

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PONCA CITY, OKLAHOMA
April 3, 2017

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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
Shasta Scott, Commissioner
Ryan Austin, Commissioner
Craig Stephenson, City Manager
Michael Vanderburg, City Attorney
Marc LaBossiere, Finance Director/City Clerk

Absent: Lanita Chapman, Commissioner
Nancy Rathbun, Commissioner

Others Present: Tana McKinley, Don Bohon, John Andrew, Dave Williams, Anthony Rogers, David Horinek, Chris Henderson, Hong Fu, Eric Newell, City staff; Ron Hammock, Dwaine West, Supported Community Lifestyles; citizens; Beverly Bryant, TEAM Radio.

1. CALL TO ORDER.

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

2. DISCUSS A CONCEPTUAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PONCA CITY AND SUPPORTED COMMUNITY LIFESTYLES, INC. (SCL) TO PROVIDE OPERATIONAL SERVICES OF THE CITY'S RECYCLING CENTER LOCATED ON WEST PROSPECT.

City Manager Craig Stephenson introduced Ron Hammock of SCL and informed commissioners about discussions between the City and SCL for them to assume operations of the Ponca City Recycle Center. Stephenson proceeded with a powerpoint presentation, expanding on details of what the collaboration would entail. Stephenson explained that SCL would provide all labor, supervision, training, a bailer, and would be responsible for the transport of recycled products.

Stephenson continued, outlining the City's responsibilities, including construction of a building to house the bailer, fencing to border the operations area, and some electrical connections. Stephenson showed an aerial picture of the Public Works footprint, and pointed out details of the area and proposed improvements. Stephenson also noted that SCL would be paid \$2,500 per month for operating the facility, as well as electricity provided by the City.

Stephenson continued, stating the operating hours would include Saturdays and Sundays, with a minimum of three additional weekdays and 40 hours per week. SCL would be responsible to provide liability insurance as well as worker's compensation insurance. Stephenson explained that SCL has a variety of disabled clients who would be staffing the facility, but that it could not be staffed by anyone who has been convicted of a violent crime or sex crime. Stephenson noted that SCL is also desirous to offer a curbside recycling service where they contract directly with resident, similar to one offered by them in the City of Enid. Stephenson clarified that service would be a separate agreement at a later date, and that the service would be totally voluntary for residents. Those interested would subscribe

with and pay SCL directly for the service. Stephenson then introduced Hammock for further information.

Hammock gave a brief history of SCL, explaining it is a Ponca City company that was formed 13 years ago to start some group homes for people in need. Hammock explained that all clients have been diagnosed and most have an IQ of 70 or below. SCL has 16 homes in Kay County and approximately 200 staff here to serve approximately 60 clients. SCL also has 28 additional homes outside of Kay County. Hammock stated that of all their clients, less than 10 have felony convictions, and those individuals would not be used to staff the Recycle Center. He explained that many clients are similar to those residing at the Opportunity Center, and that they have backgrounds with behavioral issues needing 24 hour supervision, and that is what SCL provides. Hammock clarified that many of their clients are very capable of the work, want to do meaningful work, and enjoy the pleasure of having their own spending money.

Stephenson emphasized that this is an opportunity to help the underprivileged. Hammock clarified that all employees will be paid minimum wage, at least, and that at least 12 new jobs would be created for clients with the proposed change. Discussion ensued.

3. COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS.

Commissioner Austin welcomed the sun and beautiful day in Ponca City.

4. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS.

City Manager Craig Stephenson announced the City had received official notification on April 1, 2017 from FEMA, providing us with official results of their National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS) field verification findings based on our three year cycle application. The results of the examination are that the City of Ponca City will maintain its current rating as a CRS Class 5 community in the NFIP. This is based on the City's floodplain management activities implemented by the City and will provide those individuals will a 25 percent discount in premiums for NFIP policies issued or renewed in Special Flood Hazard Areas. This cycle will last for three years as well, as long as the City maintains its current stormwater and floodplain management program.

Stephenson continued, informing all that there will be a Public Meeting held in Ponca City to present information about the proposed City of Enid's Kaw Lake Water Supply project, and to receive public input. The meeting will be held on April 13, 2017 at 6:00 PM at the Ponca City Library. They will also be holding a public meeting in Enid as well with the same information on April 11, 2017 at Autry Technology Center at 6:00 PM.

Stephenson relayed that the City's Annual Spring Clean-Up began this weekend and will run through April 9, 2017. Stephenson then introduced Eric Newell, who began his duties that day as the Park and Recreation Director. Stephenson concluded by reminding commissioners that we will be having two all day budget meetings on April 17 & 18, 2017 for the City Commission to go over the Fiscal Year 2017-18 proposed Budget with City Department Heads.

5. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Austin to adjourn. Commissioner Scott seconded.

Roll: Yeas; Austin, Scott, Nicholson. Nays; None. Motion carried.

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

PASSED IN SESSION AND APPROVED THIS 10TH DAY OF APRIL 2017.

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK


MAYOR

