



CITY OF THE VILLAGE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 21, 2023

The City Council of the City of The Village, Oklahoma, met in regular session at City Hall on Monday, August 21, 2023 at 6:35 pm.

**The meeting may be viewed on our YouTube channel at this [link](#)**

**Council Present**

Bubba Symes, Mayor  
Sean Cummings, Vice-Mayor  
Sunny Wilkinson, Councilmember  
Melodie Moore, Councilmember  
David Bennett, Councilmember (arrived 7:27 pm)

**Staff Present**

Dave Slezcickey, City Manager  
Beverly McManus, City Treasurer  
Jeff Sabin, City Attorney  
Ken Nelson, Planning Director

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Symes called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

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

Mayor Symes gave the invocation and Councilmember Wilkinson led the Pledge.

**3. COMMUNITY COMMENTS:**

Abigail Stout with The Village Branch of the Library provided an update on library activities and address. Jane Lowther addressed the Council regarding the citizens police academy, SALT meetings, Meeker Park renovation planning, front and back lawns, recognizing great neighbors and wished Sean Cummings a happy birthday.

**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 August 07,2023.

Councilmember Wilkinson made the motion to approve with a second from Councilmember Moore.

**VOTE:** YES-Wilkinson, Moore, Cummings, Symes NO-None

**Motion passed 4-0**

**5. PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION OF SERVICE AND RECOGNITION FOR LESLIE BATCHELOR.**

Mayor Symes presented Leslie Batchelor a proclamation recognizing her service and long lasting impacts on The Village. Councilmembers thanked her for her



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contributions to our community in economic development, urban renewal, and redevelopment.

**No Action Taken**

**6. REPORTS, CORRESPONDENCE, ETC.**

*Mayor Symes advanced Reports to the next agenda item.*

Staff reports were presented with discussion with the Council. Councilmember Bennett provided a brief update from ACOG and working on access over OK 74 from Britton.

Councilmember Moore discussed being better for each other and to each other, promoting equity and opportunity.

Councilmember Wilkinson commented regarding the jail contract with OKDC, charter review, Carlton Way speed bumps and the traffic signal at Lakeside and May.

Vice-Mayor Cummings discussed getting the Yoga in the park back on track and appreciated all that is done with the animal shelter to get pets adopted.

Mayor Symes suggested that everyone attending the meeting should go adopt a dog.

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

As continued from the two prior meetings, this item was presented to the Council. David Box and Tim Johnson spoke on behalf of Habitat For Humanity and The Habitat PUD in support of approval. Pastor Steve Evans of Our Lords Lutheran Church spoke in support of approval, Edward Saheb was followed by local residents Jack Jeffry Christie, Jessica Urbanas, Landon Prather, Willie Kelch, Charles Bruce McDermott, Charles Wenda, Craig Alman, Jim Abernathy, and Rachel Jackson spoke in opposition to the project. *(Full comments may be viewed by watching the meeting recording on our youtube channel @CityofTheVillage.)*

After discussion and debate, Councilmember Wilkinson made a motion to approve the resolution with a second from Councilmember Cummings.

**VOTE:** YES-Cummings, Symes, Wilkinson

No-Bennett, Moore

**Motion passed 3-2**



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**8. NEW BUSINESS.**

No new business present.

**9. ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further business, Mayor Symes adjourned the meeting at 9:08 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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*City Clerk*