

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PONCA CITY, OKLAHOMA
NOVEMBER 7, 2011

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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
Bill Flegler, Commissioner
Lanita Chapman, Commissioner
Diane Anderson, Commissioner
Tana McKinley, Assistant City Manager
Kevin Murphy, City Attorney
Marc LaBossiere, Finance Director/City Clerk

Absent: Craig Stephenson, City Manager

Others Present: Phil Johnston, Terry Brown, Mike Lane, Paula Cain, Chris Henderson, Dwaine Vincent, City staff; Beverly Bryant, Ponca City News.

1. Mayor Nicholson called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. REPORT ON AND DISCUSS OKLAHOMA MUNICIPAL POWER AUTHORITY'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RATE.

Ponca City Energy Manager Phil Johnston began by describing the rate which has been in existence for many years. Johnston noted that the only time it was used in Ponca City was when Tyson Foods first opened the plant that now houses Dorado Foods. Johnston clarified that the rate is an incentive for high use manufacturers that gives a discount on the marginal demand rate, and that the discount ratchets down each year until it hits zero in the sixth year. Johnston also clarified that OMPA funds the discount and that no lost revenue occurs for Ponca City Energy. Discussion ensued.

3. DISCUSS CONSISTENT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE "PONCA CITY" LOGO FOR ALL CITY DEPARTMENTS.

Assistant City Manager Tana McKinley gave a history of the two logos currently used. McKinley noted that the 2002 logo to brand Ponca City has been implemented with most department's letterhead, business cards, and the like. In conjunction with the 100 year anniversary on Ponca City Energy, McKinley explained that it is a good time to move forward with implementing the logo throughout the City including employee uniforms, trucks, and Ponca City Energy. Discussion on branding ensued with commissioners voicing positive comments on the branding initiative.

4. COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS.

Mayor Nicholson congratulated all that were responsible for a wonderful Veteran's Day Parade, and thanked John Sutton who donated the flags used to line Grand Avenue. Nicholson also expressed a special thank you to Chris Henderson, who did sound and stage for the event, as well as many other events throughout the year.

Commissioner Flegler questioned whether the City had any damage from the recent earthquakes. Assistant City Manager Tana McKinley qualified that some cracks appeared in the stucco on City Hall and in the floor of the Police Training Center.

5. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS.

Assistant City Manager Tana McKinley also thanked staff and John Sutton for contributions to the successful parade. McKinley then noted that on October 27, 2011 the new lime softening system was put back on-line at the water treatment plant. At the recent "Take Back Drugs" event, Police collected three and a half boxes of old medications from residents. Next, McKinley relayed sad news of the passing of former Mayor Lee Brown as well as funeral information. McKinley concluded by handing out to commissioners a listing of events and days the City will be closed during the coming year.

6. ENTERTAIN MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO TITLE 25 SECTION 307 OKLAHOMA STATUTES FOR PURPOSES OF DISCUSSING NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS (I.A.F.F.) AND FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE (F.O.P.).

Motion was made by Commissioner Flegler at 2:23 p.m. to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations with the International Association of Fire Fighters (I.A.F.F.) and Fraternal Order of Police (F.O.P.). Chapman seconded

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

At 3:37 p.m., the Board of Commissioners returned to regular session with no action being taken.

Commissioner Flegler made the motion to adjourn the work session of the Board of Commissioners. Anderson seconded.

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

Mayor Nicholson adjourned the meeting at 3:37 p.m.

PASSED IN SESSION AND APPROVED THIS 28TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2011.





MAYOR