

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PONCA CITY, OKLAHOMA
November 2, 2015

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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
Lanita Chapman, Commissioner
Mary Beth Moore, Commissioner
Nancy Rathbun, Commissioner
Craig Stephenson, City Manager
Mike Vanderburg, City Attorney
Marc LaBossiere, Finance Director/City Clerk

Absent: Ryan Austin, Commissioner

Others Present: Don Bohon, Anthony Rogers, Jim Sindelar, Tana McKinley, Chris Henderson, Rob Dick, Dana Bright, Phil Johnston, City staff; Link Cotham, Shane Harland, Stephanie Williams, YMCA; Steve Dye, Ponca City News, Beverly Bryant, TEAM Radio.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Nicholson called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. RECEIVE SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT ON THE PONCA CITY AQUATICS & FAMILY CENTER – YMCA.

Shane Harland, Executive Director of the Ponca City YMCA began a powerpoint presentation, noting that current membership includes 8,507 individual members or 3,653 household units, with a retention rate of 69%. Harland informed commissioners that of those members, 2,284 have received some type of financial assistance during the year, and 13% are from outside of Ponca City zip codes.

Stephanie Williams, Senior Director of Programs & Marketing at the YMCA continued, explaining the “Make a Splash” program to teach swimming lesson and water safety to Ponca City second graders. The program has been expanded to include four schools, Lincoln, Garfield, Roosevelt, and Liberty. Williams then reviewed youth sports programing at the PCAFC-YMCA, including a 1st Annual Soccer Tournament held recently over Labor Day weekend. Williams then reviewed highlights of the recent summer camp and upcoming events at Thanksgiving to invite non-members to come to the YMCA and try it out for free. Williams then briefly discussed partnerships that benefit community residents. Harland concluded, noting that the YMCA annual support campaign will begin after 1st of January. Discussion ensued.

3. RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CITY’S COMPREHENSIVE SIGN ORDINANCE PASSED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS IN DECEMBER 2014.

Development Services Director Chris Henderson gave a brief history on the most recent sign ordinance, which took 18 months to develop and had a goal of fixing weaknesses in the old law. Henderson reminded all that it included rules for electronic message boards, which are not allowed at all in some communities. The ordinance also had a six month window before regulations took effect on temporary signs and electronic message boards. Henderson noted that on July 1, 2015 his staff began meeting with businesses to slowly ramp up full implementation by September 1, 2015, and that there has been good cooperation, especially with electronic message boards.

Henderson continued, relaying that during enforcement of temporary signs his staff met with strong opposition on removing "feather signs." Henderson stated that the reason the ordinance prohibited them is because they are animated and move, and also because they are taller than standard banner signs. Since then staff has met with businesses to try and find a solution, and has decided not to consider feather signs animated and is recommending that the City permit them with spacing requirements. Discussion ensued.

4. COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS

Mayor Nicholson welcomed members of Ponca City Energy line crews that participated in the recent Linemen Rodeo. Ponca City Energy Manager Phil Johnston noted that this was the first rodeo MESO has held where a mayor and commissioners attended. Johnston then introduced Line Superintendent Aaron Michaud and each of the linemen that participated. Michaud then expressed appreciation of all Ponca City Energy staff and staff from other departments that worked hard to make the event a success. Mayor Nicholson then complimented the crew on the rodeo and their good work. A video presentation was then viewed by all in attendance of the event. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Chapman requested an update on the RV parking ordinance that was recently passed.

5. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS.

City Manager Craig Stephenson informed all that the Veteran's Day Parade would be held on Saturday, November 7, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. Stephenson announced that Lieutenant Governor Todd Lamb would be the speaker at Ponca Politics on Friday, November 13, 2015. Stephenson then gave details on the upcoming 4th Annual Daddy Long Legs Fun Run/Walk that will be held on Thursday, November 26, 2015 at Lake Ponca and the Marland Mansion Christmas Gala that is set for Saturday, December 5, 2015. Stephenson concluded by informing commissioners that the new City Bus had arrived and is behind City Hall for viewing.

6. ADJOURN

Commissioner Rathbun moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Chapman seconded.

Yeas: Rathbun, Chapman, Nicholson, Moore. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mayor Nicholson adjourned the meeting at 2:51 p.m.

PASSED IN SESSION AND APPROVED THIS 9TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2015.

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK





MAYOR
VICE MAYOR, MARY BETH MOORE