

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
PONCA CITY, OKLAHOMA  
OCTOBER 21, 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 Vice Mayor Lanita Chapman presiding:

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

Absent: Homer Nicholson, Mayor

Others Present: Tana McKinley, Chris Henderson, Dwaine Vincent, Jim Fairbanks, Johnny Barron, City staff.

1. CALL TO ORDER.

Vice Mayor Lanita Chapman called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

2. DISCUSS AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY'S FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE THAT REFERENCES NEW FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAPS DEVELOPED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ARKANSAS RIVER PHYSICAL MAP REVISION PROJECT UNDERTAKEN BY THE CITY, AND REVIEW RECENT FEMA FLOOD INSURANCE PROVISIONS THAT ARE NOW EFFECTIVE.

City Manager Craig Stephenson began, noting it has taken many years to get where we are today with flood mapping Ponca City and Kay County. Development Services Director Chris Henderson continued, recounting history in recent years where the City worked with consultants and FEMA to update flood mapping. Henderson reminded all that the current stormwater ordinance is comprehensive, and was adopted in 2009, but with new maps and corrections by FEMA, an amendment will come to the City Commission for consideration at the October 28, 2013 regular meeting.

Next, Henderson discussed changes from the 2009 maps to the new ones, including a lower base flood level by 3 feet, which has removed many properties from the flood plain. Henderson explained changes being made by FEMA to the flood insurance program and rates that will be increased over the next several years to a full cost premium versus the previously subsidized structure. Henderson noted that there are 387 properties in the flood plain in Ponca City; of which 184 carry flood insurance. Henderson took questions, and discussion ensued on related issues.

3. CONSIDER AND DISCUSS APPLICATION OF NEW STATUTE PERMITTING CITIES TO REGULATE SMOKING ON CITY OWNED PROPERTY.

City Attorney Kevin Murphy informed all that in the past decade, the State passed a law that restricted smoking in public buildings. In the last legislative session, the State approved a law passing the ability to restrict smoking further to the local level. Murphy explained that the City now needs to pass an ordinance to restrict smoking in public buildings, and may also want to consider other public places and events. Examples of public property and events were

discussed, along with the types of tobacco that some may want to be restricted. City Manager Craig Stephenson stated he would send the issue to the Park & Recreation Advisory Board for input before bringing anything back to the City Commission for consideration.

4. COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS.

Commissioner Mark Macy recommended all read Jim Fannin's book *The Pebble in the Shoe*.

Commissioner Anderson questioned the City's direction on a recent recommendation from Main Street and downtown merchants to remove that Christmas tree that has been put at the intersection of Grand & Third Street in recent years. Anderson also invited all to the Business After Hours event to be held at Phillips 66 on the following day.

5. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS.

City Manager Craig Stephenson announced that Police Officer Ben Garrison will be departing for Indiana on the following day to choose his new K9 partner, a great addition to the department. Stephenson informed all that Goblins on Grand would be held on Thursday, October 24, 2013 in front of City Hall, always a fun and safe event for the children of the community. Stephenson noted that on Friday, October 25, 2013 a groundbreaking event will be held for the new Veteran's Plaza at 10:00 a.m.

Stephenson then relayed that he and the mayor will be attending the 2013 Oklahoma Academy Town Hall meeting, beginning on Sunday, October 27th through Wednesday October 30th, and as such both will miss the regular meeting on Monday October 28, 2013. Stephenson reported that a Walktober community-wide competition began that day, a new community-wide event to foster healthy physical activity. Anyone can participate, and teams can register with the Kay County Health Department on their website. Stephenson concluded, reporting that the Oklahoma Tax Commission will be allocating a rebate of \$1,211, 710 among cities and counties in Oklahoma and that the agency is hiring ten new CPA positions specifically dedicated to performing sales and use tax audits.

6. ADJOURN.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson to adjourn. Commissioner Macy seconded. Roll: Yeas; Anderson, Macy, Chapman, Hermann. Nays; none. Motion carried. Vice Mayor Chapman adjourned the meeting at 2:57 p.m.

*PASSED IN SESSION AND APPROVED THIS 28<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2013.*



VICE MAYOR

*Spinita J. Chapman*

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK