



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
October 16, 2017

The City Council of the City of The Village, Oklahoma, met in regular session at City Hall on Monday, October 16, 2017, at 7:30 p.m., at 2304 Manchester Drive.

COUNCIL PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Bruce K. Stone, City Manager
Bonnie Updegraff, Purchasing Agent
Jeff Sabin, Assistant City Attorney

ABSENT

Hutch Hibbard, 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.

Council Member Cummings 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 meetings held on October 2, 2017, October 9, 2017 and October 13, 2017. Vice-Mayor Wilkinson stated that in Agenda Item III of the minutes of the meeting held on October 2, 2017, the duplicated words "the Minutes of" should be stricken. There were no further corrections, additions or deletions and the Council approved the Minutes the meetings, as corrected.

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.

Pat Lewis, Oklahoma Gas & Electric Company Community Affairs Representative, appeared before the Council to give the Council an update on OG&E energy credits, the Smart Hours program and the availability of LED street lighting,



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Jane Lowther appeared before the Council and stated that the basketball goal in Meeker Park needs repair. Ms. Lowther also mentioned that Casady Manor would have Trick or Treating in Meeker Park on Halloween.

Bev Boyd stated that she is helping to recruit volunteers for the Fall Festival and encouraged members of the Council to volunteer.

ITEM V: CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE 731 COMPLETELY AMENDING AND RESTATING CHAPTER 20 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE; PERTAINING TO SIGN REGULATIONS; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

After a lengthy discussion, Vice-Mayor Wilkinson moved to adopt Ordinance 731 with the following amendments to Exhibit A of the ordinance:

- 1) In Section 20-21, Paragraph (a):
 - 30 MPH street speeds can have a ten (10') foot high sign,
 - 35 MPH street speeds can have a fifteen (15') foot high sign. and
 - 40 MPH street speeds can have a twenty (20') foot high sign.

- 2) In Section 20-21, Paragraph (d):
 - 25% shall be changed to 100%.

Council Member Cummings seconded the motion. The vote: The vote: Yea – Symes, Wilkinson, Bennett and Cummings. Nay – none.

ITEM VI: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 10-16-2017 (A) REQUESTING THAT OMAG RETURN UNUSED LOSS FUNDS FOR THE FY 2014-15 WORKERS' COMPENSATION PLAN YEAR.

City Manager Bruce Stone advised the Council that the City is eligible for a refund of \$85,246.80 for unused Worker's Compensation loss funds for the plan year FY 2014-15. Mr. Stone advised that OMAG requires the refund to be approved by the Council.

After a brief discussion, Council Member Cummings moved to approve Resolution 10-16-2017 (A) requesting that OMAG return unused Worker's Compensation loss funds. Vice-Mayor Wilkinson seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Symes, Wilkinson, Bennett and Cummings. Nay – none.



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ITEM VII: REPORTS:

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

<i>General Fund, 10/09/2017:</i>	<i>\$18,320.52</i>
<i>Municipal Court Bond Fund, 10/09/2017:</i>	<i>\$954.00</i>
<i>Penalty Assessment Fund, 10/09/2017:</i>	<i>\$3,534.00</i>
<i>Special Park Fund, 10/09/2017:</i>	<i>\$190.95</i>
<i>Village Public Works Authority, 10/09/2017:</i>	<i>\$5,000.00</i>

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

City Manager Bruce Stone reported that the monthly sales tax check was for \$408,029.87, which is a decrease of \$25,667 or 5.92% over the same period last year. Mr. Stone told the Council that Use Tax was up \$97,946 over the same period last year.

Mr. Stone noted a letter from SWANA (Solid Waste Association of North America) regarding a shift in Chinese policy pertaining to the purchase of recyclable materials. Mr. Stone told the Council that China has announced stricter import standards for recyclable materials. Mr. Stone stated that a decrease in world demand for recyclable commodities could push recycling costs up and make it necessary to landfill recyclables that cannot be sold to industry.

The city manager reported that the ACOG ITTC Committee voted to approve City of The Village's request for additional federal funds for the reconstruction of Britton Road. Mr. Stone advised that the request is scheduled to be considered by the ACOG Board of Directors at their October board meeting.

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

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

Council Member Symes thanked the city manager for helping answer a question about a police matter on Casady Lane.

Council Member Symes asked if AT&T is required to obtain a permit to do fiber optic installation. Mr. Stone advised that AT&T pays the city an annual inspection fee of 2% of gross revenues, which covers permits and inspections and allows the company to use the city's rights of way.



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Vice-Mayor Wilkinson asked members of the Council to drive through Nichols Hills and see what they have done to their bridges. The vice-mayor stated that this might be a relatively inexpensive way to improve Village Drive.

Council Member Cummings stated that she had been contacted by a visually impaired resident who needs a pedestrian crossing at Dublin and Penn. The city manager advised that the signalization improvements have been ordered. (Note: Parts are shipping from Houston and could be delayed because of the Hurricane Harvey and severe flooding)

Mayor Bennett asked if anything could be done about trash blowing from an Oklahoma City residence into The Village. Mr. Stone advised that he would notify Oklahoma City Code Enforcement about the problem.

The Mayor stated that an effort should be made to promote shopping in The Village this holiday shopping season.

Mayor Bennett thanked city staff for providing the facilities for a meeting of local officials that he hosted recently. The Mayor stated that all the officials were impressed with our facilities.

The mayor told the Council that a constituent asked him if the city requires a permit for an alarm system. The city manager advised that registration of the system is required but that there is no charge.

The mayor stated that plans are being made for another Veteran's Day program in The Village.

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 9:15 p.m.

Mayor Bennett

Vice-Mayor Wilkinson

Council Member Symes

Council Member Cummings

City Clerk

Council Member Hibbard