

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PONCA CITY, OKLAHOMA
JANUARY 8, 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
Diane Anderson, Commissioner
Gary Martin, City Manager
Kevin Murphy, City Attorney
Marc LaBossiere, Finance Director/City Clerk

Absent: Wayne Foxworthy, Commissioner

Others Present: Tana McKinley, Terry Brown, Bob Miller, Walt Klinger, Holly LaBossiere, David Horinek, Craig Stephenson, Chris Henderson, Butch Herring, Hong Fu, City staff; Arlene Stauffer, Chuck Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Covill, Homer Nicholson, Don Keathly, citizens; Rolf Clements, news press.

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

****CEREMONIES AND PROCLAMATIONS****

3. Character Trait for December is Sensitivity presented by Arlene Stauffer.

****CITIZENS COMMENTS****

The Board of Commissioners found items #5, #6, #7, #8, #9, #10, #11, and #12 non-controversial and routine in nature.

Commissioner Anderson voiced concerns about Item #7 and would like further explanation on Item #10 also. Fire Chief Herring explained that the Fire Department has inspected the area in question, and determined that it would be beneficial to allow the controlled burn to rid this property of the high grass and weeds that could present a high fire hazard in dry weather.

Herring further addressed Commissioner Anderson's question regarding Item #10 by stating that the third party ambulance billing service is not in the collection business, and their procedure is to follow-up for 120 days after the original invoice is sent out, and if there is no response they in turn send it back to the elected body for further consideration and collection.

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

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

5. Consider and vote upon minutes of the Ponca City Board of Commissioners work session held December 4 and December 18, 2006, and regular session held December 11, 2006.
6. Consider and vote on contract between the Oklahoma Department of Libraries and the Ponca City Library for FY07 State Aid Grant.
7. Consider and vote on request by John Soderstrom, Representative of Mertz Manufacturing LLC, to burn "weeds, grass and other items collected" within the City Limits on the property located on the southwest lot where Waverly and Industrial intersect.
8. Consider and vote on request by Robert Rouse, Property Owner, to burn brush within the City Limits on the property located at #5 Rockview Road.
9. Consider and vote on a contract award for road construction materials to the lowest bidder available for January 1, 2007, through June 30, 2007.
- 10.. Consider and vote to write off accounts with delinquent balances and transfer uncollectible to Collection Service Bureau of Stillwater for additional collection efforts.

11. **RESOLUTION NO. 5580**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF PONCA CITY, OKLAHOMA AMENDING THE OPERATING BUDGETS OF VARIOUS FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2006-07.

12. **RESOLUTION NO. 5582**

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

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

13. None.

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

14. Commissioner Anderson reminded everyone to vote tomorrow on the school bond issue, and also questioned if the City were going to install sound on the lights on Grand Avenue for the visually impaired. City Manager Martin stated that this is in the process of being looked at, but that he has not received a final report regarding the cost from the department.

Commissioner Krueger also reminded citizens to go to the polls tomorrow, as it is very important for the community to provide our young people and children the best education, the best facilities in which to study, and the best computer technology. Krueger concluded by saying that he hoped the citizens of Ponca City would look deep within their hearts and decide that a "yes" vote is very important for the future of the young people of this community.

Commissioner Paynter concurred with Commissioner Krueger, and that a positive vote is not only for the children, but also for the teachers, administrators, and those whose careers are involved in helping the children. Paynter added that it is the taxpayers' responsibility and

privilege to provide the best facilities we can for the dollar.

Mayor Stone stated that he agreed with all the Commissioners.

****REPORTS****

15. **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Gary Martin spoke about training that is to be held for City employees, and also a pandemic training that is to be held at a later date.

Martin further addressed the issue of complaints from businesses regarding the parking of semi-trucks at Darr School. Martin added that this has become a drop-off site for freight companies, and they have done damage to City property. Martin advised that work is being done on signage for the area to try and eliminate truck parking.

Martin further added that notification had been received that there is to be a possibility of a major ice storm this weekend, and tomorrow at staff meeting they will review ice and snow procedures in order to be prepared.

Commissioner Anderson commented on celebrations to be held at the Attucks Community Center in celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday.

****PUBLIC HEARINGS****

None.

****UNFINISHED BUSINESS****

None.

****NEW BUSINESS****

16. **RESOLUTION NO. 5581**

A RESOLUTION INCREASING A DESIGNATED FUND BALANCE IN THE GENERAL FUND AS AN OPERATING RESERVE, SETTING THE AMOUNT OF SAME AT \$1,700,000.00, AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS OF THIS RESOLUTION.

Commissioner Anderson made the motion to approve the Resolution increasing a designated fund balance in the General Fund as an operating reserve in the amount of \$1,700,000.00 and directing the City Manager to implement terms of this Resolution. Krueger seconded.

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

17. Consider and vote to purchase two emergency warning sirens for \$30,568.00 and waive City SOP which would otherwise require three written quotes.

Commissioner Paynter made the motion to approve the purchase of two emergency warning sirens for \$30,568.00 and to waive the City SOP, which would otherwise require three written quotes. Anderson seconded.

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

****CITIZENS COMMENTS****

18. Don Keathly, 147 Whitworth, requested that the Commission not allow the Ponca City Schools to have space in War Memorial Park for an auditorium, and not tear down the Hutchins Auditorium, as well as open dialogue with the Landmark Conservancy on options to improve the facility.

Chuck Clark, 1316 Meadowbrook, gave details of an upcoming forum with our legislative representatives at the Senior Center to discuss needs in Ponca City.

Ron Covill, 1020 Poplar, addressed the Landmark Conservancy group's efforts that defeated the recent City issue and another effort to defeat the upcoming school bond issue. Mr. Covill expressed dissatisfaction with the Landmark Conservancy's misstatements about possibilities to rehabilitate the Hutchins and meet Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA). Mr. Covill expressed disappointment with the group's handicapping Ponca City by stopping all progress for the City and Ponca City School District.

19. Mayor Stone adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 6:13 p.m.

PASSED IN SESSION AND APPROVED THIS 22ND OF JANUARY 2006.

ATTEST

MAYOR

CITY CLERK