

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
PONCA CITY, OKLAHOMA  
OCTOBER 9, 2006

Pursuant to notice as required by law, the Ponca City Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 5:31 p.m. in the Commission Room at City Hall, 516 E. Grand, with Mayor Richard Stone presiding:

Present: Richard Stone, Mayor  
Wayne Foxworthy, Commissioner  
Paul Krueger, Commissioner  
Stan Paynter, Commissioner  
Gary Martin, City Manager  
Kevin Murphy, City Attorney  
Paulette Cross, Deputy City Clerk

Absent: Commissioner Diane Anderson  
Marc LaBossiere, Finance Director/City Clerk

Present: Marcy White, Dana Bright, Craig Stephenson, Chris Henderson, Mike Lane, Tana McKinley, Hong Fu, City employees; John Carpenter, Charles Clark, Larry Buck, Don Keathly, Phil Bandy, Warren Dick, Donna Evans, Doug Thatcher, citizens; Rolf Clements, news press.

1. Mayor Richard Stone called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.
2. Doug Thatcher, St. Paul's United Methodist Church, gave the invocation followed by the pledge of allegiance.

**\*\*CEREMONIES AND PROCLAMATIONS\*\***

None.

**\*\*CITIZENS COMMENTS\*\***

4. Larry Buck, 38 Raintree, stated that he was a fourth generation Ponca Citian, and has always been and will continue to be a staunch advocate for Ponca City. Buck stated that he feels the City Commission has turned a deaf ear to the citizens of Ponca City, the vision of the 2020 taskforce, and other task forces that have studied the event center at hand. Buck went on to voice opposition to building the events center at the site of the Hutchins Auditorium, rather than downtown.

Mayor Stone advised that he appreciated Mr. Buck's comments, but that Buck speaks on his own behalf, and not on the behalf of Vision 2020 as a group or as a whole. Mayor Stone clarified that he and this Commission appointed all the members of the Vision 2020 group.

Warren Dick, 22 Spring Village, reminded the Commission that a number of years ago they made a study of the number of buildings that the City owns, and that study revealed the City had too many buildings to maintain. Warren stated that he was against tearing down the Hutchins and rebuilding more.

Donna Evans, 3104 N. Pecan Rd., stated that her feet are firmly planted in Ponca City and she too would not support the tax increase to build an event center. Evans stated that she felt the Commission had turned a deaf ear to the citizens. Evans reminded the Commission that on the last election it was not a mandate at that point, and passed by very few votes, and if it had been understood by the voting public it would not have passed. Evans advised that she

has always voted in favor of any project that would enhance Ponca City. Evans asked for clarification on the ballot, that if the citizens are going to a vote a tax on themselves they should be able to understand the ballot.

John Carpenter, 825 Edgewood, addressed the Commission by saying that he would not vote for the projects on the ballot in the upcoming election, and felt that the Commission supported too many special interests groups, and did not look at the citizens of Ponca City as a whole.

Chuck Clark, 1316 Meadowbrook, addressed the Commission by saying that he felt the Commission deserved a little bit of positive and to let them know not everyone is against these projects. Clark commended Commissioners Krueger and Foxworthy for their presentation to the Conoco retirees, and stated that he felt what they had to say helped people to make a more informed decision about the projects. Clark advised that all these projects are important to all Ponca City citizens, and will move Ponca City forward if it passes.

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

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

5. Consider and vote upon minutes of the Ponca City Board of Commissioners work session held September 18, 2006, and special work session held September 25, 2006.

6. **RESOLUTION NO. 5568**

***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.***

<b><u>BOARD OR COMMISSION</u></b>	<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>TERM</u></b>	<b><u>TERM EXPIRATION</u></b>
Energy Advisory Board	Reginald Smith	Appointed	2009
Personnel Board	Michael Daugherty	Appointed	2007

7. Consider and vote upon Traffic Commission recommendation to install a four-way stop at the intersection of Pecan and Prospect.

8. **RESOLUTION NO. 5569**

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

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

9. None.

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

10. Commissioner Krueger advised that if there are any groups, clubs, or organizations that would like for any of the Commissioners to visit with them about the opportunity they will have in December, please check with each Commissioner individually on how their schedules are, and when they could meet with those who would like more information.

Commissioner Paynter commented on the wonderful weekend for the Oktoberfest and how great the weather was. Paynter stated hundreds of hours go into putting on the Oktoberfest, and was appreciative of all those who make it a wonderful event.

Commissioner Foxworthy also commented on the Oktoberfest, stating that he had worked collecting money, and that it was a very successful event. Foxworthy also reminded citizens to get out and see the new centennial clock at the Cann Gardens. Foxworthy advised that Saturday is household hazardous waste collection day at the north ConocoPhillips parking lot.

Foxworthy stated that he had attended a citizens committee meeting that are looking at Proposition 6047, and they are developing a fact sheet explaining this proposition in simple language, and looking at a group of speakers to come and speak to civic groups, so that citizens will know more facts about this proposition.

Stone reiterated about the success of the Oktoberfest and that it brings many people to Ponca City to see what we have at the Marland Estate. Stone stated that the proceeds of the Oktoberfest go to the Marland Estate Foundation for restoration work to keep the "Palace on the Prairie" in topnotch condition.

Stone also reminded citizens of the Hazardous Waste Day being held Saturday at the ConocoPhillips Parking lot from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Stone extended his appreciation to Commissioners Foxworthy and Krueger for meeting with Conoco retirees about the event center and recreational complex.

**\*\*REPORTS\*\***

11. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Gary Martin informed the Commission that the City Hall clock is broken and the works have been sent back for repairs. Martin further advised that department heads went through an effective leadership training last week, and that tomorrow MESO is having an employee training for all. Martin stated that he had a request to change the fountain colors to coincide with the season, so now the colors will be green, orange, and purple.

Martin went on to say that everyone keeps saying we don't want bigger government, we don't want more costs, and by partnering with both the YMCA and the schools, through operation and construction the City is able to save money.

**\*\*PUBLIC HEARINGS\*\***

None.

**\*\*UNFINISHED BUSINESS\*\***

None.

**\*\*NEW BUSINESS\*\***

None.

12. Mayor Stone adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 6:05 p.m.

***PASSED IN SESSION AND APPROVED THIS 23RD DAY OF OCTOBER 2006.***

ATTEST

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MAYOR

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CITY CLERK