

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PONCA CITY, OKLAHOMA
AUGUST 19, 2013

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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
R. Mark Macy, Commissioner
Steve Hermann, Commissioner
Diane Anderson, Commissioner
Lanita Chapman, Commissioner
Craig Stephenson, City Manager
Kevin Murphy, City Attorney
Marc LaBossiere, Finance Director/City Clerk

Others Present: Tana McKinley, Phil Johnston, Chris Henderson, Craige Baird, Don Bohon, City staff; David Myers, PCDA; citizens; Beverly Bryant, Ponca City News.

1. CALL TO ORDER.

Mayor Nicholson called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

2. REVIEW THE CITY'S CURRENT REGULATIONS AS THEY APPLY TO THE USE AND OPERATION OF WIND ENERGY CONSERVATION SYSTEMS (WECS) AND DISCUSS POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS TO SAID REGULATIONS IN LIGHT OF THE CONTINUING EMERGENCE OF THIS ALTERNATIVE ENERGY TECHNOLOGY.

Development Services Director Chris Henderson reviewed current regulation on WECS put in place in 1999, which are very dated and have many holes given advancements in the technology. Henderson gave a powerpoint presentation showing varieties of WECS and discussed that they are currently permitted by right, even in residential areas with a special use permit.

Henderson then reviewed a proposed ordinance that would restrict WECS to accessory uses, and no stand alone structures. No wind farms would be allowed in the City limits. WECS would be restricted to industrial use only, and mini-WECS would be permitted for personal use. WECS would not be connected to the electrical grid and no "buy-back" of electricity generated would occur. The ordinance also implements set-back requirement, fall zones, ARC distance, and restrictions on noise, shadows, and flickering. The ordinance also sets procedures to get rid of abandoned WECS. Discussion ensued.

3. COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS.

Mayor Nicholson welcomed Anthony Rogers of the Ponca City Police Department, who is in the current Leadership class and chose the City Commission as his board to shadow for the year. Nicholson also expressed gratitude the Ponca City News reporter Beverly Bryant for her years of great service and wished her well in her new career. Bryant was presented a Certificate of Appreciation. All commissioner echoed the mayor's comments.

4. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS.

City Manager Craig Stephenson informed commissioners that the only City swimming pool currently open is Wentz Pool and that the coming weekend will be the final days this year. Stephenson then reminded all that blowing grass clippings into the street is illegal, and that it causes problems in drainage-ways. Stephenson also welcomed Anthony Rogers to Commission meetings. Next, Stephenson announced that he would be attending a seminar on wildfires and tornadoes on the coming Friday, along with a few members of City staff.

Stephenson informed all that a ribbon-cutting would occur that afternoon for Papa Murphy's Pizza. Stephenson also noted that a groundbreaking would occur on the following day for the new Cannon Honda dealership. Stephenson continued, noting that groundbreaking had started in the Discount Foods parking lot for a new Freddy's Frozen Custard restaurant. Stephenson concluded expressing gratitude from City staff to news reporter Beverly Bryant for all her good work and support over the years.

5. ADJOURN.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hermann to adjourn. Commissioner Anderson.

Roll: Yeas; Hermann, Anderson, Nicholson, Chapman, Macy. Nays; none. Motion carried.

Mayor Nicholson adjourned the meeting at 2:44 p.m.

PASSED IN SESSION AND APPROVED THIS 26TH DAY OF AUGUST 2013.



Mark Johnson
CITY CLERK

Howard Nicholson
MAYOR