



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
June 5, 2017

The City Council of the City of The Village, Oklahoma, met in regular session at City Hall on Monday, June 5, 2017, at 7:30 p.m., at 2304 Manchester Drive.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Dave Bennett, Mayor
Sonny Wilkinson, Vice-Mayor
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

ABSENT

Bubba Symes, 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.

Mayor Bennett 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 May 15, 2017 regular meeting or to the minutes of the May 30th and May 31st special meetings. There were no corrections, additions or deletions and the Council approved the Minutes of the meetings held on May 15, 2017, May 30, 2017 and May 31, 2017 as written.

ITEM IV: CITIZENS DESIRING TO BE HEARD, PRESENTATIONS.

a) Proclamation commending Charlotte Mounger for academic achievement.

Council Member Cathy Cummings introduced Charlotte Mounger, her parents, Emerson and Wendy Mounger and District 22 State Senator Stephanie Bice. Charlotte was accompanied by several classmates from St. Eugene, where she attends school.

Council Member Cummings commended Charlotte for receiving State recognition for scoring in the 95th percentile in her ACT Test among 7th graders across the United States and for being invited to attend Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas for a three-week Studies Program offered through Duke University's Talent Identification Program.



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Mayor Bennett read aloud a Proclamation recognizing Charlotte's academic achievement and proclaiming June 5, 2017 as "Charlotte Mounger Day" in The Village.

Ben Mead-Harvey appeared before the Council and gave a report on various activities and programs at The Village Library. Mr. Mead-Harvey provided details about the Library Summer Reading Program.

ITEM V: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 06-05-2017 (A) DECLARING CERTAIN PROPERTY SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING ITS SALE.

City Manager Bruce Stone told the Council that Resolution 06-05-2017 (A) declares 3, 4G LTE cellular antennae as surplus and authorizes their sale. Mr. Stone advised that the antennae were donated to the City by Cox Communications and removed from the City's cell tower by Verizon at no cost.

After a brief discussion, Vice-Mayor Wilkinson moved to approve Resolution 06-05-2017 (A). Council Member Cummings seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Hibbard, Cummings, Wilkinson and Bennett. Nay – none.

ITEM VI: DISCUSSION OF ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS FOR, PROCESSING OF, AND ISSUANCE OF BUILDING PERMITS, SIGN PERMITS, AND REZONING REQUESTS WITHIN AN AREA BEING STUDIED IN "THE VILLAGE VISION"; PROVIDING AN APPEAL PROCESS; PROVIDING EFFECTIVE AND REPEAL DATES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Assistant City Attorney Jeff Sabin reviewed the legal basis for the declaration of a temporary moratorium on the issuance of building and sign permits and on rezoning. Mr. Sabin explained the scope of the proposed ordinance and told the Council that one public hearing would be required before the ordinance could be adopted.

The Council discussed the scope of the ordinance and agreed that certain modifications would be needed to avert problems for new businesses as they occupy existing buildings. The consensus of the Council was to ask the Planning & Zoning Commission to review the proposed moratorium on June 19 and to consider the ordinance after holding a public hearing on July 3.

The Council took no action.

ITEM VII: REPORTS:

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



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1. 05/05/2017: General Fund, \$8,282.19;
2. 05/05/2017: Special Park Fund, \$7.74;
3. 05/15/2017: General Fund, \$44,0004.35;
4. 05/16/2017: Municipal Court Cash Bond Fund, \$733.00;
5. 05/16/2017: Penalty Assessment Fund, \$5.198.00.

b) **Manager's Report:**

City Manager Bruce Stone reported that the idea discussed in a budget work session of establishing a Health Savings Account benefit for employees is not an option because the City's health plan is not "high deductible" as defined by the applicable federal regulations. Mr. Stone suggested the alternative of an employer contribution to Flexible Spending Accounts for employees. The consensus of the Council was to proceed with this within the range of funding discussed in the budget work session.

Mr. Stone reported that Jeremy Bryant purchased the 2.5-acre tract where the church is located on Center Street. Mr. Stone advised that Mr. Bryant is likely to sell the property to a developer for residential development.

The city manager advised that a 6" fire line serving The Village Library broke over the holiday weekend and was repaired by a contractor hired by the library system. Mr. Stone advised that the City would likely receive a bill from the Metropolitan Library System for the water line repairs.

Mr. Stone noted a letter sent to ACOG by ODOT requesting that ACOG give the City's request for a delay in the Britton Road project favorable consideration.

The city manager reported that Recyclebank has been notified that the City would terminate the Recyclebank Rewards program effective July 1. Vice-Mayor Wilkinson noted that this does not affect the City's recycling service, which will continue uninterrupted.

Mr. Stone briefly mentioned a proposal submitted by Jim Twombly to assist the City in capital planning. Mr. Stone told the Council that he had met with the city engineer to discuss the development of a long range infrastructure improvement program. Mr. Stone advised that some of the costs for capital planning services could be paid from the proceeds of a bond issue.

The city manager showed the Council pictures of a collapsed sewer line in the 10300 Block of Northland. Mr. Stone advised that the City's contractor is scheduled to replace 6' feet of the line. Council Member Cummings stated that there is a valve box near this location, which is missing a cover.



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The city manager reminded the Council of the Budget Hearing scheduled for June 15.

c) Reports from the Council:

Vice-Mayor Wilkinson urged members of the Council to look at the details of Oklahoma City's upcoming bond election.

Vice-Mayor Wilkinson stated that the resident at Huntleigh and Linley has more junk in the yard. Vice-Mayor Wilkinson stated that he would like Code Enforcement to write citations to repeat offenders such as this.

Vice-Mayor Wilkinson asked if the City could provide plastic bag dispensers in City parks for people to use in cleaning up after their dogs.

Vice-Mayor Wilkinson stated that something should be done about papers and advertisements thrown in yards and that this is nothing more than littering. Assistant City Attorney Jeff Sabin advised that this type of activity is highly protected under law.

Council Member Cummings thanked the city manager for getting the shrubs trimmed at Vineyard and Penn and for getting the mud cleaned up on Vineyard Blvd.

Council Member Cummings told the Council that Scott Allen would be selling peaches in the parking lot of Sun & Ski on Tuesday, June 6th.

Council Member Cummings reported that Yoga in the Park would be June 24th in Duffner Park. Council Member Cummings told the Council that they would have this every month and that kids are welcome.

ITEM VIII: NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business to come before the Council.



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ITEM IX: ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Mayor Bennett

Vice-Mayor Wilkinson

Council Member Symes

Council Member Cummings

City Clerk

Council Member Hibbard