

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
PONCA CITY, OKLAHOMA  
APRIL 5, 2010

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

Present:                   Homer Nicholson, Mayor  
                              Lanita Chapman, Commissioner  
                              Paul Krueger, Commissioner  
                              Bill Flegler, Commissioner  
                              Diane Anderson, Commissioner  
                              Craig Stephenson, City Manager  
                              Kevin Murphy, City Attorney  
                              Marc LaBossiere, Finance Director/City Clerk

Absent:                   None

Others Present:        Tana McKinley, Chris Henderson, Bob Miller, Rhonda Skrapke,  
                              City staff; Beverly Bryant, Ponca City News.

1. Mayor Nicholson called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.
2. CONSIDER AND COMMENT ON REQUEST BY OG&E FOR A PERMANENT AND WORKING ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINE EASEMENT ACROSS LAND THE CITY OWNS AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF FOUNTAIN ROAD AND HWY 177 SOUTH OF TOWN.

City Attorney Kevin Murphy began by outlining an OG&E line project that will parallel an existing line and cross an 80-acre tract that the City owns. The land is utilized by the wastewater utility for sludge application. Murphy reviewed options for the City to take, including accepting the offered compensation of \$8,639 or make the utility condemn the easement. Discussion ensued. City Manager Craig Stephenson stated that staff will research fair market value and come back with a recommendation.

3. RECEIVE AND DISCUSS A PROGRESS REPORT ON THE CITY'S NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM (NSP).

Community Development Director Chris Henderson began a presentation on the status of a \$1,075,000 NSP Grant received by the City. The grant includes \$75,000 for administration, \$250,000 for demolition of nuisance properties, and \$750,000 for acquisition and rehabilitation of housing units that will ultimately be transferred to the Ponca City Housing Authority.

Regarding the acquisition component, Henderson explained that getting foreclosures has been more difficult than anticipated and that the City has purchased three homes at this time. On demolitions, 23 houses have been torn down to date, with the next batch of 13 more out to bid. Henderson gave illustrations of before and after photos on a slide presentation. Discussion ensued.

4. RECEIVE PRESENTATION ON NEW CITY WEB PAGE.

City Manager Craig Stephenson began by clarifying the goal of the new web page is to improve upon and get more than was afforded with the last web page. Technology Services Director Craige Baird then gave a visual review of the web site and features on the large projector screen. Baird noted that the new site would include on-line bill pay for utilities and municipal court. Another feature highlighted by Baird was “feedback,” which will replace the old blue card system. Discussion ensued.

5. COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS.

None.

6. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS.

City Manager Craig Stephenson reminded commissioners that all day budget hearings would be held on April 19 and 20<sup>th</sup>. Stephenson also noted that the Leadership Class day with the City is April 14<sup>th</sup>, and that commissioners were invited to the lunch event. Stephenson concluded by outlining an upcoming 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the unveiling of the Pioneer Woman Statue, and an event to be held on that day, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

5. ADJOURN.

Commissioner Chapman moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Anderson.

Roll: Yeas; Chapman, Anderson, Nicholson, Krueger and Flegler.  
Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Nicholson adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

***PASSED IN SESSION AND APPROVED THIS 10<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY 2010.***

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK