



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
April 17, 2017

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

STAFF PRESENT

Bruce K. Stone, City Manager
Beverly K. Whitener, City Treasurer
Leslie V. Batchelor, City Attorney
Jeff Sabin, Assistant 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 April 3, 2017 regular meeting. There were no corrections, additions or deletions and the Council approved the Minutes of the April 3, 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.

There were no citizens desiring to be heard.

ITEM V. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT OF JEFF SABIN AS ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY AND THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE.

After a brief discussion, Vice-Mayor Bernardy moved to appoint Jeff Sabin as Assistant City Attorney. Council Member Wilkinson seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Symes, Wilkinson, Bernardy and Hibbard. Nay – None.

City Manager Bruce Stone administered the Oath of Office for Jeff Sabin.



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ITEM VI. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 04-17-2017 (A) ESTABLISHING A SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY FOR THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE.

City Manager Bruce Stone advised that certain members of the Council expressed a need for a social media policy to guide City employees in the proper use of social media platforms. Mr. Stone advised that the social media policy presented for consideration by the Council has been reviewed by legal counsel and that recommended changes have been made to the policy.

After a discussion, the consensus of the Council was to table action on Resolution 04-17-2017 (A) and to seek appropriate training for City employees who engage in social media on behalf of the City.

The Mayor tabled action on Resolution 04-17-2017 (A).

ITEM VII. CONSIDERATION OF ELECTION OF THREE TRUSTEES TO SERVE A THREE-YEAR TERM ON THE OMAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

City Manager Bruce Stone recommended that the City Council cast the City's ballots for the three incumbents running for re-election to the OMAG Board of Directors.

After a brief discussion, Mayor Hibbard moved to cast the City's ballots for Earl Burson, Janice Cain and Pam Polk. Vice-Mayor Bernardy seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Symes, Wilkinson, Bernardy and Hibbard. Nay – none.

ITEM VIII. CONSIDERATION OF CONTRACT FOR MOWING SERVICES WITH LANDSCAPE PARTNERS, LTD.

City Manager Bruce Stone advised that the low bidder for the City's mowing services was Landscape Partners, Ltd. Mr. Stone advised that the bid would save the City approximately \$20,000 per year over current costs for mowing.

After a brief discussion, Council Member Wilkinson moved to approve the contract with Landscape Partners, Ltd., for mowing services. Council Member Symes seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Symes, Wilkinson, Bernardy and Hibbard. Nay – none.

ITEM IX. CONSIDERATION OF INTER-LOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE OKLAHOMA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR MAINTENANCE, CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR OF CERTAIN STREETS IN THE VILLAGE.



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City Manager Bruce Stone advised the Council that this is an annual agreement with Oklahoma County that allows the County to perform minor maintenance on certain streets in The Village at the request of the City. Mr. Stone advised that a separate agreement would be needed for a major local cooperation project with the County.

After a brief discussion, Council Member Symes moved to approve the agreement with Oklahoma County. Vice-Mayor Bernardy seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Symes, Wilkinson, Bernardy and Hibbard. Nay – none.

ITEM X. CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE 727 AMENDING CHAPTER 20, SECTION 20-13 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.

City Manager Bruce Stone advised that Section 20-13 of the City Code pertaining to yard signs should be amended so that the section only applies to yard signs placed in residential areas.

After a brief discussion, Vice-Mayor Bernardy moved to approve Ordinance 727. Council Member Symes seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Symes, Wilkinson, Bernardy and Hibbard. Nay – none.

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

(Council Member Bennett arrived at the meeting)

ITEM XI. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 04-17-2017 (E) THANKING CHRIS BERNARDY FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE.

Mayor Hibbard read aloud Resolution 04-17-2017 (E) thanking Chris Bernardy for his service to the City of The Village.

After a brief discussion, Council Member Wilkinson moved to approve Resolution 04-17-2017 (E). Council Member Symes seconded the motion. . The vote: Yea – Symes, Wilkinson, Bennett, Bernardy and Hibbard. Nay – none.

Members of the Council personally thanked Chris Bernardy for his service and wished him well.



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ITEM XII: REPORTS:

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

1. *04/13/2017: General Fund, \$37,775.02*
2. *04/13/2017: Court Bond Fund, \$897.00*
3. *04/13/2017: Special Park Fund, \$80.10*
4. *04/14/2017: General Fund, \$350.00*

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

City Manager Bruce Stone reported that the monthly sales tax check was for \$385,509, which is a decrease of \$46, 101 or 14.04% over the same period last year. Mr. Stone told the Council that this is the first decrease since Uptown Grocery opened in February 2016.

Mr. Stone reported that Verizon will be replacing some of their cell phone equipment on the City's cell tower. Mr. Stone advised that Verizon agreed to remove the 4G LTE antennae abandoned by Cox and now owned by the City. Mr. Stone told the Council that this equipment has never been used and can possibly be sold on eBay or Craig's List.

The Council briefly discussed regulation of boats, trailers, RVs, motor homes and buses. The Council asked the City Manager for the pictures taken in a recent survey by Code Enforcement for the Council to discuss at the next meeting.

City Manager Bruce Stone gave the Council a report on the current status of the Britton Road project. Mr. Stone advised that the City's development team asked for certain design changes and that the cost of engineering services would be approximately \$36,000. Mr. Stone advised that this would delay the project and that the impact of the delay on federal funding and the cost of the project is unknown. Mr. Stone gave the Council a report comparing the cost of asphalt to concrete. Mr. Stone advised that the cost of concrete is now about \$500,000 more than for asphalt. Mr. Stone also reviewed the financial impact of the local matching funds for the \$4 million project. After a lengthy discussion, the Council decided to rethink the design and funding of the project. City Engineer Bryan Coon advised that he would work with the development team to make the appropriate design changes.

c) ***Monthly Department Reports:***



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The Council reviewed the monthly department reports.

d) Reports from the Council:

There were no reports from the Council.

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 9:05 p.m.

Mayor Hibbard

Vice-Mayor Bernardy

Council Member Bennett

Council Member Wilkinson

City Clerk

Council Member Symes