

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PONCA CITY, OKLAHOMA
July 1, 2019

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

Absent: Paul Taylor, Commissioner

Others Present: Don Bohon, Randy Tyner, Terri Sherbon, Eric Newell, Rhonda Skrapke, Paula Cain, Hong Fu, Jim Fairbanks, Chris Henderson, Tana McKinley, City staff; Many Senior Citizens; Beverly Bryant, TEAM Radio, Mike Seals, Ponca City News

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. DISCUSSION ON A PROPOSAL FROM PONCA CITY MAIN STREET FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MURAL FOR THE ROBIN HOOD ELEVATOR.

Mayor Nicholson began by reminding all there have been discussions in the past to paint the Robin Hood grain elevators. City Manager Craig Stephenson relayed a new proposal from Ponca City Main Street where project costs would be \$100,000 to paint each side of the elevators with murals. Main Street will raise \$51,000, and is requesting that the City contribute \$49,000 to the arts project. Main Street staff elaborated on the proposal, including artist renderings of the proposed murals. Discussion ensued. Finance Director Marc LaBossiere confirmed there are funds available from the dedicated hotel/motel tax that must be used on tourism promotion.

3. RECEIVE A PRESENTATION ON THE CURRENT ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN OF THE CITY'S VENUES, MAINLY LAKE PONCA RECREATIONAL AREA.

City Manager Craig Stephenson introduced Austin Worthy and Kendra Knudsen of KFOR. Worthy presented a slide show that included three commercials that are being shown for Ponca City. These commercials are seen on apps for devices instead of on cable box or satellite television. Speak Now Film Company took the pictures and videos, and created the commercial for KFOR to advertise. Discussion ensued.

4. RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE PONCA CITY SENIOR CENTER FOOD PROGRAM.

Stephenson explained that Wheatheart Nutrition has been using the Senior Center to provide food to senior citizens at the center, and taking meals to homebound citizens.

Senior Center Program Specialist Marie Trenary said it's exhausting to work with Wheatheart, and is becoming more of a conflict. Trenary gave examples where Wheatheart has provided undesirable and unacceptable services. Trenary recommended that the Senior Center begin providing meals themselves, and assured commissioners it can offer a more desirable meal.

Senior Center client John Vangelix stated the food is unrecognizable, and that cost isn't the issue, but rather the quality. Vangelix informed commissioners that many seniors go to the McCord Senior Center because the food is better there. Senior Center client Daniel Enhoff stated that Wheatheart has lectured seniors about how much is donated. He said he wouldn't trust Wheatheart's work habits or ethics.

5A. CONSIDER AND VOTE TO DECLARE THAT AN EMERGENCY EXISTS ENDANGERING HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE SUCH AS TO PERMIT WAIVING OF THE NOTICE AND BIDDING REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING ACT.

Environmental Services Director Hong Fu informed commissioners that with all the recent flooding, a large sewer line that runs along Lake Road, east of Pecan has been seriously damaged and there is no flow between two man holes. She made it known the line needs to be fixed as soon as possible to avoid the by-passing of raw sewage and health-safety issues.

A motion was made by Commissioner Scott to approve item 5a. Commissioner Austin seconded.

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

5B. CONSIDER AND VOTE TO AUTHORIZE KRAPFF-REYNOLDS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY OF OKLAHOMA CITY TO PERFORM REPAIR WORK FOR AN 18" SEWER INTERCEPTOR IN THE NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$108,799.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Austin to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Chapman seconded.

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

6. RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE REQUIRED DEBT ISSUE TO CONSTRUCT A NEW PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER.

Finance Director Marc LaBossiere gave a brief overview of considerations and options related to a debt issue for the recently approved Public Safety Center. LaBossiere informed commissioners that the City's bond council, financial advisor, and staff believe that with a recent trend of falling interest rates, now is a good time to lock in an interest rate, and that agenda items would be on the July 8, 2019 agendas for consideration.

7. RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE RECENT FLOOD EVENT.

City Manager Craig Stephenson reviewed a power point presentation with photos and mapping of the recent flood event. Stephenson went over the different areas around town that had flooded. Kay County was added to FEMA disaster declaration on July 1, 2019. The City has incurred an estimated \$615,349.51 in expenses overall, caused by the flooding.

8. RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON PONCA CITY BROADBAND.

Technology Services Director David Williams announced that Klassmeyer Construction is completing Phase I, and will meet their July 3, 2019 completion date. Williams said they connected several “friendly” customers recently, and they are enjoying the Broadband experience. On July 8, 2019, Ponca City Broadband will be open to business for anyone in Phase I.

9. COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS.

Commissioner Ryan Austin wished everyone a safe and happy 4th of July.

10. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS.

City Manager Craig Stephenson stated there are two more Summer Fun Sessions to be held this summer at the RecPlex: July 8-12, 2019 and July 22-26, 2019, 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The fee is \$50.00 per child for each session.

Stephenson reminded the public that lighting fireworks in the city limits of Ponca City is illegal. The City will host a free fireworks display July 4, 2019 at Lake Ponca and will begin approximately at 9:50 p.m.

Stephenson informed the public the City of Ponca City will observe the Fourth of July Holiday on July 4, 2019. City offices will be closed, there will be no residential refuse collection that day, and regular routes will resume on July 5, 2019. Lew Wentz Golf Course will be open, but will close at 4:00 p.m. for the Fourth of the July fireworks celebration at Lake Ponca. The RecPlex will be open July 4, 2019 from 5:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. only.

11. ADJOURN

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

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

Mayor Nicholson adjourned the meeting at 3:57 p.m.

PASSED IN SESSION AND APPROVED THIS 22ND DAY OF JULY 2019.



ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Paul Taylor", written over a horizontal line.

VICE-MAYOR
ACTING MAYOR PAUL TAYLOR

