

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PONCA CITY, OKLAHOMA
June 15, 2015

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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
Ryan Austin, Commissioner
Lanita Chapman, Commissioner
Mary Beth Moore, Commissioner
Nancy Rathbun, Commissioner
Craig Stephenson, City Manager
Mike Vanderburg, City Attorney
Marc LaBossiere, Finance Director/City Clerk

Absent: None

Others Present: Rob Dick, Randy Tyner, Mike Lane, Chris Henderson, Craige Baird, Jim Sindelar, Janet Smith, William Tripp, Tana McKinley, City staff; Steve Dye, Ponca City News, Beverly Bryant, TEAM Radio.

1. CALL TO ORDER.

Mayor Nicholson called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

2. DISCUSS A PROPOSED FY 15-16 CAPITAL PROJECT WHOSE SCOPE IS TO REMOVE AND REPLACE SPECIFIC TRAFFIC SIGNALS WITHIN THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT FROM PINE STREET TO 7TH STREET FOR THE PURPOSE OF FURTHER ENHANCING THE HISTORIC FABRIC OF DOWNTOWN AND IMPROVING TRAFFIC MOVEMENTS THROUGHOUT.

City Manager Craig Stephenson began, reminding commissioners that an item included in the new Fiscal 2015-16 budget is traffic signal pole improvements downtown. Stephenson then deferred to Traffic Engineering Manager Mike Lane to review the proposed changes. Lane began by qualifying that traffic patterns have changed greatly downtown over recent years, and with recent downtown sidewalk enhancements much effort has gone into making it a destination point.

Lane then followed with a PowerPoint presentation that illustrated where existing lights are and which would be removed and replaced with stop signs. Lane then discussed the black powder coating for all poles on Grand Avenue and proposed changes to mast arm length. Lane concluded by discussing the process of removals, powder coating, and phasing in replacements, noting that the entire process could take six months at a total budget of \$75,000. Discussion ensued. Stephenson clarified that he wanted commissioners to know what is being proposed and that hopefully the newspaper and radio reports will help to inform the public as well.

3. DISCUSS CITY OF PONCA CITY'S FIBER TO THE PREMISE PROJECT (FTTP).

City Manager Craig Stephenson introduced the FTTP topic and that while evaluating a pilot project, a two-fold approach on radios became apparent. Stephenson then described the two types of radios to be tested and perhaps offered ultimately, as well as reasoning why.

Stephenson discussed technology advances and why some customers may want to buy their own Wi-Fi unit.

Regarding the pilot project, Stephenson noted that a cluster area has been identified. This cluster coupled with twelve other stakeholders to be connected means a plan to order 25 radio units for the pilot, some of each type. Stephenson then discussed pilot member responsibilities such as daily use on differing applications and speed tests. Stephenson explained that staff will purchase the boxes and drop fiber directly, and will contract with AtLink to provide installations. Stephenson clarified that he wants the Commission to understand the pilot project that will be funded from Ponca City Energy's capital budget at a projected cost of \$55,000, and that it will provide the necessary data needed to make decisions on the possibility of creating the new utility moving forward. Discussion ensued.

4. COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS.

Commissioner Austin noted he had recently completed the OML new official's institute, and that it was a very long and information filled day. Commissioner Moore relayed that she has been at the Pioneer Woman Museum recently and a group of tour operators from across the country were there who had just visited the Marland Mansion and raved about the historic re-enactor presentation they received. Commissioner Chapman complimented City staff on how well our city government works versus the bad things we see in other cities across the United States.

5. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS.

City Manager Craig Stephenson reviewed several activities scheduled for the coming weekend. Stephenson then relayed information on a junior golf academy being put on by the professionals at Wentz Golf Course. Next, Stephenson informed all about an upcoming "Down by Downtown" event to be held on June 26, 2015 between 5th and 6th streets on Grand Avenue. The event is free to the public and will include live music, food trucks, a beer garden, and other beverages. Stephenson concluded by reminding all that on Friday, June 19, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. there will be a dedication of the Charles D. Lamb Energy Center located at 4250 W. Doolin Avenue, north of Ponca City.

6. ADJOURN.

Commissioner Chapman moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Moore seconded.

Yeas; Chapman, Moore, Nicholson, Rathbun, Austin. Nays: None. Motion carried

Mayor Nicholson adjourned the meeting at 2:42 p.m.

PASSED IN SESSION AND APPROVED THIS 22ND DAY OF JUNE 2015.



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MAYOR