



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
September 18, 2017

The City Council of the City of The Village, Oklahoma, met in regular session at City Hall on Monday, September 18, 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 August 15, 2017 special meeting, the August 21, 2017 regular meeting, the September 5, 2017 regular meeting or to the Minutes of the September 8, 2017 special meeting. There were no corrections, additions or deletions and the Council approved the Minutes of all four (4) meetings, 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.

Council Member Cummings stated that she asked Sarah Adams Cornell to appear before the Council to give a presentation on Indigenous Peoples Day. Ms. Adams gave a brief history of the movement and the purpose of the day. Ms. Adams told the Council that several other cities in Oklahoma have already adopted the 2nd Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples Day. Ms. Adams stated that the day is needed to recognize and celebrate the Native American community and to teach history right.

Council Members Symes and Hibbard asked if the proposed day would replace Columbus Day and, if so, why?



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Ms. Cornell told the Council that the day would replace Columbus Day and that the reason is “Columbus did not bring us together”.

Other members of the group Live Indigenous OK spoke in favor of Indigenous Peoples Day including Jacintha Webster and Bella Cornell.

Several residents of The Village spoke in favor of Indigenous Peoples Day including Juliette Hulen, Sarah Wesley and Tracey (last name unknown).

Resident Beverly Boyd stated that she is Native American but is not in favor of the change. Ms. Boyd stated that people coming from outside The Village to promote this is not right.

Mayor Bennett stated that removing Columbus Day is not inclusive and would rather recognize Indigenous Peoples Day on a different day. Council Member Symes and Hibbard both agreed.

Council Member Cummings stated that it would be the right thing to do and urged the Council to bring the issue to a vote.

Vice-Mayor Wilkinson stated that he had given a lot of thought to this and agreed with Council Member Cummings. Vice-Mayor Wilkinson stated that replacing Columbus Day does not change history.

Mayor Bennett thanked Live Indigenous OK and other citizens for coming to the meeting to express their opinions.

ITEM V: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 09-18-2017 (A) ACCEPTING THE VILLAGE VISION STRATEGIC PLAN REPORT.

Assistant City Attorney Jeff Sabin advised the Council that the final draft of The Village Vision Strategic Plan has been cleaned up and is ready for acceptance by the Council.

Vice-Mayor Wilkinson thanked Council Member Symes for co-chairing the steering committee. The Vice-Mayor also thanked Leslie Batchelor and her team for the work put into the final product.

After a brief discussion, Vice-Mayor Wilkinson moved to approve Resolution 09-18-2017 (A) accepting The Village Vision Final Report. Council Member Cummings seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Hibbard, Symes, Wilkinson, Bennett and Cummings. Nay – None.



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ITEM VI **DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE ADOPTING A NEW CHAPTER 20 OF THE VILLAGE CITY CODE PROVIDING NEW SIGN REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS.**

The Council discussed at length various provisions in the proposed sign regulations.

The Council took no action.

ITEM VII: **DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE ADOPTING A NEW CHAPTER 26 OF THE VILLAGE CITY CODE PROVIDING NEW LANDSCAPING REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS.**

The Council discussed at length various provisions in the proposed landscaping regulations.

The Council took no action.

ITEM VIII: **CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH A-TECH PAVING FOR STREET REPAIRS.**

City Manager Bruce Stone told the Council that A-Tech Paving was the low bidder for the street repair project. Mr. Stone advised that the bid was under budget.

After a brief discussion, Vice-Mayor Wilkinson moved to approve the contract with A-Tech Paving for street repairs. Council Member Cummings seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Hibbard, Symes, Wilkinson, Bennett and Cummings. Nay – None.

ITEM IX: **REPORTS:**

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

<i>General Fund, 08/07/2017:</i>	<i>\$15,571.95</i>
<i>Special Park Fund, 08/07/2017:</i>	<i>\$39.05</i>
<i>General Fund, 09/12/2017:</i>	<i>\$3,017.65</i>
<i>General Fund, 09/13/2017:</i>	<i>\$69,607.53</i>
<i>Municipal Court Bond Fund, 09/13/2017</i>	<i>\$300.00</i>
<i>Animal Bond Fund, 09/13/2017:</i>	<i>\$130.00</i>

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

City Manager Bruce Stone reported that the monthly Sales Tax check was for \$422,879.15, which is a decrease of \$32,060 or 7.05% over the same period last year.



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Mr. Stone further reported that Use Taxes were up over the same period last year by \$24,027.

Mr. Stone reported that Al Dilis, longtime Traffic & Safety Commissioner and retired Police Lieutenant David Holmes passed away recently.

The city manager advised that he and the city attorney have requested proposals from Municipal Finance Services, Inc. (Ben Oglesby's firm) to serve as Financial Advisor and from the Public Finance Law Group to serve as bond counsel in connection with a possible G.O. bond. Mr. Stone advised that he hoped to have those for consideration by City Council at the October 2nd meeting and would have both firms present to answer any questions. .

Mr. Stone noted the proposal for Huitt-Zollars to perform additional engineering work on Britton Road in the amount of \$68,750. Mr. Stone noted the scope of work requested by the City is itemized in the proposal. The Council discussed potential problems with a multipurpose path on Britton Road (pedestrian/bicycle) including trees, utilities and other obstructions in the right-of-way.

The city manager gave the Council a report on discussions with Oklahoma City pertaining to the annexation of unincorporated parts of Britton Road.

Mr. Stone advised that DEQ has asked the City to remove the large brush pile at public works. Mr. Stone told the Council that the low bid to haul the brush was \$5,850.

*c) **Monthly Department Reports:** The Council reviewed the monthly department reports.*

*d) **Reports from the Council:***

Council Member Symes showed the Council pictures of the channel on Village Drive and pictures of obstructions on the right of way of Britton Road.

Council Member Hibbard told the Council that he would not be able to attend the meeting on October 2nd.

Council Member Cummings thanked the Council for allowing Sarah Adams Cornell to come and talk to them about Indigenous Peoples Day.

Council Member Cummings reminded the Council of the Dog Walk and Yoga in Duffner Park on Saturday, September 23rd.



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ITEM X: **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no New Business to come before the Council.

ITEM XI: **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 11:00 p.m.

Mayor Bennett

Vice-Mayor Wilkinson

Council Member Symes

Council Member Cummings

City Clerk

Council Member Hibbard