



CITY OF THE VILLAGE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 17, 2023

The City Council of the City of The Village, Oklahoma, met in regular session at City Hall on Monday, July 17, 2023 at 6:30 pm.

**Council Present**

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

**Staff Present**

Dave Slezcicky, City Manager  
Beverly McManus, City Treasurer  
Jeff Sabin, City Attorney  
Ken Nelson, Planning Director  
Heather Marks, Court Clerk

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Symes called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

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

Mayor Symes gave the invocation and Vice Mayor Cummings led the Pledge.

**3. COMMUNITY COMMENTS:**

Connie Thayer, a resident of Edmond, OK addressed the Council regarding The Villager podcast and expressing her frustration of how she is treated by local governments.

**4. 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 June 19, 2023.
- B. Acceptance of Claims for the month of June 2023.

Vice Mayor Cummings made the motion to approve with a second from Councilmember Wilkinson.

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

**5. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 07-17-2023 (A) REGARDING A ZONING REVIEW FOR CASADY SCHOOL FOR AN ADDITION TO THE BENNETT ATHLETIC CENTER.**

After reviewing the recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission to approve, Vice Mayor Cummings made the motion to approve with a second from Councilmember Bennett. Jim Bonfiglio with Casady Schools advised on the status of multiple improvement projects on the campus.



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

**6. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 07-17-2023 (B) REGARDING THE FINAL PLAT OF THE HABITAT (PUD).**

After reviewing the recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission to approve, and discussion with Mark Zitrow of Johnson and Associates and neighboring residents, Councilmember Bennett made the motion to continue this item to the next meeting with a second from Councilmember Moore. Discussion included comments regarding drainage and density.

**VOTE:** YES-Bennett, Moore, Symes NO-Cummings, Wilkinson  
**Motion passed 3-2 and will be on the agenda for the next meeting**

**7. CONSIDERATION REGARDING A HEARING FOR A NUISANCE ABATEMENT OF 2709 KENT DRIVE FOR TALL WEEDS AND OVERGROWTH, AT THE REQUEST OF PROPERTY OWNER MS. SUSAN FITZPATRICK.**

Ms. Fitzpatrick agreed to provide a fence screen and cut back the tall milkweed plants to maintain an orderly appearance. Councilmember Wilkinson made the motion to accept the owner's commitment with follow up from Code Enforcement, to not abate the property, with a second from Mayor Symes.

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

**8. CONSIDERATION OF PRESENTATION REGARDING UPDATES TO STATE LEGISLATION TAKING EFFECT NOVEMBER 01, 2023, IMPACTING MUNICIPAL COURTS FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR, FAILURE TO PAY, AND COLLECTION PROCESS FROM HEATHER MARKS, COURT CLERK.**

Heather Marks, Court Clerk, advised the Council of recent legislative changes impacting municipal courts in regards to Failure to Appear and Failure to Pay. Her suggestions will be brought back to Council as an Ordinance to update City Code to comply with the legislative changes.

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

**9. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE AUTOMATIC MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF NICHOLS HILLS.**



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Councilmember Wilkinson made the motion to approve the agreement with a second by Vice-Mayor Cummings.

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

**10. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 07-17-2023 (C) TO ENGAGE THE FIRM OF PERDUE BRANDON FIELDER COLLINS AND MOTT LLP FOR MUNICIPAL COURT COLLECTIONS AND DELINQUENT ACCOUNT COLLECTIONS.**

Motion to approve was made by Mayor Symes with a second by Councilmember Bennett.

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

**11. REPORTS, CORRESPONDENCE, ETC.**

Staff reports were presented with discussion with the Council.

Councilmember Bennett provided a brief update from ACOG and 911 system improvements. He indicated that he will be asking ACOG for assistance to extend our 10' multi-modal trail that ends at city limits, west over Britton Rd crossing over OK 74.

Councilmember Moore advised that she completed her OML training at Rose State in June.

Councilmember Wilkinson thanked the council for the service and commitment to the community. He suggested that we kick off the Charter Review Committee sooner rather than later.

Vice-Mayor Cummings discussed Yoga in the park and gave a heads up that the Library will be hosting an event this fall for authors who are residents of The Village.

Mayor Symes expressed his gratitude to the council, staff and employees of The Village.

**12. NEW BUSINESS.**

No new business present.



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**13. ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further business, Mayor Symes adjourned the meeting at 9:101 pm.

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Bubba Symes, Mayor

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Sean Cummings Vice-Mayor David Bennett

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*Attest:*

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*City Clerk*