

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PONCA CITY, OKLAHOMA
AUGUST 15, 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
Lanita Chapman, Commissioner
Craig Stephenson, City Manager
Kevin Murphy, City Attorney
Marc LaBossiere, Finance Director/City Clerk

Absent: Bill Flegler, Commissioner
Diane Anderson, Commissioner

Others Present: David Keathly, Gary Cohenour, Dwaine Vincent, Jim Sindelar,
Tana McKinley, City staff; Beverly Bryant, Ponca City News.

1. Mayor Nicholson called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.
2. DISCUSS THE ADOPTION OF THE 2009 INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE AND ITS SPECIFIC PROVISIONS, INCLUDING THE REQUIREMENT FOR RESIDENTIAL SPRINKLER SYSTEMS.

Development Services Director Chris Henderson began by noting that a new version of the code is released every three years. Henderson stated that the City has adopted all of the 2009 versions of codes except for this one. Henderson then outlined activity at the State, and their eventual adoption of the code with exceptions, so the City must adopt the exceptions as well.

The biggest controversial point was requiring fire suppression sprinkling systems in new residential construction, and the code was ultimately adopted by the State with this as an exception, and not required. Henderson informed all that the Construction Board of Appeals met and voted unanimously to recommend approval of the code and not require fire suppression sprinkling systems in new residential construction as well. Discussion ensued.

3. UPDATE ON EXHIBIT ENHANCEMENTS AND BUILDING RENOVATIONS AT THE MARLAND ESTATE ARTIST STUDIO.

Marland Estate Manager David Keathly gave an update to commissioners on a donor funded renovation project of the Artist Studio. An architect has been hired from OU, and plans put together. Keathly distributed drawings and described upcoming improvements to be made, with projected expenses at \$105,000. Discussion ensued.

4. COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS.

Mayor Nicholson welcomed Interim Police Chief Dwaine Vincent, and complimented the department for successful handling of a barricaded shooter in the previous week.

5. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS.

City Manager Craig Stephenson began by outlining the storm event that occurred one week earlier, which led to a city-wide power outage. Stephenson then listed upcoming events such as the 6th Annual Successful Aging Expo and Ponca Politics. Stephenson announced that the recently completed War Memorial Park splash pad would open to the public that evening.

Next, Stephenson informed commissioners that three City staff members were accepted into the Leadership 2012 class, including Tom Duroy, Bev Frazier, and Dana Bright. Stephenson gave an update from Burlington Northern Railroad on current intersection improvements. Commissioner Krueger suggested that staff get with the Ponca City News to do an article on the various City departments and efforts made to keep the City and utilities operating during the recent storm and outage. Discussion ensued.

6. ADJOURN

Motion by Commissioner Krueger at 2:43 p.m. to adjourn, was seconded by Commissioner Chapman.

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

Mayor Nicholson adjourned the meeting at 2:43 p.m.

PASSED IN SESSION AND APPROVED THIS 12TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2011.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK