

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PONCA CITY, OKLAHOMA
FEBRUARY 20, 2012

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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
Paulette Cross, Deputy City Clerk

Absent: Lanita Chapman, Commissioner
Bill Flegler, Commissioner
Marc LaBossiere, Finance Director/City Clerk

Others Present: Jim Sindelar, Steve Miner, Chris Henderson, Hong Fu, Rhonda Skrapke, City Employees; Ron Folks, Department of Wildlife, Rick Meyers, Pete Stynes, Darrel Hail and Jeff Meyers, Citizens; Beverly Bryant, Ponca City News

1. Mayor Nicholson called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.
2. DISCUSS PUBLIC CONCERNS REGARDING LOCAL DEER POPULATION IN CITY LIMITS.

City Manager Craig Stephenson iterated that at a recent meeting concerns about the local deer population were voiced. Stephenson stated that due to these concerns this item has been added to the work session agenda for discussion.

Ron Folks, Biologist for the Oklahoma Wildlife Department, Jim Sindelar, Park & Recreation Director, Steve Miner, Animal Control Supervisor, Kevin Murphy, City Attorney, and Mike Lane, Traffic Engineering, have all addressed this issue. Folks stated that from the standpoint of the Oklahoma Department for Wildlife their concerns are in feeding the deer and the adverse affect it can have on the deer. Jim Sindelar stated that the issue of the deer population and the related problems of ticks associated with the deer have been addressed many times before the Park Board, as this has been a problem on an ongoing basis. Information received from Mike Lane has logged how many traffic collisions involving deer, from 2004 to 2012. Folks stated that any warm-blooded animal could transmit and be a carrier of rocky mountain spotted fever. Commissioner Anderson questioned about the number of cases of Lyme disease that has been reported in Ponca City. Commissioner Krueger asked the question of what is our deer population, and is it not a waste of time since we are the ones encroaching on their habitat, and now want them eliminated out of city limits. Krueger further added that all animals have problems such as ticks or rabies, and we are not the only community that struggles with this problem. Anderson questioned about the Quality Deer Management Association in trying to control the deer population. Mayor Nicholson stated that the public doesn't understand that we should not feed and make pets of the deer, but when the public comes to the Commission and asks for help, it is our job to investigate.

City Manager Stephenson advised that City Attorney Kevin Murphy has written an Ordinance, which addresses some of the issues of citizens. The Ordinance takes a mild approach of keeping feeders where the deer cannot get access to them. Stephenson stated that the Ordinance is here and the City is willing to try something to help concerns of the Citizens.

To summarize today's work session is to gain information from the experts and start a process to educate the public. There is much more information to be learned; for example feeding the

deer compounds the problem, and what people are feeding the deer is not good for the deer. Rick Meyers, Ponca City Insurance Agent, stated that it is a continuous strain of tracking of claims on insurance, and from a financial standpoint and financial impact. It was recommended that this issue be taken back to the Park & Recreation Board.

3. RECEIVE PRESENTATION AND DISCUSS RAW WATER SUPPLY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PONCA CITY AND PHILLIPS 66 REFINERY.

Phillips 66 representatives Pete Stynes and Darrell Hail came before the Commission about a potential raw water agreement between Phillips 66 Refinery and the City of Ponca City. The purpose of the agreement would be for the City to provide secure backup water supply to the Refinery. It was noted that the execution of such an agreement would involve construction of new infrastructure dedicated to serve the Refinery, and the future maintenance and operation of this newly constructed infrastructure would be the responsibility of the City, even if the Refinery paid for engineering services, bidding, permitting, materials, construction, etc. Discussion ensued with questions from the Commissioners and Mayor Nicholson stated that he would like the City to be a team player with Conoco. Nicholson concluded stating that the next step would be to get an agreement together and proceed from there.

4. COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS.

None.

5. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS.

Ponca Politics, with Senator Fields and Representative Vaughan will be held in the Commission Chamber at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, February 24, 2012. Please make plans to attend.

The community is invited to attend a reception on Monday, February 2, 2012 at 5:00 pm in the Commission Chamber of City Hall honoring our outgoing City Commissioners Paul Krueger and Bill Flegler and incoming City Commissioners Mark Macy and Steve Hermann.

Mark Macy and Steve Hermann will be sworn in as new City Commissioners during the City Commission meeting, which will begin at 5:30 pm in the City Commission Chamber. Judge Bill Kirkpatrick will administer the oath of office. Mark Macy and Steve Hermann will take office on Thursday, March 1, 2012.

An item, to elect a Vice-Mayor, will be placed on the March 12, 2012 City Commission agenda.

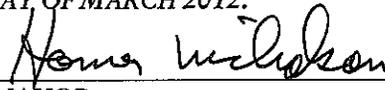
6. ADJOURN.

Mayor Nicholson adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.



CITY CLERK

PASSED IN SESSION AND APPROVED THIS 12TH DAY OF MARCH 2012.


MAYOR