



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
December 4, 2017

The City Council of the City of The Village, Oklahoma, met in regular session at City Hall on Monday, December 4, 2017, at 7:30 p.m., at 2304 Manchester Drive.

**COUNCIL PRESENT**

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

**STAFF PRESENT**

Bruce K. Stone, City Manager  
Beverly K. Whitener, City Treasurer  
Lisa Harden, Assistant City Attorney

**ABSENT:**

Hutch Hibbard, Council Member  
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 meeting held on November 20, 2017. Assistant City Attorney Lisa Harden noted that the following corrections should be made:

1. Item VII, Subsection (d), Paragraph 2 should be revised by adding the word "about" between the words "asked plans".
2. Item VII, Subsection (d), Paragraph 5 should be revised by deleting the comma at the end of the sentence and adding a period in its place.

There were no further corrections, additions or deletions and the Council approved the Minutes of the meeting, 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.



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Natalie Stansbury representing Casady Nails appeared before the Council to ask that the zoning restrictions for massage therapists be revised. Ms. Stansbury provided information and statistics about the profession and the need for these types of services. Ms. Stansbury told the Council that she would like to offer this service at her business, which has served customers in The Village for many years. After a brief discussion, the Council agreed to consider changes to zoning regulations, which currently restrict massage therapists from operating in The Village unless under the supervision of a licensed physician. The Council asked legal counsel to draft an ordinance for consideration by the Planning & Zoning Commission and Council.

**ITEM V: CONSIDERATION OF APPEAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER TO REMOVE ILLEGAL FENCE AT 1415 CASADY LANE.**

Dean Wadley, the owner of 1415 Casady Lane, appeared before the Council as the appellant to an Administrative Order issued by Code Enforcement to remove an illegal fence on his rental property. Mr. Wadley showed pictures of the fence and the adjacent property and told the Council that the fence is needed to screen the unsightly property next door. Mr. Wadley showed the Council pictures of the property, which showed a large boat, junk and other items in the yard.

The city manager advised that the fence extends past the front building line and is in violation of current zoning regulations.

Vice-Mayor Wilkinson asked why the boat can't be removed. Mr. Stone advised that he is aware that the Code Department has been working on these violations but that the resident had problems with the FBI resulting in a delay in the cleanup. Mr. Stone advised that Code Enforcement would continue to work on this until all the violations are removed.

After a brief discussion, Vice-Mayor Wilkinson moved to deny the appeal. Council Member Cummings seconded the motion. The vote: Yea – Wilkinson, Bennett and Cummings. Nay – none.

**ITEM VI: REPORTS:**

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

<i>General Fund, 09/05/2017:</i>	<i>\$14,657.43</i>
<i>Special Park Fund, 09/05/2017:</i>	<i>\$44.07</i>
<i>General Fund, 11/17/2017:</i>	<i>\$114,637.42</i>
<i>Capital Improvement Fund, 11/17/2017:</i>	<i>\$59,738.00</i>
<i>Uniform Building Code Commission, 11/17/2017:</i>	<i>\$244.00</i>



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

City Manager Bruce Stone reported that A-tech paving repaired their equipment and was able to complete the resurfacing project with the exception of Carlton Way which has been delayed by an OKC water leak. .

The city manager noted the favorable ISO report which shows the fire protection rating for The Village improving from 4 to 3. Mr. Stone advised that this could result in lower property insurance rates in The Village.

Mr. Stone reported on correspondence from Alpha towing. Mr. Stone advised that the owner of this towing business did not want to comply with parking restrictions for commercial vehicles at his residence in The Village. Mr. Stone advised that it appears that the situation has been resolved and that the parking violations have ceased.

The city manager reported that Bond Counsel has prepared an Evidence of Indebtedness Form as required by the new state law pertaining to bond issue transparency. Mr. Stone advised that this information was posted on the City webpage on November 29.

Mr. Stone advised of the invitation from Casady Manor Neighborhood Association to participate in a pot luck dinner on December 11 at City Hall.

The city manager reported that Casady School would like the Council to consider an agreement to cost share on a campus officer. The Council suggested that a representative of the school come to a Council meeting to discuss this further.

Mr. Stone reported that Marathon Construction has made application to rezone a residential lot on Hefner (immediately west of the Chabad) to build an office suite similar to the ones that the company built on May.

***Reports from the Council:***

Vice-Mayor Wilkinson thanked Code Enforcement for getting the balloon removed from the new Metro PCS on Britton Road.

Vice-Mayor Wilkinson asked about annual Christmas Decorations awards. After a brief discussion, Council Members agreed to choose the best decorated homes in their respective wards to be recognized on social media.



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Vice-Mayor Wilkinson asked about the proposed Town Hall Meeting to provide information to the public about the upcoming General Obligation Bond Election. The city manager advised that this would be on the Monday, December 18 agenda.

Council Member Cummings asked about sales taxes on online shopping. The city manager explained when sales taxes are applicable for online shopping and some of the problems with ensuring the sales tax rightfully due to the City are received. The Council suggested that this information be disseminated to the public.

Council Member Cummings reported on feedback from citizens including suggestions that the City build an outdoor skating rink and that Bruce Mulford donate the church land he purchased recently on Center Street.

Mayor Bennett told the Council about an encounter with Officer Botkin while he was parked near Walgreens. The Mayor stated that the officer was very professional and offered assistance.

Mayor Bennett reported on a fundraising event he attended for the Bella Foundation. The Council all agreed that the Bella Foundation is a valuable asset to the community and that the organization provides very important services for pets and pet owners.

**ITEM VIII: NEW BUSINESS**

There was no New Business to come before the Council.

**ITEM IX: ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:50 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