

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PONCA CITY, OKLAHOMA
JANUARY 22, 2007

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 Room at City Hall, 516 E. Grand, with Mayor Richard Stone presiding:

Present: Richard Stone, Mayor
Paul Krueger, Commissioner
Stan Paynter, Commissioner
Wayne Foxworthy, Commissioner
Diane Anderson, Commissioner
Gary Martin, City Manager
Kevin Murphy, City Attorney
Marc LaBossiere, Finance Director/City Clerk

Others Present: Jim Sindelar, Craig Stephenson, Terry Brown, Dwaine Vincent, Chris Henderson, Craige Baird, Butch Herring, Tana McKinley, City staff; Chuck Clark, Cub Scout Troop 3524, citizens; Rolf Clements, Ponca City News.

1. Mayor Richard Stone called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. Invocation – Steve Harden, Providence Baptist Church, gave the invocation followed by the pledge of allegiance.

****CEREMONIES AND PROCLAMATIONS****

4. Character Trait for January is Enthusiasm presented by Malcolm Cooper.

****CITIZENS COMMENTS****

The Board of Commissioners found items #5, #6, and #7 non-controversial and routine in nature.

Commissioner Foxworthy made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Paynter seconded.

Roll: Yeas; Foxworthy, Paynter, Stone, Krueger, and Anderson. Nays; None. Motion carried.

5. Consider and vote upon minutes of the Ponca City Board of Commissioners special session held January 2, 2007, work session held January 2, 2007, and regular session held January 8, 2007.
6. Consider and vote on a request by Tom Rhodes, property owner, to burn brush within the City limits on property located at 2300 East Hubbard Road.

7. **RESOLUTION NO. 5583**

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

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

8. None.

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

9. Commissioner Anderson encouraged citizens to visit the Ponca City Public School System website, as they are asking for input from the citizens as to what they want, in regards to putting together another bond issue election. Anderson further added that there is to be a special school board meeting specifically to address the school bond issue.

Commissioner Krueger thanked all the City employees who worked overtime hours to get the ice off the streets, making it safe for the citizens who had to be out.

Commissioner Paynter also extended thanks to the State of Oklahoma for a job well done in cleaning the ice and snow off 14th Street.

Mayor Stone shared a letter from Dr. Joe Surber, Assistant Superintendent of Operations for the Ponca City Public Schools, commending City employees for an outstanding job done with the removal of ice and snow from City streets, and with the school approaches.

****REPORTS****

10. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Gary Martin explained that the City is doing the best it can with the snow and ice removal, but that the City does not have the manpower or the equipment to get to all the residential streets. Martin stated that he had asked Assistant City Manager, Craig Stephenson, to address the issue of costs of the snow and ice removal.

Stephenson summarized for the Commission the total cost of the recent winter events, which included man hours for the Park & Recreation & Street Departments, materials used, and equipment hours, total costs were \$48,485.00.

City Manager Martin added that Governor Brad Henry had requested that President Bush declare all 77 counties in Oklahoma as disaster areas, and therefore making it potentially possible to recover some of the extra costs, as the City's overtime budgets are pretty much exhausted.

Martin also advised that Friday, January 26, 2007 would be the beginning of budget meetings with the department heads, and concluded that at a meeting this a.m. that a tentative date of April 7, 2007 through April 14, 2007 was set for spring clean-up.

****PUBLIC HEARINGS****

None.

****UNFINISHED BUSINESS****

None.

****NEW BUSINESS****

11. Consider and vote on an agreement between the City of Ponca City and Standing Bear Native American Foundation for the purpose of allowing Standing Bear to act as the City's sub-grantee with regard to the 2006 EDI-Special Project No. B-06-SP-OK-0820 Grant Agreement between the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the City of Ponca City in the amount of \$198,000.00, for construction of the Standing Bear Museum/Information Center Project.

Commissioner Krueger made the motion to sign the agreement between the City of Ponca City and Standing Bear Native American Foundation for the purpose of allowing Standing Bear to act as the City's sub-grantee with regard to the 2006 EDI-Special Project No. B-06-SP-OK-0820 Grant Agreement between the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the City of Ponca City in the amount of \$198,000.00, for construction of the Standing Bear Museum/Information Center Project. Anderson seconded.

Roll: Yeas; Anderson, Krueger, Stone, Paynter, and Foxworthy. Nays; None. Motion carried.

12. **RESOLUTION NO. 5584**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PONCA CITY, OKLAHOMA SUPPORTING THE INCLUSION OF THE WIDENING OF U.S. 177 BETWEEN STILLWATER AND PONCA CITY ON THE OKLAHOMA STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN.

Commissioner Foxworthy made the motion to approve the Resolution supporting the inclusion of the widening of U.S. 177 between Stillwater and Ponca City on the Oklahoma State Transportation Improvement Plan. Paynter seconded.

Roll: Yeas; Stone, Paynter, Foxworthy, Krueger, and Anderson. Nays; None. Motion carried.

13. Consider and vote on a recommendation from the Senior Advisory Board to establish a Standard Operating Policy:

- A. Establish a fiscal year budget document for July 1 through June 30 annually.
- B. Establish a procedure for expenditure and receipt of funds.

Commissioner Krueger made the motion to approve the recommendations from the Senior Advisory Board to establish a Standard Operating Policy. Anderson seconded.

Roll: Yeas; Krueger, Anderson, Stone, Paynter, and Foxworthy. Nays; None. Motion carried.

****CITIZENS COMMENTS****

14. None.

RECESS TO AUTHORITY MEETING

Mayor Stone recessed to the Utility Authority meeting at 6:08 p.m. The commission reconvened at 6:09 p.m.

15. Consider and vote to enter Executive session pursuant to Title 25, Section 307 of the Oklahoma Statutes for purposes of discussing matters pertaining to Oklahoma Statutes for purposes of discussing pending litigation.

Commissioner Krueger moved to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Title 25, O.S. for the purpose of discussing pending litigation. Paynter seconded

Roll: Yeas; Krueger, Paynter, Foxworthy, Stone, and Anderson. Nays; None. Motion carried.

16. The Commission returned to regular session at 6:50 p.m. with no action being taken
17. Mayor Stone adjourned the Board of Commissioners at 6:50 p.m.

PASSED IN SESSION AND APPROVED THIS 12TH OF FEBRUARY 2006.

ATTEST

MAYOR

CITY CLERK