

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PONCA CITY, OKLAHOMA
May 17, 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
Diane Anderson, Commissioner
Craig Stephenson, City Manager
Kevin Murphy, City Attorney
Marc LaBossiere, Finance Director/City Clerk

Absent: Bill Flegler, Commissioner

Others Present: Chris Henderson, Clayton Johnson, Steve Miner, Phil Johnston, Dwaine Vincent, Tana McKinley, City staff; David Myers, Lawrence Beliel, Jeff Myers, PCDA; Roger Farrer, Drake Rice, OMPA; Terry Vandel-Bell, citizens; Beverly Bryant, Ponca City News.

1. Mayor Nicholson called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.
2. RECEIVE SPAY-NEUTER ORDINANCE UPDATE.

Police Chief Clayton Johnson began, noting the Commission had requested an update during budget hearings on how the mandatory spay/neuter ordinance is working. Johnson stated that he would present some numbers and opinions, and then introduced Steve Miner, Supervisor of Animal Control. Johnson outlined the history of the ordinance, which went into force in July 2009. Johnson informed all that the first phase of enforcement was public education, followed by the actual writing of citations.

Johnson stated that euthanizations had nearly doubled during the first quarter of this year versus prior, as was originally projected. Johnson noted that more pet owners are deciding to give up the animal rather than get a citation. Shelter visits by residents have dropped on a year-over-year basis. Johnson concluded with a recommendation to stay the course and measure results each quarter. After another year, more data will be available for considering effectiveness of the ordinance. Discussion ensued.

3. RECEIVE REPORT FROM PONCA CITY ENERGY AND OMPA ON THE WISE REBATE PROGRAM, THE COMFORT OKLAHOMA PROGRAM AND THE OMPA DEEP PROGRAM.

Phil Johnston, Manager of Ponca City Energy began by reminding commissioners that they had approved continuing participation in the W.I.S.E. rebate program in the prior year. Johnston then introduced Roger Farrer from OMPA to discuss current energy efficiency programs.

Farrar began by discussing the new "Comfort Oklahoma" program, funded with federal

stimulus money. For the program, federal funds go through the State, and OMPA as the grantee will rebate \$1,000 per ton, up to 5.5 tons per applicant, for qualifying geo-thermal heat pump systems. Farrer explained that the goal of the program is to improve OMPA's load factor, while reducing summer peak usage and increasing winter usage. Farrer gave further details of the program.

Next, Farrer detailed the D.E.E.P. program, which looks at OMPA's largest customers in member cities to evaluate possible retro-fits that could reduce summer peak usage. The program provides up to \$50,000 per customer and requires a match equal to the amount used. Farrer concluded by informing all of federal tax incentives for residential geo-thermal heat pump systems of 30%, without a maximum cap.

City Manager Craig Stephenson qualified that the PCUA has for many years participated in the W.I.S.E. program, and now that the environment is changing with more incentives and emphasis on environmental responsibility, there may be a lot of interest. Stephenson noted that improving the load factor is good for the PCUA and greater efficiency in usage is good for the customer. Stephenson explained that PCUA has engaged an engineering study to detail efficiencies and effects of customer conversion to geo-thermal heat pump systems, and City staff wants to assure that PCUA is protected. Staff will propose an annual maximum cap for incentives paid by PCUA. Discussion ensued.

4. DISCUSS INTERLOCUTORY ORDINANCE OVERLAYING TITLE 11, CHAPTER 12 OF THE CODE OF PONCA CITY, ENTITLED "SIGN REGULATIONS," PROVIDING FOR THE APPLICATION OF SPECIFIC USE STANDARDS REGARDING THE DISPLAY OF TEMPORARY OUTDOOR OFF-PREMISES SIGNS ON A TEMPORARY EXPERIMENTAL BASIS TO DETERMINE IF SAID STANDARDS PROVE TO BE PRACTICABLE.

Community Development Director Chris Henderson began by explaining that his department would be working to revise the City's comprehensive sign ordinance in the coming year. At this time, staff would like to propose an overlay of some changes, to address problems with the current ordinance. Henderson reviewed changes to be proposed in the overlay. Commissioner Krueger departed the meeting at 3:12 p.m. In depth discussion ensued on where to draw lines of limiting and allowing signage in the community.

5. COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS.

Commissioner Chapman complimented staff and noted that the past two work session have been very informative.

6. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS.

City Manager Craig Stephenson reminded commissioners that the City Safety Banquet would be held the following day, and invited all to attend. Stephenson then informed all that Lake Road would be closed on the following day, from Pecan to Kygar, for water line repairs. Next Stephenson announced the first of several public hearings would be held on Wednesday May 26, 2010 to discuss Small Cities Entitlement Grant funding and usage. In conclusion, Stephenson told commissioners that KDOT would be having a meeting on the following Tuesday in Arkansas City, to discuss passenger rail service to Texas through Oklahoma.

5. ADJOURN.

Motion by Commissioner Chapman to adjourn was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. Roll: Yeas; Anderson, Nicholson, 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