

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PONCA CITY, OKLAHOMA
NOVEMBER 13, 2006

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
Wayne Foxworthy, Commissioner
Stan Paynter, Commissioner
Diane Anderson, Commissioner
Gary Martin, City Manager
Kevin Murphy, City Attorney
Marc LaBossiere, Finance Director/City Clerk

Present: Tana McKinley, Don Nuzum, Mike Lane, Bill Bridges, Craig Stephenson, Jim Sindelar, Marcy White, Dana Bright, Don Bohon, Terry Brown, Holly LaBossiere, Chris Henderson, Darwin Haney, Butch Herring, City staff; Chuck Clark, John Brown, Linda Brown, Shane Harland, Janet Martin, Carey Head, Homer Nicholson, Jayne Detten, Rich Cantillon, Doyle Brewer, Charles Casey, Don Keathly, Tom Muchmore, Dave May, Larry Buck, Kelly Johnson, Phil Bandy, Fred Boettcher, George Schwarz, Keith Lawrence, Vicky Lawrence, Troy Lewis, Dave Bishop, Ralph Ratliff, citizens; Rolf Clements, Ponca City News.

1. Mayor Richard Stone called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. Invocation – Micah Wells, 1st Assembly of God Church, gave the invocation followed by the pledge of allegiance.

****CITIZENS COMMENTS****

4. Carey Head, 7418 River Ridge Dr., presented the artist rendering of the new Hutchins Memorial Event Center. Head expanded on the styles of proposed architecture and components of the facility.

Shane Harland, Executive Director of the YMCA and resident of 809 Greenbriar, presented the artist rendering of the proposed Recreation Center. Harland informed the Commission that the YMCA has met their \$2.5M fundraising goal to build the pool. Harland noted that the YMCA has acquired an option to purchase the land on the southwest corner of Grand & Highland for the facility, if approved by the voters. Harland then expanded on the components of the facility and benefits to the community, if approved.

Jayne Detten, Executive Director of Main Street, gave the history of the streetscape plan for downtown and elaborated on elements of the proposed improvements. Detten also listed probable economic development benefits to downtown of the project.

Linda Brown, 2041 Lemon Tree Lane, complimented the Commission for difficult decisions made by the City Commission in the wake of ten years planning for future development of Ponca City. Brown also highlighted the benefits of the partnerships included in the proposal that can potentially benefit all Ponca Citians.

Carey Head continued, when Vision 2020 started their task, they had two qualifiers at the start: (1) no personal agendas, and (2) not to be dismayed if recommendations are not taken in part or whole. Head noted that changes in detail from the Vision 2020 document were due to opportunities that arose after the conclusion of their work.

John Bohannon, 1304 N. Pecan Road, stated that he and his wife had lived in Ponca City for the past 20 years, and when he retired they decided to stay in Ponca City, because of the people in Ponca City and their wonderful progressive spirit. Bohannon stated that they were excited when the KROC initiative was developed, and regretted when it did not work out. Bohannon went on to add that he knows when planning projects, it is difficult to gain a consensus of several diverse groups, obtain financing, and finally sell the project to management. Bohannon advised that it is even harder in a public arena where the project has to be sold to the public, but democracy is based on compromise; if all hold out for the perfect package, nothing will be done. Bohannon went on to say that with his engineering background he knows when a building is completely inadequate, completely antiquated, and completely beyond the point of economical repair. Bohannon advised that the Hutchins building has served the community well, and has earned its retirement. Bohannon concluded by urging citizens of Ponca City to be supportive, as this is really an investment in the future growth and well-being of Ponca City.

Dave Bishop, 2104 Kyme Drive, spoke as a representative of Citizens for Responsible Progress, stating that they have significant concerns about the proposal. Bishop stated that this group wants improvements, but in a different package. Bishop urged the Commission to postpone the election and establish an implementation committee for a different proposal.

Don Keathly, 147 Whitworth, questioned information presented on the project brochure. Keathly also proposed another alternative which will be presented the following evening at a meeting at the Hutchins Memorial.

Miguel Herera, 146 Fairview, a senior at Po Hi, expressed his approval and stated that he felt this was a great idea. Herera stated that the Hutchins is okay, but students are very excited about an improved and larger facility. Herera added that he serves on the student council and has visited many other communities that have much better facilities, and this proposal would be a big improvement for Ponca City. Herera also voiced support for a new and larger recreation complex, which is much needed in Ponca City.

Blaine Herron, 1528 W. Broadway, stated that he was speaking as a citizen, a father, and a pastor. Herron noted a love for Ponca City and a void in the community for things for the youth to do. Herron noted that in some ways Ponca City is not a place where youth want to come back to after college and that the proposal would be a step forward for Ponca City. Herron also noted a need for investment on the Westside, and urged all to remember our youth and families when we vote in December.

Ken Slaven, 2109 Meadowbrook, spoke in favor of all the projects, but urged reconsideration of the location of these projects.

Gerald Nield, 837 Edgewood, stated that when he first came to Ponca City in the 1950's he was surprised and impressed by the legacy left by those leaders who had been here before, as opposed to his hometown of Enid. Nield voiced a feeling that the proposals could leave a similar legacy for generations to come and urged all to proceed and support the projects.

Rich Cantillon, Ponca City Chamber and Tourism, noted having sat in several meetings on how to move Ponca City forward. Of the proposals, Cantillon expressed a feeling that each of the three projects will bring more people and money into Ponca City. Cantillon thanked the Commission for the opportunity for citizens to vote on this measure, and although all people have a right to their opinion, he hopes that all will get educated on the proposals.

George Schwarz, 603 S. 4th, stated that what he heard tonight were many good reasons to support these projects in concept, as everyone wants to see progress in Ponca City. Schwarz urged the Commission to postpone the election in an effort to not pit good people against good people. Schwarz advised that even without organized opposition this would be a tough issue to pass considering the economics in Ponca City at this time.

Carey Head made comments about the MAPS project and the implementation Committee, which was a strategy to get citizens engaged, and that the projects were defined before the committee was formed. Head urged for no delay on the December 12, 2006 election.

The Commission took a five minute recess at 6:15 p.m. and resumed the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

****CEREMONIES AND PROCLAMATIONS****

None.

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

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

5. Consider and vote upon minutes of the Ponca City Board of Commissioners work session held October 16, 2006, and regular session held October 23, 2006.

6. **RESOLUTION NO. 5572**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF PONCA CITY, OKLAHOMA, APPOINTING MEMBERS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AND ESTABLISHING THE TERMS OF THE OFFICE THEREOF.

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Personnel Board	Travis James	Appointed	2008

7. Consider and vote on waiving the rental fees charged for the use of Marland Mansion for the Annual Holiday Gala, a fundraiser to benefit Marland Estate Foundation, to be held December 9, 2006.

8. Consider and vote on request by Tamee Re'Peresko, property owner, to burn brush within the City limits on the property known as High Pointe Estates, located in the 3200 block of North Pecan.

9. Consider and vote on Traffic Commission recommendation to install 2-hour parking signs on the east side of the 600 block of South First Street.

10. Consider and on vote acceptance of the dedication of Ridgecrest Drive as a public street, said street being located east of the 3200 block of North Pecan Road.

RESOLUTION NO. 5573

11. ***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. 5574**

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 relayed exciting news from visitors in town, who really enjoyed their stay in Ponca City. Anderson also stated that she was excited to have so many citizens speaking regarding the sales tax election.

Commissioner Paynter noted the groundbreaking that afternoon at the Standing Bear Museum. Paynter went on to say that ultimately, it will be the voice of our community whether the projects go forward or not, and this is the democracy that we live in.

Commissioner Foxworthy relayed to the Commission that a presentation regarding the December 12, 2006 election, given to the Senior Citizens at the Senior Center, was very successful and came to positive responses.

Mayor Stone congratulated those who were responsible for the Veterans Day parade. Stone commented that there had never been a bigger parade or a better parade. Stone further added that it was well attended and appreciated those who did their part to make it such a wonderful event.

Mayor Stone also spoke about the groundbreaking for the new Standing Bear Museum. Stone commented that this is just another project that shows how people working together can accomplish much.

Stone also stated that he received a request for lighting on walking trails at War Memorial Park. Jim Sindelar, Park and Recreation Director, addressed this by saying that this is being worked on, and that he had met with Donnie Romine, Electric Line Superintendent from Ponca City Energy, to work out details for the lighting.

****REPORTS****

15. **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Gary Martin stated that he was pleased to announce that as of today the City has 16 paramedics on staff in the ambulance department. Martin noted that Christmas decorations are being assembled for Festival of Angels, as well as the official City Christmas tree, which will be turned on Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving.

Martin continued, informing the Commission of upcoming training sessions for City employees. Martin then relayed a presentation made last week by ConocoPhillips representatives regarding new equipment being phased in this next week that will have a clean steam plume. Martin also advised the Commission that a press release was made this past week regarding the annual leaf collection.

Martin also referenced positive sales tax collection numbers. Marc LaBossiere, Finance Director, reported that the sales tax for the fourth of the twelve month fiscal year, was up 5.9% over the same period last year.

16. **BUDGET STATUS REPORT**

Marc LaBossiere, Finance Director, gave the budget status report for the results of the first quarter, ended September 30, 2006.

****PUBLIC HEARINGS****

None.

****UNFINISHED BUSINESS****

None.

****NEW BUSINESS****

17. Consider and vote on update of Library Policies and Procedures Manual.

Commissioner Krueger made the motion to accept the update on the Library Policies and Procedures Manual. Anderson seconded.

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

18. Consider and vote on the Park and Recreation Advisory Board recommendation to allow Eastman National Bank to place a Centennial Monument in the northwest corner of Pioneer Park.

Commissioner Foxworthy made the motion to approve the Park and Recreation Board recommendation to allow Eastman National Bank to place a Centennial Monument in the northwest corner of Pioneer Park. Krueger seconded.

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

19. Consider and vote on a Park and Recreation Advisory Board recommendation to allow the Vietnam Veterans Chapter 750, to hold an annual event to retire torn and tattered American flags with an annual flag burning ceremony to be located south of the POW/MIA Monument.

Commissioner Paynter made the motion to approve the Park and Recreation Board's recommendation to allow the Vietnam Veterans Chapter 750, to hold an annual event to retire torn and tattered American flags with an annual flag burning ceremony to be located south of the POW/MIA Monument. Foxworthy seconded.

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

20. Mayor Stone adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 6:55 p.m.

PASSED IN SESSION AND APPROVED THIS 27TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2006.

ATTEST

MAYOR

CITY CLERK