The Council asked about leaning poles. Mr. Lewis advised that OG&E routinely inspects poles and that leaning poles are a low priority for correction unless they are structurally unsound.

Library Manager Ben Mead-Harvey gave the Council a report on the Summer Reading Program. Mr. Harvey also told the Council about a book written and illustrated by staff members of the Metropolitan Library System entitled "Our Day at the Zoo". Mr. Harvey stated that patrons who check out the book will receive four free tickets to the zoo. Mr. Harvey advised that there is a long waiting list for the book.

**ITEM V: CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC HEARING PERTAINING TO THE PROPOSED PARTIAL CLOSING, VACATION, AND/OR DISCONTINUANCE OF THE PUBLIC EASEMENT LOCATED IN THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE THAT IS FILED IN BOOK 2693, PAGE 356 OF THE OKLAHOMA COUNTY LAND RECORDS.**

Mayor Hibbard announced that this is a public hearing pertaining to the proposed partial closing, vacation, and/or discontinuance of a public easement located in the Hidden Village Addition to the City of The Village.

There were no citizens wishing to comment on the proposed partial closing of the easement.

Mayor Hibbard closed the public hearing.

**ITEM VI: CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE 726 CLOSING AND DISCONTINUING THE PUBLIC USE OF A PORTION OF THE CERTAIN PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT FILED IN BOOK 2693, PAGE 356, OF THE OKLAHOMA COUNTY LAND RECORDS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

City Manager Bruce Stone explained the proposed closing of a portion of a public utility easement in Hidden Village Addition. Mr. Stone told the Council that a section of a City sewer main has been relocated at the expense of the developer and the section of old sewer line is no longer needed.

After a brief discussion, Council Member Symes moved to approve Ordinance 726. Council Member Bennett seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Symes, Wilkinson, Bennett, Bernardy and Hibbard. Nay – none.



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Council Member Symes moved to approve the Emergency Clause. Council Member Bennett seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Symes, Wilkinson, Bennett, Bernardy and Hibbard. Nay – none.

**ITEM VII: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 04-03-2017 (A) APPROVING THE RELEASE OF THE PORTION OF THE PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT CLOSED BY ORDINANCE NO. 726.**

City Manager Bruce Stone advised that this Resolution authorizes the County Clerk to remove the portion of the public utility easement closed by Ordinance 726 from the property records of the properties affected by the closing of the easement.

After a brief discussion, Council Member Wilkinson moved to approve Resolution 04-03-2017 (A). Council Member Bennett seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Symes, Wilkinson, Bennett, Bernardy and Hibbard. Nay – none.

**ITEM VIII: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 04-03-2017 (B) EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED CLOSING OF ANDREW JOHNSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.**

Mayor Hibbard read Resolution 04-03-2017 (B) aloud.

After a brief discussion, Vice-Mayor Bernardy moved to approve Resolution 04-03-2017 (b). Council Member Symes seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Symes, Wilkinson, Bennett, Bernardy and Hibbard. Nay – none.

**ITEM IX: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 04-03-2017 (C) DECLARING CERTAIN VEHICLES SURPLUS AND OBSOLETE AND AUTHORIZING SALE.**

City Manager Bruce Stone advised that three police vehicles are no longer needed by the City and should be sold.

After a brief discussion, Council Member Symes moved to approve Resolution 04-03-2017 (C). Council Member Bennett seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Symes, Wilkinson, Bennett, Bernardy and Hibbard. Nay – none.

**ITEM X: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 04-03-2017 (D) DECLARING THE WEEK OF APRIL 9-15 AS NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATOR WEEK IN THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE.**



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Mayor Hibbard asked if an on duty Telecommunicator could leave the communications center briefly to receive Resolution 04-03-2017 (D) declaring the week of April 9-15 as National Telecommunicator week in the City of The Village.

Lashonda Crocker, Telecommunicator, appeared before the Council and introduced herself. Ms. Crocker was accompanied by Officer Cary.

Vice-Mayor Bernardy read the Resolution aloud.

After a brief discussion, Vice-Mayor Bernardy moved to approve Resolution 04-03-2017 (D). Council Member Bennett seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Symes, Wilkinson, Bennett, Bernardy and Hibbard. Nay – none.

### **ITEM XI:      REPORTS:**

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

1. *02/7/2017: General Fund, \$9,444.32*
2. *03/17/2017: General Fund, \$118,404.36*
3. *03/17/2017: Court Bond Fund, \$546.00*
4. *03/17/2017: Penalty Assessment Fund, \$4,689.00*
5. *03/1/2017: Animal Bond Fund, \$125.00*

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

*City Manager Bruce Stone reported that competitive bids for mowing services were received on March 30 and that the low bidder was Landscape Partners, Ltd. Mr. Stone advised that the bid would save the City about \$20,000 a year over current costs.*

*The city manager showed the Council a picture of Curtis Wright Field, which became the Wiley Post Airport in 1935. Mr. Stone advised that this is the only picture he has ever seen of the airport prior to the name in change.*

*Mr. Stone advised that the Council might wish to postpone further discussion of regulations pertaining to boats, buses, trailers, campers and RVs until the next Council meeting. The Council agreed to postpone this discussion.*

*The Council reviewed TIF Reports. Jeff Sabin briefly explained Tax Increment Districts and how they work.*



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*The City Manager showed the Council pictures of a residence on Hasley Drive and asked the Council to go by and see if they think this constitutes a public nuisance. Mr. Stone advised that the yard is cluttered but that the items are yard decorations, flower pots, Easter decorations and lawn furniture.*

*Mr. Stone reminded the Council about LitterBlitz and the Marathon Cheer Section coming up on April 29 and April 30.*

### **c) Reports from the Council:**

*Council Member Wilkinson told the Council that he thinks the City should establish a social media policy. Council Member Wilkinson stated that he did not feel that it was appropriate for City employees to respond to questions and discussions on non-city social media platforms. Council Member Wilkinson stated that official business of the City should only be conducted on City social media platforms.*

*Council Member Bennett noted the construction of the new Little Caesar's Pizza and mud.*

*Council Member Bennett told the Council about legislation that, if passed, would allow neighborhoods to establish their own rules and make the neighborhoods exempt from City ordinances.*

*Council Member Bennett commented on the State's budget problems and that Oklahomans keep electing officials to cut taxes and now the State is broke.*

*Council Member Bennett told the Council that the committee working on a Veteran's Day event for The Village would meet again next week to continue planning for the event.*

*Council Member Symes told the Council that he would like to put flags on Britton Road for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday this year.*

*Council Member Symes reported that he has received questions from the Home Owners Association about the floodway in Hawthorn and who owns it. The city manager told the Council that the property is owned by the Home Owner's Association and is their responsibility to maintain.*



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*Vice-Mayor Bernardy and Council Member Symes stated that it has been an honor to serve on The Village City Council.*

*Vice-Mayor Bernardy asked about the replacement of water lines crossing Britton Road. Mr. Stone advised that the work would be done at night and that electronic message signs would advise motorists of street closings and detours.*

*Mayor Hibbard encouraged all citizens to vote in the election.*

**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.

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Mayor Hibbard

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Vice-Mayor Bernardy

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Council Member Bennett

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Council Member Wilkinson

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City Clerk

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Council Member Symes