

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PONCA CITY, OKLAHOMA
MARCH 23, 2009

Pursuant to notice as required by law, the Ponca City Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. in the Commission Chamber at City Hall, 516 E. Grand, with Mayor Homer Nicholson presiding:

Present: Homer Nicholson, Mayor
Diane Anderson, Commissioner
Bill Flegler, Commissioner
Paul Krueger, Commissioner
Lanita Chapman, Commissioner
Craig Stephenson, City Manager
Kevin Murphy, City Attorney
Marc LaBossiere, Finance Director/City Clerk

Others Present: Chris Henderson, Holly LaBossiere, Rob Dick, Jim Fairbanks, Jim Sindelar, Mike Chapman, Rhonda Skrapke, Clayton Johnson, Terry Brown, Butch Herring, Mike Lane, City staff; Jaden Worley, Chuck Clark, Joan Clark, residents; Beverly Bryant, Ponca City News.

1. Mayor Homer Nicholson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. Invocation – Bob Innis, Word of Life Church
3. Pledge of Allegiance

****CEREMONIES AND PROCLAMATIONS****

None.

****CONSENT AGENDA****

The Board of Commissioners found items #4, #5, #6, #7, #8, #9, #10, #11, and #12 non-controversial and routine in nature. Commissioner Anderson made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Flegler seconded.

Roll: Yeas; Anderson, Flegler, Nicholson, Krueger, and Chapman. Nays; None. Motion carried.

4. Consider and vote upon minutes of the Ponca City Board of Commissioners work session held February 17, 2009 and regular session held March 9, 2009.
5. Consider and vote on acceptance of the water line Improvements serving the new Holiday Inn Express located at 2809 North 14th Street as public improvements and authorizing the Mayor to execute the Permanent Utility Easement Agreement with Home National Bank.
6. Consider and vote upon request for authorization to advertise for bids for roof maintenance of various city-owned buildings.
7. Consider and on the Howell-Stone Insurance, Inc. proposal to provide Builders Risk Insurance through the Chubb Group of Insurance Companies for the Ponca City Aquatic & Family Center-YMCA.

8. Consider and vote to write off accounts with delinquent balances and transfer uncollectible to Collection Agency.
9. Consider and vote on contract between the Oklahoma Department of Libraries and the Ponca City Library for FY09 continuing education conference grant for Mary Colvin and Angela Quinn.
10. Consider and vote on a Traffic Commission recommendation to remove "No Parking Except Sunday" signs from the 100 block north Palm.
11. Consider and vote on Traffic Commission recommendation to install stop signs on Central Avenue at Elm Street.
12. **RESOLUTION NO. 5749**

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR THE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY OF PONCA CITY, OKLAHOMA

City Attorney Kevin Murphy advised that there was a scrivener error on Item No. 7, as the word "vote" was omitted. Murphy stated that this Item should be amended to add the word "vote."

****ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA****

13. None.

****COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS****

14. Commissioner Anderson welcomed the two new Commissioners.

Commissioner Flegler welcomed Commissioner Anderson back and that thoughts and prayers were with her and her family.

****REPORTS****

15. **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Craig Stephenson reminded the Commission and citizens that spring clean up will begin on Saturday, March 28th. Stephenson further added that this would be the day for the Citywide garage sale, and permits will be waived for this day, and also this will not be counted as one of their two garage sales allowed each year.

Stephenson stated that Thursday, March 26, 2009 would be the bid opening date for the final 49 bids for the new Ponca City Aquatic and Family Recreation Center-YMCA.

Stephenson advised the Commission that the City is soliciting three AmeriCorps workers to assist in different areas. Stephenson added that one would assist the grants administration in the housing area, one would work as a stormwater outreach educator, and the third a recycling outreach coordinator.

Stephenson also noted that on April 6, 2009 at 5:30 there will be the joint meeting between the City Commission, the Planning Commission, and the Comprehensive Planning Commission to go over the Comprehensive Plan and set priorities. Stephenson further added that on April 7, 2009 there is to be an open house for the public to review the comprehensive plan and to make comments.

16. OMPA UPDATE – BRUCE ACKERMAN, MEMBER SERVICES REPRESENTATIVES

Bruce Ackerman, Member Services Representative for OMPA, updated the Commission on the wholesale power supply program and distribution system, saying that OMPA supports 36 municipal electric systems in Oklahoma. Ackerman further added that OMPA, along with partners OG&E and GRDA, completed the purchase of the Redbud Power Plant this past year. Ackerman advised that this plant provides intermediate power for OMPA and its members. Ackerman also advised that OMPA would hold a 6.7% interest or 41 megawatts of the coal-fired John W. Turk, Jr. Plant in Arkansas upon its completion. Ackerman stated that this plant would be operated by SWEPCO, and will use a clean chemical combustion technology called ultra super chemical, which makes the plant more efficient and cuts down on emission. Ackerman stated that this plant should be operational pre-summer 2012.

Ackerman also stated that the Oklahoma Wind Energy Center, which is located near Woodward and the Kaw Hydroelectric Plant on Kaw Lake, posted records for energy production for last year.

Ackerman further stated that OMPA will be assisting member cities in celebrating Earth Day during the week of April 20, 2009. Ackerman went on to say that, Earth Day provides its members with the opportunity to educate and raise public awareness on environmental issues. Ackerman stated that Ponca City will have an Earth Day Expo in front of City Hall on April 22, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Ackerman concluded that planning continues for the next public power workshop, which is scheduled for April 19-22 at Western Hills Guest Ranch near Wagoner.

****PUBLIC HEARINGS****

None.

****UNFINISHED BUSINESS****

None.

****NEW BUSINESS****

17. Consider and vote on recommendation of Senior Advisory Board for the City to apply for a grant through the Peel Foundation.

Commissioner Anderson made the motion to approve the recommendation of the Senior Advisory Board for the City to apply for a grant through the Peel Foundation. Chapman seconded.

Roll: Yeas; Anderson, Chapman, Nicholson, Flegler, and Krueger. Nays; None. Motion carried.

18. **RESOLUTION NO. 5750**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PONCA CITY, OKLAHOMA, APPOINTING PURCHASING AGENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE PONCA CITY AQUATIC AND FAMILY CENTER-YMCA AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS.

Commissioner Krueger made the motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Ponca City, Oklahoma, appointing purchasing agents for construction of the Ponca City Aquatic and Family Center-YMCA and authorizing the Mayor to execute all necessary documents. Anderson seconded.

Roll: Yeas; Krueger, Anderson, Nicholson, Chapman, and Flegler. Nays; None. Motion carried.

19. Consider and vote on construction payment No. 1 to Lambert Construction Company in the amount of \$270,000.00 for construction of the Ponca City Aquatic & Family Center-YMCA.

Commissioner Chapman made the motion to approve the construction payment No. 1 to Lambert Construction Company in the amount of \$270,000.00 for construction of the Ponca City Aquatic & Family Center-YMCA. Flegler seconded.

Roll: Yeas; Chapman, Flegler, Nicholson, Anderson, and Krueger. Nays; None. Motion carried.

20. Consider and vote on the purchase of a Type I Ambulance from Taylor Made Ambulance in the amount of \$106,347.00 for Ponca City Fire Department.

Commissioner Chapman made the motion to approve the purchase of a Type I Ambulance from Taylor Made Ambulance in the amount of \$106,347.00 for the Ponca City Fire Department. Anderson seconded.

Roll: Yeas; Chapman, Anderson, Nicholson, Krueger, and Flegler. Nays; None. Motion carried.

****CITIZENS COMMENTS****

21. City Manager Craig Stephenson stated that during his comments he missed reminding everyone that Wednesday is Arbor Day, and there will be booths and activities at City Hall.

22. Commissioner Krueger made the motion to adjourn. Flegler seconded.

Roll: Yeas; Krueger, Flegler, Nicholson, Chapman, and Anderson. Nays; None. Motion carried.

Mayor Nicholson adjourned the Ponca City Board of Commissioners meeting at 6:08 p.m.

PASSED IN SESSION AND APPROVED THIS 13TH DAY OF APRIL 2009.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK