

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PONCA CITY, OKLAHOMA
September 7, 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
Paul Krueger, Commissioner
Diane Anderson, Commissioner
Bill Flegler, Commissioner
Craig Stephenson, City Manager
Kevin Murphy, City Attorney
Marc LaBossiere, Finance Director/City Clerk

Absent: Lanita Chapman, Commissioner

Others Present: Tana McKinley, Chris Henderson, Jim Sindelar, Jim Fairbanks, Mike Lane, David Keathly, Randy Tyner, City staff; citizens; Beverly Bryant, Ponca City News.

1. Mayor Nicholson called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.
2. REVIEW THE PROPOSED SCOPE OF WORK AND SCHEDULE OF IMPROVEMENTS TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY JOSE CARLOS GALINDO, OR HIS AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE, REGARDING THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 814 SOUTH 5TH STREET WHICH HAS BEEN DECLARED TO BE PUBLIC NUISANCE BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

Community Development Director Chris Henderson began by reviewing the issue and actions to date. Mrs. Galindo discussed her desires to rehabilitate the house for her son and confidence that they can get it done. Discussion with commissioners ensued on improvements needed, projected costs, and possible options.

3. DISCUSS THE MERITS OF CREATING AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE PARKING OF MOTOR VEHICLES IN THE FRONT YARDS OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES.

Community Development Director Chris Henderson explained that after discussion on this item at a previous work session he gathered sample ordinances and put together a possible one that may fit Ponca City. Henderson reviewed three major components he found in ordinances, including prohibition of parking in front yards, exemptions where hardships exist, and who is held responsible for offenses. Discussion on various examples and potential problems followed.

4. RECEIVE THE STATUS REPORT ON DESIGN OF L.A. CANN BRIDGE REPLACEMENT AT TURKEY CREEK AND LAKE PONCA AND REVIEW OPTIONS FOR AESTHETIC FEATURES OF LAKE PONCA BRIDGE.

Traffic Engineering Manager Mike Lane began by explaining that the agenda item is simply a status update on the planned bridge replacements at Turkey Creek and Lake Ponca. Lane

reminded commissioners that the City has applied for a 50% grant from the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) on the estimated \$1.1M project. Lane then described the designed bridges with multiple drawings to illustrate the look and layout proposed. Discussion ensued. Lane concluded with an opinion that funding from ODOT would be successful.

5. RECEIVE UPDATE ON PROPOSED RESTORATION OF RANDALL DAVY'S PAINTING, "THE FOX HUNT" LOCATED AT MARLAND'S GRAND HOME.

Marland Estate Director David Keathly noted that the Friends of Marland's Grand Home have a sole mission of continued maintenance and restoration of the facility. The latest project the group would like to complete is the restoration of the Fox Hunt painting, where canvas has begun to sag and wave.

The Friends have applied for a \$20,000 grant to cover costs, and art conservator Carmen Bria has been contacted and will be coming to Ponca City to do a preliminary evaluation and estimate. Keathly described the restoration process, which will take place on site at the Grand Home. Keathly concluded by stating if the grant is not received, nothing will be done at this time.

6. DISCUSS DRAFT RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO MAYOR JIM MCNEESE, RETIRED, ACCEPTING AND EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR HIS GIFT TO THE BRYANT BAKER GALLERY/ARTIST STUDIO AT THE MARLAND MANSION AND DIRECTING CERTAIN MATTERS IN RELATION THERETO.

Marland Estate Director David Keathly informed commissioners that former Mayor Jim McNeese had visited him with an idea to honor former City Manager Leon Nelson, who was instrumental in attaining the Bryant Baker collection, as well as make improvements to the Artist Studio where the collection is housed. Keathly reviewed proposed improvements, which would be funded by McNeese, up to \$50,000. Keathly concluded by stating a he wanted the Commission to know of the generosity of the gift as well as the needs at the facility.

7. COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS.

Commissioner Flegler noted that the new swim beach is being heavily used, and that the project was a good one.

8. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS.

City Manager Craig Stephenson informed commissioners that the Dog Daze of Summer would occur that evening at the AMBUC Pool. Stephenson noted that the Chamber of Commerce from Muskogee will be visiting Ponca City in the coming week. Next Stephenson relayed upcoming events, including the 7th annual "Too Much To Lose" event to deter teenage drinking and an educational forum on State election questions on September 24, 2010.

9. ADJOURN.

Motion by Commissioner Flegler to adjourn, was seconded by Commissioner Anderson.

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

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

PASSED IN SESSION AND APPROVED THIS 27TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2010.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK