

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PONCA CITY, OKLAHOMA
May 3, 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

Others Present: Tana McKinley, Jim Sindelar, Joe Allen, City staff; citizens;
Beverly Bryant, Ponca City News.

1. Mayor Nicholson called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. TOUR LAKE PONCA

The group boarded the City bus and drove to Lake Ponca. Once there, Park & Recreation Director Jim Sindelar gave a tour of the area proposed for a swimming beach and discussed details. Discussion ensued, with the group returning to City Hall at 2:50 p.m.

3. DISCUSS DRAFT ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY REPEALING SECTION 9-5-9(H) WHICH PROHIBITS SWIMMING IN LAKE PONCA; PERMITTING SWIMMING IN DESIGNATED PARS OF LAKE PONCA; PROHIBITING OPERATION OF WATER VESSELS IN SWIMMING AREAS; ESTABLISHING PENALTIES; REPEALING ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF _____.

Commissioner Anderson questioned whether or not fishing would be allowed in the swimming area. City Attorney Kevin Murphy suggested fishing be prohibited, as well as pets. Commissioner Flegler requested the path forward. Sindelar stated the first step is to order the buoys, then herbicide the area and prepare the land. Sindelar continued, noting that staff would try to have the site ready for a July 1 open, but that parking may not be ready by then.

Commissioner Krueger suggested pouring the curb, and filling in with millings generated from asphalt projects. Anderson expressed a desire to get the beach open to the public as soon as possible. Discussion ensued.

4. DISCUSS DRAFT ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY INCREASING THE LENGTH OF BOATS PERMITTED ON LAKE PONCA; REPEALING ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF _____.

Park & Recreation Director Jim Sindelar deferred the presentation to members of the Lake Committee from the Park & Recreation Advisory Board. Robin Riley and Al Moore gave a background on the issue of boat length, what current needs are by lake users, and benefits of extending the boat length limit. Commissioners questioned various problematic effects of the proposal, including danger to wake boarders, damage to the lake from larger cruisers, and safety concerns. Discussion ensued.

5. COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS.

Commissioner Anderson expressed appreciation of Park & Recreation Advisory Board members for their time and attention to proposed changes at Lake Ponca. All other commissioners echoed the sentiment.

6. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS.

City Manager Craig Stephenson noted that on the past Friday, 50 members of Wyoming Main Street were in Ponca City to tour the City and Main Street area. Also visiting in the previous week was an administrator from Australia, to see our Wi-Fi system. Stephenson concluded by relaying information on department head training held during the prior week, to enhance communication skills.

5. ADJOURN.

Motion by Commissioner Chapman to adjourn was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. Roll: Yeas; Anderson, Flegler, Nicholson, Krueger, and Chapman. Nays; None. Motion carried.

Mayor Nicholson adjourned the meeting at 3:46 p.m.

PASSED IN SESSION AND APPROVED THIS 24TH DAY OF MAY 2010.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK