

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PONCA CITY, OKLAHOMA
February 5, 2018

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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
Lanita Chapman, Commissioner
Nancy Rathbun, Commissioner
Craig Stephenson, City Manager
Michael Vanderburg, City Attorney
Marc LaBossiere, Finance Director/City Clerk

Absent: None

Others Present: Janet Ivers, Dave Williams, John Andrew, Steve Sullivan, Phillip Johnston, Mike Lane, Eric Newell, Tana McKinley, Butch Herring, Chris Henderson, Don Bohon, City Staff; Commissioner-elect Paul Taylor, citizens; 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 A PRESENTATION ON DISTRIBUTED GENERATION AND RELATED ISSUES FOR THE CITY'S ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM.

Ponca City Energy Director Phillip Johnston began with an explanation of Distributed Generation (DG) and the rights of the customers to generate their own power. Statistics were then presented on the reliability of the Ponca City Energy system to their customers along with rate comparisons to surrounding areas.

Johnston explained the effects of DG on Ponca City related to enhancement to the operation of the electric utility, the service that the City provides, effects on the City's financial picture, and the economic operation of the electrical distribution system.

Johnston presented the philosophy for DG and the reasons for developing a plan with various scenarios.

Discussion ensued.

3. RECEIVE A REPORT ON A PENDING LEGISLATION AT THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA REGARDING 'SMALL CELL' OR '5G' DEPLOYMENTS.

City Attorney Mike Vanderburg explained that Small Cell Development or 5G (Fifth Generation wireless technology) was a new communication standard which is wireless and internet combined with capabilities up to 100 times faster than speeds today. It is reported that the growing demand for data is congesting the available capacity of the 4G network. In 2016, the mobile data traffic in North America grew 55%.

Vanderburg further explained that 5G will be transmitted over higher frequency bands which do not propagate well, and require a higher level of cell densification via "small cells"

in locations such as lampposts, buildings, and utility poles. Vanderburg then gave details on various sizes and types of equipment used for the small cells

Vanderburg continued, stating the concerns and constitutional issues with the 4 bills now in the 2018 Legislative Session which address the 5G small cells deployments.

Discussion ensued.

4. COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS.

Commissioner Nancy Rathbun noted that it was a very busy and successful weekend at the Marland Mansion, with the annual Father Daughter Dance.

5. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS.

City Manager Craig Stephenson shared that Project Amnesty is now underway and said it was large success thus far.

6. ENTERTAIN MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO TITLE 25 SECTION 307B SUBSECTION 3 OKLAHOMA STATUTES FOR PURPOSES OF DISCUSSING THE PURCHASE OR APPRAISAL OF REAL PROPERTY.

At 3:28 p.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Rathbun to enter executive session. Commissioner Scott seconded

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

7. RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION AND TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION, IF APPROPRIATE, ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Board of Commissioner returned to regular session with no action being taken.

8. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Chapman to adjourn. Commissioner Rathbun seconded.

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

Mayor Nicholson adjourned the meeting at 3:47 p.m.

PASSED IN SESSION AND APPROVED THIS 12TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2018.



ATTEST

CITY CLERK


MAYOR


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