



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
July 17, 2017

The City Council of the City of The Village, Oklahoma, met in regular session at City Hall on Monday, July 17, 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
Bubba Symes, 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 Bennett called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ITEM II: INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Vice-Mayor 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 June 19, 2017 regular meeting. There were no corrections, additions or deletions and the Council approved the Minutes of the meeting held on June 19, 2017, as written.

ITEM IV: CITIZENS DESIRING TO BE HEARD, PRESENTATIONS.

The Mayor stated that this is the time for citizens to address the Council on any matter that is not on the posted agenda.

Mayor Bennett asked visitors wishing to speak to please provide their name and address for the record and to keep their comments to two minutes, if possible.

Victoria Blair, 2824 Manchester Drive, appeared before the Council. Ms. Blair told the Council that the City should find another way to handle properties that have not mowed. Ms. Blair stated that many elderly people cannot mow as frequently and that residents should not be shamed into mowing by a public nuisance sign.

Mayor Bennett stated that in talking with other elected officials about code issues that all cities have similar problems with unkempt properties. Mayor Bennett referred to studies that show that property values are higher in cities that aggressively enforce codes.



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Council Member Symes stated that the City will work with special cases if we are made aware of them. Council Member Cummings asked residents to provide the names and addresses of their neighbors who need help.

Tracey Kay Beaves, 2252 Hasley Drive appeared before the Council and stated that she was pretty heated up about the nuisance signs but after Council Member Cummings reached out to her, she understand the need to stand behind the Council on this issue. Ms. Beaves stated that, she too, is concerned about the elderly and that something needs to be done to help them.

Beverly Boyd, 2633 Kent Drive stated that she loves the Movie Nights in the Park and the fresh fruit on May Avenue.

Wendy Mounger, 9600 Mahler Place, told the Council that she likes the public nuisance signs and they help to keep property values up. She encouraged the Council to keep up the good work.

Peggy Vogt, 10701 Lakeside Drive, stated that the signs are ugly.

Emerson Mounger, 9600 Mahler Place, told the Council that he runs a lot through the neighborhoods in The Village and that he has not seen a yard with a sign that didn't need one.

Janice Skaggs, 3213 Orlando Road, stated that perhaps residents could be recruited to help with various code enforcement issues.

ITEM V: CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC HEARING TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE 729 ENACTING 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.

The Mayor stated that this is a public hearing to provide an opportunity for public comment on proposed Ordinance 729.

Assistant City Attorney Jeff Sabin briefly reviewed that proposed moratorium and applicable legal requirements.

There were no citizens wishing to comment on the proposed ordinance and the Mayor closed the public hearing.



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ITEM VI: CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE 729 ENACTING 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.

After a brief discussion, Vice-Mayor Wilkinson moved to adopt Ordinance 729 enacting a temporary moratorium on the acceptance of applications for certain building permits, sign permits and rezoning. Council Member Cummings seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Hibbard, Symes, Wilkinson, Bennett and Cummings.

Council Member Hibbard moved to approve the Emergency Clause. Vice-Mayor Wilkinson seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Hibbard, Symes, Wilkinson, Bennett and Cummings.

ITEM VII: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 07-17-2017 (A) AMENDING SECTION 3.80, SECTION 5.34 AND SECTION 5.38 (A) OF THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE PERSONNEL HANDBOOK; PERTAINING TO EMPLOYEE PAY AND COMPENSATION AND HEALTH CARE BENEFITS.

City Manager Bruce Stone explained the proposed changes to the Personnel Handbook. Mr. Stone advised that the changes are as approved by the Council in the FY 2017-18 Budget. Mr. Stone told the Council that additional changes have been made as a result of collective bargaining negotiations with the FOP and the IAFF.

After a brief discussion, Council Member Hibbard moved to approve Resolution 07-17-2017 (A) amending the Personnel Handbook. Vice-Mayor Wilkinson seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Hibbard, Symes, Wilkinson, Bennett and Cummings

ITEM VIII: CONSIDERATION OF JAIL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR FY 2017-18 WITH OKLAHOMA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

City Manager Bruce Stone advised that this is a renewal of the agreement, which expired on June 30, 2017. Mr. Stone told the Council that the only change in the agreement is the daily rate for boarding prisoners, which will increase by eighty cents a day.

After a brief discussion, Council Member Symes moved to approve the Jail Services Agreement for FY 2017-18. Vice-Mayor Wilkinson seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Hibbard, Symes, Wilkinson, Bennett and Cummings.



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ITEM IX: CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE 730 AMENDING CHAPTER 13, SECTION 13-17 OF THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO THE PICKUP AND DROP OFF LOCATION FOR CONFISCATED LICENSE PLATES; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

City Manager Bruce Stone told the Council that this Ordinance is a housekeeping measure needed to enact a change in state law, which allows the police department to be the drop off and pickup location for confiscated plates. Mr. Stone advised that the change is advantageous to both the City and County.

After a brief discussion, Council Member Symes moved to adopt Ordinance 730 amending Chapter 13, Section 13-17 of The Village City Code. Council Member Cummings seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Hibbard, Symes, Wilkinson, Bennett and Cummings.

Vice-Mayor Wilkinson moved to approve the Emergency Clause. Council Member Hibbard seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Hibbard, Symes, Wilkinson, Bennett and Cummings.

ITEM X: CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE SOLICITATION OF COMPETITIVE BIDS FOR STREET REPAIRS.

City Manager Bruce Stone explained the scope of the project and showed the Council pictures of the locations to be repaired. Mr. Stone advised that the project is subject to the requirements of the Public Competitive Bidding Act and that bids are to be opened on August 21.

After a brief discussion, Council Member Hibbard moved to approve the bidding documents and to authorize the solicitation of competitive bids for street repairs. Council Member Cummings seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Hibbard, Symes, Wilkinson, Bennett and Cummings.

ITEM XI: CONSIDERATION OF LICENSING AGREEMENT WITH TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC. FOR COURT RECORD SYSTEM & EQUIPMENT.

City Manager Bruce Stone advised the Council that more information is needed before proceeding with this licensing agreement.

The Mayor tabled action on this item.

ITEM XII: REPORTS:

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



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1. 06/05/2017: General Fund, \$5,258.88.
2. 06/05/2017: Special Park Fund, \$4.68.
3. 06/14/2017: General Fund, \$1625.00.
4. 06/14/2017: Court Bond Fund, \$2,085.00.
5. 06/14/2017: Animal Bond Fund, \$45.00.
6. 06/15/2017: General Fund, \$32,855.65.
7. 06/15/2017: Special Park Fund, \$2,117.64.
8. 06/29/2017: General Fund, \$124,948.17.
9. 06/29/2017: Special Park Fund, \$482.50.
10. 06/29/2017: UBBC Fund, \$172.00.
11. 06/30/2017: General Fund, \$1,859.36.
12. 06/30/2017: General Fund, \$187.38.
13. 06/30/2017: General Fund, \$995.35.
14. 07/05/2017: VPWA, \$446,918.10.

b) Manager's Report:

City Manager Bruce Stone noted the information provided by Ben Oglesby pertaining to General Obligation Bonds.

Mr. Stone showed the Council a picture of the ground breaking ceremony for Village Christian Church in 1962 depicting former Mayor Wayne Schooley with a shovel in hand.

The city manager noted comments from the District Attorney's Office pertaining to the Agreement for Juvenile Jurisdiction. Mr. Stone advised that future agreements would provide for automatic renewal.

Mr. Stone briefed the Council on the Britton Road Project. Mr. Stone advised that the City's request to push the project back to spring 2018 would not be considered by ACOG until October.

The city manager reviewed the OMAG Recognition and Retention Program. Mr. Stone advised that the City could receive a 20% rebate of the City's liability insurance premium on the condition that the Council agrees to annual training, review and annual update of a City Council handbook and annual review of the City's insurance coverage.

Mr. Stone showed the Council pictures of a home that has a front yard planted with wildflowers. Mr. Stone also showed pictures of two homes without paved driveways. Mr. Stone advised that the gravel driveways have been there for decades.



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The city manager showed the Council pictures of nine donation boxes placed at businesses in a two or three block area on May Avenue.

c) **Monthly Department Reports.** *The Council reviewed the Monthly Department Reports.*

d) **Reports from the Council:**

Vice-Mayor Wilkinson stated that he would like to meet on The Village Vision recommendations as soon as possible.

Assistant City Attorney, Jeff Sabin reminded the Council of the next The Village Vision public meeting, which is scheduled for July 22 at 5:00 p.m.

Vice-Mayor Wilkinson stated that he agrees that something needs to be done about the donation boxes in various commercial areas of the city.

Vice-Mayor Wilkinson asked about the sanitation service audit. Mr. Stone advised he would follow up with Waste Connections on the timeline for this.

Council Member Cummings talked about animal adoption and stressed that the City needs to do everything possible to find homes for animals impounded by The Village Animal Control.

Council Member Cummings told the Council that she would like Sun and Ski to be recognized as Business of the Month for allowing peaches and watermelons to be sold from their parking lot.

Council Member Cummings reminded the Council of Yoga in The Village, Tai Chi in The Village and Movie Night in the Park. (Tai Chi and Movie Night, July 22, Yoga in The Village, July 29)

Council Member Hibbard told the Council that his is working on a KaBOOM grant application for playground equipment. Council Member Hibbard stated that the grant application deadline is in August.

Council Member Symes noted a recent article in the paper about sales taxes. Council Member Symes noted that Midwest City lead the metro area with a 9.1% increase in



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sales tax collections. Council Member Symes encouraged members of the Council to think of ways to bring more retail to The Village.

Mayor Bennett started that Little Caesar's on Britton Road is looking good.

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 9:45 p.m.

Mayor Bennett

Vice-Mayor Wilkinson

Council Member Symes

Council Member Cummings

City Clerk

Council Member Hibbard