

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
PONCA CITY, OKLAHOMA  
OCTOBER 16, 2006

Pursuant to notice as required by law, the Ponca City Board of Commissioners met in regular (work) session at 2:00 p.m. in the Commission Chamber at City Hall, 516 E. Grand with Mayor Stone presiding:

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

Others Present: Holly LaBossiere, Chris Henderson, Butch Herring, Craig Stephenson, Mike Lane, City staff; Homer Nicholson, citizens.

1. Mayor Stone called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

2. RECEIVE PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE.

Community Development Director Chris Henderson began by outlining the form and function of the Planning Commission. Henderson confirmed that the Planning Commission is an advisory board created by Oklahoma statutes. The board takes care of three primary functions, including recommendation on all zoning change requests. The commission also makes recommendations on subdivisions and subdivision regulations. Finally, the commission makes decisions on lot split requests, which do not ultimately go to the City Commission for approval. Discussion ensued.

3. RECEIVE LIBRARY BOARD UPDATE.

Library Director Holly LaBossiere began, explaining that the Library Board as a seven member advisory board appointed by the Mayor and City Commission. LaBossiere noted that the City attempts to place a variety of viewpoints on the board, through appointments. LaBossiere reviewed the three main roles served by the board, including that it acts as a public forum and access point to the community to present ideas for the Library to better serve the community.

Next, the board is the appeal agent to anyone wishing to challenge for removal of collection items. If customers don't like an item, they can appeal a staff decision to the board for removal, as well as discussing policy and other staff decisions. Finally, LaBossiere stated that the board provides a hands-on function in the long range planning and policy and procedure manuals for the library. Discussion ensued.

4. CITY MANAGERS COMMENTS.

City Manager Gary Martin informed the Commission of a November 1, 2006 meeting at 11am to hear a presentation on electronic metering of utilities. Martin then relayed notification that

there will probably be a protest march on November 3, 2006 at the evening football game by members of the Ponca Tribe, headed by Dwaine Camp. The City will do nothing as long as the demonstration is peaceful. Martin informed the Commission that the City will be providing flu shots for employees over the next two days. Martin then noted that he would be out of the office the following two days at DEQ meetings in Broken Bow.

Next, Martin informed the Commission that the Big Snake Bridge has been nominated for award regarding the way the project was completed through a partnership with the Ponca Tribe and that it is a lighted, off system bridge. Martin then relayed details of a meeting that morning on several Ponca City Energy issues.

Martin relayed that the downtown Halloween festivities will be moved to the parking lot behind the Library this year, and will be held on Thursday, October 28, 2006. Martin then noted that there have been several meetings on the sales tax election, marketing, and presentations to the public, but that efforts will not begin until after the November general election.

Martin then relayed continued interest in City provided broadband services and the reliability of it. Martin updated the Commission on the Trans-Canada pipeline, and that presentations for the community would be held in November by the developer. Martin concluded with news that the City had successfully defended a lawsuit related to a person who tripped on the sidewalk, where less than a one inch elevation change was the case.

5. COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS.

Commissioner Foxworthy complimented all responsible for the successful household hazardous waste day event hosted by the City and noted that curbside recycling was requested by several residents. Commissioner Anderson echoed that the event was a good one and that 645 vehicles came through. Commissioner Krueger concurred with all comments and spoke in support of looking into curbside recycling. Mayor Stone also complimented the event, and noted that he was informed by PCDA that ConocoPhillips attorneys and OSU attorneys have come together and approved items related to the sensor technology center and that the project is moving forward.

6. Mayor Stone adjourned the meeting at 2:57 p.m.

***PASSED IN SESSION AND APPROVED THIS 13TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2006.***

ATTEST:

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MAYOR

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CITY CLERK

