

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PONCA CITY, OKLAHOMA
JULY 18, 2011

Pursuant to notice as required by law, the Ponca City Board of Commissioners met in work session at 2:00 p.m. in the Commission Chamber at City Hall, 516 E. Grand Avenue, with Mayor Homer Nicholson presiding:

Present: Homer Nicholson, Mayor
Paul Krueger, Commissioner
Diane Anderson, Commissioner
Craig Stephenson, City Manager
Kevin Murphy, City Attorney
Marc LaBossiere, Finance Director/City Clerk

Absent: Bill Flegler, Commissioner
Lanita Chapman, Commissioner

Others Present: Jim Sindelar, Chris Henderson, Craige Baird, Tana McKinley, City staff; Beverly Bryant, Ponca City News.

1. Mayor Nicholson called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

2. DISCUSS PROPERTY LOCATED AT 120 N 3RD STREET, PONCA CITY.

Development Services Director Chris Henderson informed commissioners that staff has had communications with Brian Hermanson of the Ponca Playhouse, but that a miscommunication from the City side prevented him from being in attendance. Henderson noted that Hermanson will attend a future work session on the item.

3. DISCUSS CONSTRUCTION OF LAKE PONCA RAMP ACCESS RESTROOM.

Park & Recreation Director Jim Sindelar began by describing the project, its location and make-up. City Manager Craig Stephenson noted that the project had \$200,000 budgeted from tourism taxes and \$68,000 from CDBG funds, but that an additional \$85,000 in funding appears necessary. Stephenson recommended utilizing additional tourism tax fund balance, and commissioners concurred. Discussion ensued about like facilities at Kaw Lake and other access issues. Sindelar qualified that the restrooms are not projected to be completed until April 2012.

4. UPDATE ON PONCA CITY'S WI-FI SYSTEM.

City Manager Craig Stephenson gave an update of latest activity on the system, including 8,978 unique clients, approximately 2,000 of which have pepwave radios. Technology Services Director Craige Baird reviewed further statistics on bandwidth use, and use per radio. Baird noted 45 radios were over saturated with users, and discussed a proposal from Tropos to sell at a discount a fleet of new radios with greater strength. Discussion ensued.

Baird then defined options for improving the system as adding more radios, replacing gateways, restricting the amount of bandwidth a user can take, and fiber to the home.

Commissioner Krueger expressed a desire to increase access in overloaded neighborhoods and to students. Discussion on costs and strategies to restrict on line gamers ensued.

5. COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS.

Mayor Nicholson expressed gratitude to staff for their input during the meeting. Commissioner Anderson questioned whether a solution for the senior center had been reached, or another City facility such as the Library as a retreat from the heat. Commissioner Krueger encouraged all to check on neighbors in this period of extreme heat.

6. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS.

City Manager Craig Stephenson informed commissioners that the splash pad project in War Memorial Park is projected to be completed by August 9, 2011. Stephenson then welcomed participants in the moto-cross event to Ponca City and noted move in was set for the coming weekend, with races on July 26-30, 2011. Stephenson concluded with news of Channel 5 broadcasting from Wentz Pool on Wednesday July 27th, and that a day of free swim would also occur on the day.

7. ADJOURN

Motion by Commissioner Krueger at 3:36 p.m. to adjourn, was seconded by Commissioner Anderson.

Roll: Yeas; Krueger, Anderson and Nicholson. Nays; none. Motion carried.

Mayor Nicholson adjourned the meeting at 3:36 p.m.

PASSED IN SESSION AND APPROVED THIS 8TH DAY OF AUGUST 2011.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK