

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PONCA CITY, OKLAHOMA
OCTOBER 3, 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
Diane Anderson, Commissioner
Craig Stephenson, City Manager
Kevin Murphy, City Attorney
Marc LaBossiere, Finance Director/City Clerk

Absent: Bill Flegler, Commissioner

Others Present: Tana McKinley, Mike Chapman, Chris Henderson, Rob Dick, Dana Bright, Dwaine Vincent, Jim Fairbanks, City staff; Jose Cervantes, Ponca Playhouse; Beverly Bryant, Ponca City News.

1. Mayor Nicholson called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.
2. RECEIVE AN UPDATED STATUS REPORT FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF PONCA PLAYHOUSE, INC. ON PLANNED REPAIRS TO THE FAÇADE OF THE FORMER "TEAM RADIO" BUILDING AT 120 NORTH 3RD STREET.

Jose Cervantes, a member of the Ponca Playhouse, began by updating commissioners that they had received a bid for the façade reconstruction in brick and that it is too expensive. He indicated that they are looking close at stucco as an option unless another bid solicitation comes in cheaper or a potential buyer comes to fruition. Discussion ensued.

3. RECEIVE A STAFF REPORT REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PONCA CITY STORMWATER MASTER PLAN ADOPTED IN SEPTEMBER OF 2009.

City Engineer Jim Fairbanks gave an update on the Stormwater Master Plan, including a handout that reviewed several aspects of the plan. Fairbanks reviewed systematic improvements made to the stormwater plan over the past decade. City Manager Craig Stephenson emphasized that staff has taken the City's stormwater program from a poor state to an excellent state over the past nine years.

Fairbanks then outlined problem areas in the community and projects undertaken to correct each. Discussion followed on challenge areas.

4. COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS.

Commissioner Chapman questioned the status of the last consent order by the State on Water/Wastewater. City Manager Craig Stephenson stated that all projects had been completed and that a letter has been sent requesting the order be lifted.

5. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS.

City Manager Craig Stephenson informed commissioners that Evans & Associates had begun work on Grand Avenue and that milling would occur that evening from approximately 6 – 8 p.m., from First Street to Seventh Street. Stephenson clarified that the downtown area is anticipated to be completed in two weeks.

Stephenson continued, noting that fire hydrant testing was continuing throughout the City. Stephenson next reminded all that Oktoberfest would be held the following weekend, at the Marland Estate. Stephenson also noted that the week was “Public Power Week” and that a customer appreciation event would be held in City Hall by the Utility Billing Office on Wednesday, October 5, 2011. Stephenson concluded by informing the Commission that the City had closed on buying a flood prone property on W. Emporia, and that the police and fire departments were set to use it for some training exercises before it is torn down.

6. ADJOURN

Motion by Commissioner Chapman at 2:58 p.m. to adjourn, was seconded by Commissioner Anderson.

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

Mayor Nicholson adjourned the meeting at 2:58 p.m.

PASSED IN SESSION AND APPROVED THIS 10TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2011.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK