

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PONCA CITY, OKLAHOMA
JULY 2, 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
Steve Hermann, Commissioner
Lanita Chapman, Commissioner
Diane Anderson, Commissioner
Craig Stephenson, City Manager
Kevin Murphy, City Attorney
Marc LaBossiere, Finance Director/City Clerk

Absent: R. Mark Macy, Commissioner

Others Present: Chris Henderson, Don Bohon, Terri Sherbon, Tana McKinley, Dwaine Vincent, Jim Fairbanks, Mike Chapman, City staff; Beverly Bryant, Ponca City News.

1. Mayor Nicholson called the meeting to order at 2:09 p.m.
2. RECEIVE THE PONCA CITY AQUATIC AND FAMILY CENTER-YMCA SEMI-ANNUAL UPDATE.

Shane Harland, executive director of the Ponca City Family & Aquatics Center – YMCA, began. Harland informed commissioners that membership peaked in March at 11,000, and that today it is 10,570 individuals, or 4,379 units. This marks a 68% retention rate. Of these, Harland explained that 2,090, or 20%, receive some sort of financial assistance, totaling \$98,973 in scholarships year-to-date. Harland noted that last year's final scholarship amount was \$180,000.

Stephanie Williams, Senior Director of Programs, reviewed rental numbers for birthday parties, after prom parties, and other events. Harland then elaborated on a program in 2012 that focused on swim lessons for second grade school children, with Lincoln Elementary School targeted this year. The program gave 80 kids free swim lessons for 6 weeks, with 100% attendance during school day, in lieu of recreation time.

Williams continued, discussing personal trainers on staff, and clients. Williams then reviewed other family events that occurred during the year. Harland noted that the facility is in the first year of baseball, with Ponca City Junior Baseball using fields this past Spring, and a softball league starting soon. Harland stated that the facility would host a men's State tournament this weekend, and a State co-ed tournament on the following weekend.

Williams reviewed senior and summer camp numbers. Harland discussed membership by zip code, including 35% of members who reside in surrounding communities. Harland informed commissioners that over \$33,000 was deposited into a capital reserve account from the prior year, as required in the operating agreement. Williams qualified that staffing levels include 120 part-time employees, with an additional 30 during summer for the kids camp. Discussion ensued.

3. DISCUSS THE OUTCOME OF THE ARKANSAS RIVER PHYSICAL MAP REVISION PROJECT UNDERTAKE BY THE CITY OF PONCA CITY AND RECENTLY PRESENTED TO STAFF BY REPRESENTATIVE OF FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) AND OKLAHOMA WATER RESOURCES BOARD (OWRB).

City Manager Craig Stephenson noted that staff has been working on this project for the past decade, and that it will be very beneficial to the community. Development Services Director Chris Henderson explained that a stormwater master plan was initiated in 2004, the crux of which was very detailed flood maps. At that time the Federal government was also mapping Oklahoma, county by county. When Ponca City completed flood plain maps in 2007, the remainder of the county was done with airline photos. Henderson gave additional history on mapping history.

With changes to the Old River Bridge, Henderson stated that a focus was given to re-mapping that will lead to many properties coming out of the flood plain, especially on Lake Road. Henderson also noted that staff will be able to make corrections on mistakes in the 2009 maps. Henderson projected official adoption in September of next year, after which Ponca City will just need to add the maps to our ordinance. Henderson summarized benefits of the project as increasing property values, eliminating the need for some to buy flood insurance, and reduce development costs. Discussion ensued.

4. COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS.

Commissioner Hermann complimented the YMCA for great service to the community.

5. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS.

City Manager Craig Stephenson reminded commissioners that the 4th of July is a City holiday, with offices closed. Stephenson then noted a free public swim would be offered during Full Moon Over Wentz on July 11th. Stephenson announced that Peak Alerts from Ponca City Energy had started during the week to encourage responsible use of electricity and manage peaking of use. Stephenson concluded, informing all that the Lake Ponca Bridge replacement project has been delayed, and is now scheduled to award in the September/October time frame.

6. ADJOURN.

Motion was made by Commissioner Chapman to adjourn the Work Session of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Anderson seconded.

Roll: Yeas; Chapman, Anderson, Hermann, and Nicholson. Nays; None. Motion carried

Mayor Nicholson adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

PASSED IN SESSION AND APPROVED THIS 23RD DAY OF JULY 2012.



ATTEST

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

Howe Nicholson