



**CITY OF THE VILLAGE  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
MAY 1, 2023**

The City Council of the City of The Village, Oklahoma, met in regular session at City Hall on Monday, May 1, 2023, at 6:30 pm., at 2304 Manchester Drive.

**Council Present**

Sonny Wilkinson, Mayor  
David Glover, Councilmember  
Sean Cummings, Councilmember  
Bubba Symes, Councilmember  
Melodie Moore Councilmember-Elect  
David Bennett, Councilmember-Elect

**Staff Present**

Dave Slezcickey, City Manager  
Bev McManus, City Treasurer  
Ken Nelson, Planning Director  
Russ Landon, Police Chief  
Jeff Sabin, City Attorney

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Wilkinson called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm with Council Members Glover, Cummings, and Symes present.

**2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Councilmember Symes gave the invocation and led the Pledge.

**3. RECESS REGULAR MEETING FOR COMMUNITY RECEPTION TO WELCOME NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS AND THANK OUTGOING COUNCILMEMBERS FOR THEIR SERVICE.**

Mayor Wilkinson recessed the meeting at 6:40 pm for a community reception in Council Chambers to welcome newly elected Councilmembers Melodie Moore and David Bennett; the reelection of Councilmember Symes; and to thank outgoing Councilmembers Glover and Griffis for their service.

**4. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING.**

Mayor Wilkinson reconvened the regular meeting at 7:32 pm.

**5. ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEWLY ELECTED WARD I, WARD II AND WARD III CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS.**

Municipal Judge Danny White administered the Oath of Office to Councilmembers David Bennett, Bubba Symes, and Melodie Moore. Councilmember Glover left the table for Councilmember Bennett to take his seat. Councilmember Moore took her seat at the table.

**6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA. Any Council member may, by request to the Mayor, pull any item listed below for further consideration and/or discussion.**

- A. Minutes of regular meeting held on April 17, 2023.
- B. Proclamation of appreciation of service for Wynter Griffis
- C. Proclamation of appreciation of service for David Glover



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Mayor Wilkison moved the Consent Agenda ahead on the agenda and read the proclamations of appreciation for David Glover and Wynter Griffis. Mayor Wilkinson made the motion to approve the consent docket with a second from Councilmember Cummings.

**VOTE:** YES-Bennett, Symes, Moore, Cummings, Wilkinson NO-None  
**Motion passed 5-0**

**7. CONSIDERATION OF ELECTION OF MAYOR TO SERVE A ONE-YEAR TERM.**

Mayor Wilkinson thanked the Council, community and staff for the opportunity to serve as Mayor for the past year. Following discussion, Mayor Wilkinson made a motion for Bubba Symes to serve as Mayor with a second by Councilmember Cummings.

**VOTE:** YES-Bennett, Symes, Moore, Cummings, Wilkinson NO-None  
**Motion passed 5-0**

Mayor Symes assumed duties of Mayor

**8. CONSIDERATION OF ELECTION OF VICE-MAYOR TO SERVE A ONE-YEAR TERM.**

Following discussion, Mayor Symes made a motion for Sean Cummings to serve as vice-mayor with a second from Councilmember Wilkinson.

**VOTE:** YES-Bennett, Symes, Moore, Cummings, Wilkinson NO-None  
**Motion passed 5-0**

**9. COMMUNITY COMMENTS:** Community members must complete the registration form prior to the meeting being called to order and have three (3) minutes to present items, issues, concerns, compliments and feedback to the Council. The Council is prohibited by the [Oklahoma Open Meetings Act](#) from taking action on any matters presented, that are not listed on the posted agenda.

- Abigail Stout with The Village Library provided an update on upcoming community library activities to include a DHS outreach program at Crossings; summer reading program and a need for teen volunteers; a program on native plants in your garden; and children reading to dogs.
- Jane Lowther commented on the bricks in the Memorial Wall, the Citizens Police Academy, thanked the Fire and Police Departments; and welcomed new councilmembers on behalf of her neighborhood.

**10. CONSIDERATION REGARDING APPOINTING A DESIGNATED DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE DELEGATE(S) TO SERVE ON THE ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA GOVERNMENTS (ACOG) BOARD OF DIRECTORS AS REPRESENTATIVE(S) OF THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE.**



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Following discussion, Councilmember Wilkinson made a motion to appoint David Bennett as delegate and Sean Cummings and Melodie Moore as alternate representatives with a second from Councilmember Cummings.

**VOTE:** YES-Bennett, Symes, Moore, Cummings, Wilkinson NO-None  
**Motion passed 5-0**

**11. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 05-01-2023 (A) REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF DAVID GLOVER TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION.**

Following discussion, Councilmember Cummings made a motion to approve the Resolution, with a second from Councilmember Wilkinson.

**VOTE:** YES-Bennett, Symes, Moore, Cummings, Wilkinson NO-None  
**Motion passed 5-0**

**12. REPORTS, CORRESPONDENCE, ETC.**

- a) *Treasurer's Report March 2023 Financials*
- b) *LAUD Field Report*
- c) *Manager's Report*
- d) *City Attorney Comments*
- e) *Council Comments*

Staff reports were presented to update the Council on activities and works in progress.

Councilmember Wilkinson thanked David Glover and Wynter Griffis for their service, dedication and commitment to the community and welcomed David Bennett and Melodie Moore to the Council. He expressed sincere and genuine appreciation for the opportunity to complete his third term as Mayor, proud of what the Council has done, is doing, and will do to sustain an active and healthy city, while encouraging community members to talk through and discuss issues in an open and respectful manner.

Mayor Symes thanked Councilmember Wilkinson for his service as mayor and complimented the Council as a whole for working together to keep making our community better.

Councilmember Cummings welcomed the new councilmembers and expressed his excitement for making history with Councilmember Moore's election as the first black woman on The Village City Council.

Councilmember Moore thanked her supporters and committed to representing Ward III and the City. She reflected on coming to The Village as a child, raising her family in The Village. She acknowledged the historical moment of her oath of office in being the first but not the last, and expressed appreciation for the diversity and inclusiveness in The Village that she learned while going door to door campaigning.



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Councilmember Bennett thanked everyone for the support and expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to serve the community.

**13. CONSIDERATION OF CHANGING TIME AND/OR DATE OF MAY 15 REGULAR MEETING TIME FOR A BUDGET AND PLANNING WORKSHOP WITH STAFF, DEPARTMENT HEADS AND COUNCIL.**

Following discussion, Councilmembers Wilkinson and Moore were going to check their schedules for best availability.

**14. NEW BUSINESS.** “New business,” as used herein, shall mean any matter not known about or which could not have been reasonably foreseen prior to the time of posting.

None

**15. ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further business, Mayor Symes adjourned the meeting at 8:32 pm

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Bubba Symes, Mayor

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Sean Cummings Vice-Mayor

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David Bennett

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Melodie Moore

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Sonny Wilkinson

ATTEST:

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*Dave Slezickey, City Clerk*