

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PONCA CITY, OKLAHOMA
SEPTEMBER 6, 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: Lanita Chapman, Commissioner
Bill Flegler, Commissioner

Others Present: Mike Lane, Jim Sindelar, Chris Henderson, Rhonda Skrapke, David Keathly, Dwaine Vincent, City staff; Jose Cervantes, Karen Brown, Ponca Playhouse; Beverly Bryant, Ponca City News.

1. Mayor Nicholson called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.
2. RECEIVE A STATUS REPORT FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF PONCA PLAYHOUSE, INC. ON PLANNED REPAIRS TO THE FAÇADE OF THE FORMER "TEAM RADIO" BUILDING LOCATED AT 120 NORTH 3RD STREET.

Jose Cervantes of the Ponca Playhouse began, informing commissioners that he has been looking for a contractor to re-build the façade of the building. Cervantes noted he thought they had a local contractor lined up for the work, but that he has become too busy to do it. Cervantes stated that recently he has been dealing with a contractor in Oklahoma City that is putting a proposal together.

Discussion ensued regarding façade grants, deadlines, funding for repairs, and a path forward. Mayor Nicholson requested that the Ponca Playhouse have a defined path forward by October 3, 2011 and that the item be continued on the work session agenda at that time.

3. DISCUSS LANDSCAPE, LIGHTING AND IRRIGATION ENHANCEMENTS TO THE EAST SIDE OF THE MARLAND ESTATE ARTIST STUDIO & OIL MUSEUM, AROUND LYDIE MARLAND'S AND GEORGE MARLAND'S STATUES, AND SURROUNDING THE NEW WATER FEATURE NEAR THE MAIN GATE.

David Keathly, Manager of the Marland Estate, began by giving history of grounds committees of the Marland Estate Foundation and Commission, and their long term visions. Keathly reviewed donor funding and proposed landscaping, irrigation and lighting projects. Keathly then displayed drawings of a proposed pond near the old gated entrance. Discussion ensued on the pond size, cost, and timeline.

4. DISCUSS RESTORING THE ORIGINAL POND AND INCORPORATION OF BRONZE SCULPTURE LOCATED NEAR THE FRONT ENTRANCE OF THE MARLAND ESTATE.

David Keathly, Manager of the Marland Estate, noted the discussion has been combined with the previous item.

5. DISCUSS OVERNIGHT FLASHING OF CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT TRAFFIC SIGNALS.

City Manager Craig Stephenson reminded commissioners that over the years many discussions have occurred on removal or change of lighting downtown to help better move traffic. Traffic Engineering Manager Mike Lane displayed drawings of proposed flashing yellow and red lights at strategic spots downtown, in off peak hours. Discussion followed regarding Ponca Theatre events and timing of when flasher should best be used. Lane noted a recommendation will go to the Traffic Commission for consideration before coming back to the Commission with a recommendation.

6. COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS.

None.

7. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS.

City Manager Craig Stephenson informed all that Dog Daze of Summer would occur that evening at AMBUC Pool, at a cost of \$5 per dog. Stephenson then reviewed damages to the Cookson pump station from the April storm event. Next Stephenson reviewed dates of Fire Department hydrant flow testing. OMPA's annual all employee training will be held on September 20 & 22nd, with Dr. Lee Manzer presenting customer service training. Stephenson then described a new Park Department program called Walk & Wag, a 2K walk at Lake Ponca. In conclusion, Stephenson noted that many staff and Commission members would be out of office during the following week for the Oklahoma Municipal League Conference in Tulsa.

8. ADJOURN

Motion by Commissioner Anderson at 3:04 p.m. to adjourn, was seconded by Commissioner Krueger.

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

Mayor Nicholson adjourned the meeting at 3:04 p.m.

PASSED IN SESSION AND APPROVED THIS 26TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2011.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

