

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
PONCA CITY, OKLAHOMA  
APRIL 18, 2005

Pursuant to notice as required by law, the Ponca City Board of Commissioners met in special session at 8:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Room of City Hall, with Mayor Stone presiding:

Present: Dick Stone, Mayor  
Diane Anderson, Commissioner  
David Cummings, Commissioner  
Paul Krueger, Commissioner  
Stan Paynter, Commissioner  
Gary Martin, City Manager  
Kevin Murphy, City Attorney  
Marc LaBossiere, Finance Director/City Clerk

Others Present: Tana McKinley, Craig Stephenson, Chris Henderson, Jim Sindelar, City staff, citizens; Rod Bolin, Ponca City News

1. Mayor Stone called the meeting to order at 8:01 p.m.
3. CONSIDER AND VOTE ON A CONTRACT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE REHABILITATION AND RELOCATION OF SANITARY SEWER LINES ALONG U.S. HIGHWAY 77 WITH SMITH ROBERTS BALDISCHWILER, LLC (SRB). (ITEM TAKEN OUT OF ORDER)

Public Works Director Craig Stephenson gave an overview of the contract engineer's responsibility for the sanitary sewer relocation in conjunction with the Highway 77 widening project between South Avenue and Highway 60. Motion by Paynter to approve contracting with SRB was seconded by Cummings. Yeas: 5. Nays: 0 Motion carried.

2. RECEIVE REPORT FROM SALVATION ARMY ON KROC FOUNDATION GRANT.

Gary Bracken, President of the Salvation Army (SA) Board, gave details to the Commission of a recent meeting in Dallas to give a greater understanding of Kroc grant projects. Bracken relayed a feeling that Ponca City stands a good chance of receiving a grant if we do not delay. Bracken then outlined the various SA regions and funding allocations.

Bracken continued, discussing grant requirements, including that the facilities must be named Kroc Center, and that the SA must own and operate the facilities. Further, Bracken explained that certain things must be included in the facility such as recreation and fine arts components, as well as a place to hold worship services. There are also things a Kroc Center may not house, including a homeless shelter and a thrift store.

Bracken then outline the way the grant process works. First, there is no paradigm on amounts and other details yet, but rather, if the proposal is sound the SA will consider a project in any amount. The average seems to be \$10-15m. Bracken then detailed how funding works, including a local match for operations equal to the Kroc funded bricks and mortar construction costs. The local match is set aside for an operating endowment, and is also matched with Kroc funds. Bracken explained that simply put, it is a 2/1 grant to match.

Bracken then briefly discussed the problematic nature of raising a local match for non-bricks and mortar type funding. Next Bracken identified a timeline of 30 days, and stated a belief that if a preliminary application can be submitted in that time frame that Ponca City stands a good chance of receiving a grant. Bracken qualified that if the community chose to propose a

dedicated sales tax to fund the match, it would not have to be passed at the time of application, and that the flow of funds can come later. Discussion ensued.

Bracken then summarized what local SA officials have visualized for the grant, including a 40-acre facility with four softball fields, and brick & mortar in middle. Community Development Director Chris Henderson then reviewed the trip to Texas and opportunities afforded by the grant. Concerns stated by Henderson included using public funds and moving them to a third party for use in perpetuity, as well as the land ownership. Henderson stated he had met with the City Attorney, and that the legal issues are being worked on currently. Discussion ensued regarding the Vision 2020 function and the Kroc opportunity.

In summary, Bracken re-iterated that the Kroc grant facility project can flow like any normal construction project, beginning with a needs assessment to determine scope, followed by preliminary design, and then final plans and specs. With the Kroc grant, Bracken explained that we are beginning a conceptual stage. As such, an application may be submitted including a very preliminary design for the project side, as well as the funding side. Bracken stated that we do need to conceptualize the project and get the grant application to Atlanta. If grant approval gets announced, then we can pick an architect and begin preliminary design. Bracken noted that raising funds will be much easier once the grant is awarded. Discussion ensued.

4. DISCUSS DRAFT OF ANNUAL OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF PONCA CITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005-06.

City Department Heads presented their respective budgets one at a time over the course of the day. The order of morning presenters included representatives from the Community Development, Library, Fire and Information Services Departments. The City Commissioners worked through lunch, covering budgets for the City Commission, City Manager, CMA, and City Attorney.

The afternoon hearings included representatives from Public Works, Police, and the Finance Departments. At the conclusion of the day, staff summarized the initial days' activity and reviewed the schedule for the following day.

5. COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS None.

6. ADJOURN Mayor Stone adjourned the meeting at 5:02 p.m.

*PASSED IN SESSION AND APPROVED THIS 25TH DAY OF APRIL 2005.*

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VICE-MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK