



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
May 1, 2017

The City Council of the City of The Village, Oklahoma, met in regular session at City Hall on Monday, May 1, 2017, at 7:30 p.m., at 2304 Manchester Drive.

**COUNCIL PRESENT**

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

**STAFF PRESENT**

Bruce K. Stone, City Manager  
Beverly K. Whitener, City Treasurer  
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.**

Mayor Hibbard gave the invocation and led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ITEM III: ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE FOR HUTCH HIBBARD, DAVID BENNETT, BUBBA SYMES AND CATHY CUMMINGS.**

Judge White administered the Oath of Office for Cathy Cummings.

Judge White administered the Oath of Office for Hutch Hibbard, David Bennett and Bubba Symes.

**ITEM IV: APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

The Mayor asked if there were any corrections, additions or deletions to the Minutes of the April 17, 2017 regular meeting. There were no corrections, additions or deletions and the Council approved the Minutes of the April 17, 2017 regular meeting as written.

**ITEM V: 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.

Council Member Cummings introduced Corporal John Pettyjohn, USMC Ret., who is working tirelessly to help Oklahoma Veterans by helping them fill out paperwork for benefits, by helping them find doctors and making sure they have enough to eat. Council



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Member Cummings further noted that Corporal Pettyjohn visits Veterans when they are lonely and helps widows of Veterans to access benefits that they may not be aware of.

Corporal Pettyjohn thanked Council Member Cummings for keeping her word to help him. Corporal Pettyjohn told the Council about his work to identify Veterans and their families and stated that he wants to create a database of Oklahoma Veterans and to determine the needs of Oklahoma Veterans and their families.

The Council thanked Corporal Pettyjohn for his work and for attending the meeting.

**ITEM VI. CONSIDERATION OF DESIGNATION OF REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON THE ACOG BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THE 9-1-1 ACOG BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THE INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE AND THE GARBER-WELLINGTON ASSOCIATION POLICY COMMITTEE.**

Mayor Bennett gave a summary of ACOG's mission as a regional planning organization. Mayor Bennett advised that he would like to continue serving as delegate for The Village.

After a brief discussion, Vice-Mayor Wilkinson moved to appoint Mayor Bennett as the City's delegate to serve on the ACOG Board of Directors, the 9-1-1 Board, the Intermodal Transportation Policy Committee and the Garber Wellington Association Policy Committee and to appoint Vice-Mayor Wilkinson and Council Member Cummings to serve as Alternates to these boards and committees. Council Member Hibbard seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Hibbard, Symes, Wilkinson, Bennett and Cummings. Nay – none.

*(Note: This agenda item was taken up by the Council after the election of Mayor and Vice-Mayor.)*

**ITEM VII. CONSIDERATION OF ELECTION OF MAYOR TO SERVE A ONE-YEAR TERM.**

Council Member Cummings moved to elect David Bennett to serve a one-year term as Mayor. Council Member Symes seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Symes, Bennett, Wilkinson, Hibbard and Cummings. Nay – none.

Council Member Hibbard thanked the Council for their support over the past year. Council Member Hibbard passed the gavel to Mayor Bennett.

Mayor Bennett thanked Hutch Hibbard for his service as Mayor. Mayor Bennett stated that Hutch handled his duties as Mayor respectfully and that he was proud to serve under his leadership.



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### **ITEM VIII. CONSIDERATION OF ELECTION OF VICE-MAYOR TO SERVE A ONE-YEAR TERM.**

Council Member Symes moved to elect Sonny Wilkinson to serve a one-year term as Vice-Mayor. Council Member Hibbard seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Hibbard, Symes, Wilkinson, Bennett and Cummings. Nay – none.

The Mayor recessed the meeting for refreshments at 7:55 p.m. The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

### **ITEM IX: REPORTS:**

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

1. *03/05/2017: General Fund, \$7,428.07.*

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

*City Manager Bruce Stone reported that on May 7, a plaque would be dedicated at The Village Library in recognition of the donation of four acres of land for the library by Wes Finley and Al Kavanaugh in 1970.*

*Mr. Stone gave the Council a brief report on LitterBlitz and the Marathon Cheer Section, which took place April 29 and 30.*

*Council Member Hibbard asked about a possible course change for the Marathon in 2019. Mr. Stone advised that the course will be changed due to trolley car improvements downtown but that it is too early to know if the new route would exclude The Village. Vice-Mayor Wilkinson stated that it would be nice to recognize residents of The Village that participate in the Marathon.*

*The city manager told the Council about Ride The Village, which is a bicycling event that would take place on May 20 and is sponsored by The Village Friends.*

*Mr. Stone reminded the Council that The Village Fair is May 6 and that Council Member Cummings has agreed to be EMCEE.*

*The city manager asked the Council to schedule budget work sessions. After a brief discussion, the Council agreed to meet on May 30 at 11:30 a.m. and on May 31 at 5:30 p.m.*



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*Mr. Stone reported that McDonald's is planning to add on to their building and remodel.*

*The city manager advised the Council that Phase II of Hidden Village would get underway soon. Mr. Stone advised that the developer is trying to determine a cost effective way to meet OKC requirements to loop the water system.*

*Mr. Stone showed the Council the survey of boats, trailers, RVs, etc., that was presented to the Council last fall. Council Member Symes recommended that this discussion be put on the back burner as the Council has enough on its plate right now with The Village Vision. The Council agreed.*

*The Council briefly discussed the public meeting for The Village Vision, which was held on April 27 at The Village Library.*

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

*Council Member Symes reported on a recent meeting with ODOT pertaining to the Britton Road project. Council Member Symes told the Council that Chad Meisenburg (ODOT Engineer) was very helpful and shared many ideas for improvements and options for funding transportation improvements. Council Member Symes advised that Mr. Meisenburg said that the Britton Road project could be delayed until 2018, without the City losing its federal funding provided that ACOG gives its approval.*

*Council Member Hibbard stated that Leslie Batchelor and her team are the best and that City is blessed to have them.*

*Council Member Hibbard stated that he is all on board with Council Member Cummings efforts with Yoga in the Park, Tai Chi and promoting healthy lifestyles.*

*Vice-Mayor Wilkinson noted that the link to the Minutes of the March 20 Council Meeting was broken.*

*Vice-Mayor Wilkinson stated that Leslie Batchelor would receive the Dean A. McGee Award at an event on June 1. Vice-Mayor Wilkinson said that a representative of The Village should attend.*



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*Vice-Mayor Wilkinson thanked Public Works and the Fire Department for being present for the Marathon Cheer Section.*

*Vice-Mayor Wilkinson stated that The Village Vision presentation was great and that a lot of good information about water, landscaping and public spaces was provided to attendees. Vice-Mayor Wilkinson stated that more public input is needed. After a brief discussion, it was decided to use Blackboard Connect to contact residents about The Village Vision webpage and online survey. Council Member Cummings offered to make a recording for "robo-calls".*

*Council Member Cummings thanked the Council for welcoming her to the Council.*

*Council Member Cummings told the Council that 260 people expressed an interest in Yoga and that 70 signed up. Council Member Cummings stated that she was disappointed that the weather resulted in cancellation of the event but that it would be rescheduled for June. Council Member Cummings advised that she hoped to do Tai Chi in May and that she is working on a small Farmer's Market to be held at Sun and Ski.*

*Jeff Sabin briefed the Council on work being done by the The Village Vision team. Mr. Sabin advised that future public meetings would be later in the evening so that residents who work can attend.*

*Mayor Bennett thanked the city manager and Public Works for all their work this past weekend with Litterblitz and the Marathon Cheer Section.*

*Mayor Bennett asked the city manager to check on several items on Nichols Road that were not picked up on bulk waste collection day.*

### **ITEM X:        NEW BUSINESS**

There was no New Business to come before the Council.



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**ITEM XI: ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

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Mayor Bennett

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Vice-Mayor Wilkinson

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Council Member Symes

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Council Member Cummings

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City Clerk

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Council Member Hibbard