

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PONCA CITY, OKLAHOMA
August 5, 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
Lanita Chapman, Commissioner
Shasta Scott, Commissioner
Paul Taylor, Commissioner
Craig Stephenson, City Manager
Michael Vanderburg, City Attorney
Marc LaBossiere, Finance Director/City Clerk

Absent: Ryan Austin, Commissioner

Others Present: Don Bohon, Richard Evans, Tana McKinley, Rhonda Skrapke, Steve Miner, Terry Brown, John Andrew, Chris Henderson, City staff; citizens; Beverly Bryant, TEAM Radio

1. CALL TO ORDER.

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

2. DISCUSS A RESOLUTION PLEDGING FORTY-NINE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$49,000.00) FROM THE HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FUND FOR A MURAL TO BE PAINTED ON THE ROBIN HOOD ELEVATOR BY RICK SINNETT IN DOWNTOWN PONCA CITY, OKLAHOMA.

City Manager Craig Stephenson reminded commissioners that this is the project previously discussed in work session, and that a draft resolution is prepared for their review. Stephenson noted that the item is scheduled to be on the August 12, 2019 agenda for consideration. Stephenson reviewed the draft, which outlines the public purpose, use of dedicated tourism funds, and the terms for an agreement with Ponca City Main Street, who will be contracting with the artist Rick Sennett. Discussion ensued.

3. DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF DEVELOPING A NORTHERN OKLAHOMA ANIMAL CARE FACILITY FOR ANIMAL CONTROL.

City Manager Craig Stephenson relayed to commissioners that a resident has brought a proposal to staff, including a donation of \$250,000 to purchase a new building and create a regional animal control facility. Stephenson noted some deficiencies in the current facility and a desire to improve it as well as a better location for the public and the Humane Society. A further goal is potentially contracting with surrounding cities to handle their kennel needs. Stephenson informed commissioners that a potential building has been located and it is probable that it could be purchased and re-roofed with the \$250,000 donation. The City would need to finish the facility, and Stephenson proposed a plan to fund that.

Police Chief Don Bohon continued with further details on the proposed building. The current facility is 4,400 square feet, with the proposed at 6,400 square feet. Bohon reviewed a layout of the proposed building and facility. Discussion ensued. Stephenson clarified that the purpose of the agenda item was to review an opportunity, and as comments are all positive, staff will continue working towards a purchase and remodel proposal for the City Commission to consider.

4. COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS.

Mayor Nicholson noted that recent hot temperatures in town are driving electric usage.

5. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS.

City Manager Craig Stephenson informed commissioners that staff had a conference call that morning with FEMA, regarding public assistance. Staff expects that the City will be able to recover through FEMA many of the costs incurred by recent flooding. Stephenson then relayed that the RecPlex lap pool is closed for tile repairs, and announced AMBUC and Wentz pool hours for the remainder of the summer.

Stephenson then informed all that the Senior Center will be opening the “Senior Diner” to serve lunches to clientele. A sample menu for the month of August was distributed. Stephenson concluded, noting that the Ponca City Library will be hosting the 3rd Annual Community Assistance Fair, where the public can get detailed information from area organizations that can assist citizens with various services.

6. CONSIDER AND VOTE TO CONDUCT AN EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO TITLE 25 SECTION 307B SUBSECTION 2 OKLAHOMA STATUTES FOR PURPOSES OF DISCUSSING NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS (IAFF) AND FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE (FOP).

At 2:23 p.m. motion was made by Commissioner Scott to enter executive session. Commissioner Taylor seconded.

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

At 3:33 p.m. the Commission returned to regular work session.

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

No action.

8. ADJOURN

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

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

Mayor Nicholson adjourned the meeting at 3:33 p.m.

PASSED IN SESSION AND APPROVED THIS 26TH DAY OF AUGUST 2019.

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK




MAYOR