

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BLACKWELL CITY COUNCIL**  
**BLACKWELL, OKLAHOMA**  
**January 7, 2016**

Pursuant to the legal notice as is required by the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, including the posting of notice and agenda on January 5, 2016, as is required by the terms thereof, the City Council of the City of Blackwell met in regular session at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Room of City Hall located at 221 West Blackwell, Blackwell, Oklahoma.

Present: Max Wirtz, Mayor  
Richard Braden, Councilor Ward 1  
Jon Webb, Councilor Ward 2  
Tom Beliel, Councilor Ward 3  
T J Greenfield, Councilor Ward 4  
Chip Outhier, City Manager  
Bryce Kennedy, Attorney  
Cynthia Neumayer, City Clerk

Absent: None

Others Present: Leadership Class; Drake Rice, OMPA; Dewayne Wood, Police Chief; Chuck Anderson, Street Superintendent; Dirk Seabridge, Fire Chief; Linda Mayden, Library; Taci Hanebrink ; Charles Gerian, Blackwell Journal Tribune; and 25 citizens to include Leadership Class.

1. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Mayor Wirtz called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. **OPENING CEREMONIES:** Invocation was given by Councilor Webb, followed by Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilor Beliel.
3. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND/OR RECOGNITIONS:**
  - Leadership Blackwell* was welcomed to the council meeting
  - Drake Rice* – New Cordell will be joining OMPA's as the 42<sup>nd</sup> member city. \*An Energy Services Meeting will be held February 18. \*Rice went over programs such as DEEP Program, the newest program being Ceiling Insulation Rebate. OMPA has process four Geo thermal Loop Loan another new program. \*Rice noted 124 new bills had been introduced to legislators supporting public utilities. \*A two man line crew put together to contract out to member cities, with manpower issues has been very successful. \*Blackwell requested assistance for Braman on upgrading the lines between City of Blackwell and Town of Braman. The assist was done through distribution engineering project at no cost to the City of Blackwell or Town of Braman. \*An increase of 1.67% on the OMPA Power Bill went into effect as of January 1<sup>st</sup>. He added a reduction in gas prices may help offset that increase.
4. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
  - (A) Minutes of 12/17/15 Meeting.
  - (B) Payment of Outstanding Requisitions.
    - Items A, & B as contained on the Consent Agenda were found to be non-controversial and routine in nature by the City Council. Motion made by Greenfield, seconded by Beliel to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll, yeas: Wirtz, Braden, Webb, Beliel and Greenfield. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.
5. **Reports from Organizations and Authorities.**
  - Sixkiller* – The electric crews were busy on maintenance and tree trimming. The ice storm caused minimal problems. Outage time was 3 hours at the most.
  - Anderson* – Street crews filled potholes, and cleared storm drainage. Signs at parks have been replaced. He thanked Richard Jernigan for his hard work on the project. Edges were pulled off of 29<sup>th</sup> street to allow for drainage.
  - Hoos* – Testing of the new chemical is almost over. Results will be delivered. Gaining Progress is being made.

**Seabridge** – End of year numbers: 1,069 Ambulance Calls and 145 fires. Ambulance Calls was up 100 from previous year. Mileage was 330,866 for transfers, a primary source of revenue. EMT's spent time license renewals. Earth Wind and Fire Exercise attending Tim Gilbert and Dirk. Mock Ice Storm. Two guys training on Hazmat software for Homeland Security. An incident of with Carbon Monoxide at the Bethesda Church. Seabridge reminding all of how deadly Carbon Monoxide can be. \*Regional Management Planning Group gave a presentation to Stillwater's response to the homecoming parade incident. Flag was changed out on Doolin, after damages occurred during the ice storm. Christmas for kids went well with 43 applicants down from 70 plus in prior years. Sharon Vetter assisted as in the past. He attributed the decline in applicants to multiple area programs this time of year. \*Twelve (12) calls in one day along with a new state software program released on January 1, 2016 made for a busy day.

**Mayden** – Summer reading program this year is "Be Active" and to read. DVD on activities for kids and seniors are available as well as music. The library received 90% of state aid \$3562.00 and a donation 1,500.00 for children books from the Beatty Fund. She was grateful for the donation. Wireless is shut down at this time as the front steps are blocked off.

**Short-** Working on ISO Code effectiveness Insurance Rating. Mowing Liens totaling approx. \$4,009.00 in labor costs have been sent out with about seventeen (17%) n paid.

**Keen** – Braman line upgrade is ongoing. The line goes from 13<sup>th</sup> Street to Adobe Road to 29<sup>th</sup> Street to Diversion Dam across the river and cross country about 3 miles with no road access. Blackwell is working with OMPA and NODA for the benefit of Braman, which also helps City crews. Per a contract with Braman. Cindy and I will be working on the OMPA recertification in the coming month.

**Wood** – For December 165 traffic stops 66 citations, 102 warnings, and 43 arrests. There are 892 calls for service, 296 E911 calls and 2,104 other calls. 15 accidents 4 had injury in December. Santa Cop helped out 8 families, to include toys, clothes and meal. Cars should be delivered in January. A rebate was received on the Digital Radios in the amount of \$2,000.00.

## **6. Council Comments**

**Greenfield** – None

**Beliel** – None

**Webb** – Complimented the new Website.

**Braden** - Expressed appreciation the Electric Department and the minimal electric outages.

**Wirtz** – Expressed appreciation also, reflecting on historical ice storm.

## **7. BUSINESS:**

### **A. Discussion and Possible Action on Renewal of Agreement with NIXLE**

Wood explained the NIXLE has been a program offered to citizens since 2009. Civic, Church and School notices. Real time information for anyone that subscribes.

Motion was made by Beliel, seconded by Braden to approve Agreement with NIXLE. Roll, yeas: Wirtz, Braden, Webb, Beliel, and Greenfield. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

### **B. Discussion and Possible Action on Development of Pride Committee**

Outhier asked the council to give the pastoral core the ability to tap into the Blackwell Public Trust private projects. Discussion was held on limitations and monitoring of the funding. Rental and/or Commercial property would be exempt. Each project would be limited to \$500.00 for a limit of \$1500.00 per month until June 30, 2016, at which time there would be a review of the program. Quarterly reports are expected.

Motion was made by Greenfield, seconded by Webb to approve the development of the Pride Committee, projects limited to \$500.00 per project not to exceed \$1500.00 per month. Roll, yeas: Wirtz, Braden, Webb, Beliel, and Greenfield. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

### **C. Discussion and Possible Action on Wellness Program** **Item C Tabled**

**D. Discussion and Possible Action on acceptance of property located at 212 E. Dewey  
Item D Tabled**

**E. Discussion and Possible Action on acceptance of bids received on Dilapidated structure  
removal Bid Date 12/22/2015**

Bianca Short with Code Enforcement went over the bid results with the council as follows:

Tony Schieber	\$17,400.00
Terra Firma Solution	\$17,750.00
Clark Contracting	\$20,382.00
M & S Construction	\$20,500.00
Davis Sanitation	\$21,750.00
Eco-Alliance	\$25,863.00
CS Services	\$37,750.00

Motion was made by Greenfield, seconded by Braden to approve Tony Shieber's Bid for \$17,400.00 Roll, yeas: Wirtz, Braden, Webb, Beliel, and Greenfield. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

**F. Executive Session Requested Under the Provisions of 25 O.S., Sec. 307 (B) (4) for Update  
on Wooderson and Moreland Negotiations.**

**a. Executive Session.**

Motion was made by Webb, seconded by Braden to enter into executive session at 7:04p.m. Roll, yeas: Wirtz, Braden, Webb, Beliel, and Greenfield. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

**b. Return from Executive Session.**

Council returned from executive session at 8:04 p.m.

**c. Action, if any, from Executive Session.**

No action was taken.

**8. Manager Comments.**

Outhier commended City Staff for their efforts during the ice storm. Electric and Street Departments were very busy.

**9. NEW BUSINESS: None.**

**10. ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further business Mayor Wirtz adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

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Cynthia Neumayer, City Clerk