

Minutes



Yukon City Council Minutes September 19, 2000

The Yukon City Council met in regular session on September 19, 2000, at 7:30 pm in the Council Chambers of the Centennial Building, 12 South Fifth.

Invocation was given by Reverend Ken Marston, pastor of the First Christian Church.

Flag salute was given in unison.

ROLL CALL: (Present) Steve Friesen, Mayor
Genie Vinson, Vice Mayor
John Weller, Council Member
Tim Rundel, Council Member
Ron Jurgensen, Council Member

OTHERS PRESENT:

Pat Hargis, City Clerk
Mike Segler, City Attorney
Robbie Williams, Engineer
Dustin McElhaney, Building Maintenance
Jan Scott, Park and Recreation Department
Tammy Nemecek, Administrative Assistant
Ike Shirley, Police Chief
J.R. Reed, Public Works Director
David Chesher, Community Enhancement Director
Mitch Hort, Planning Director
Jeff Lara, Acting Fire Chief
Russell Still, PSG
John Knuppel, Historical Society

Presentations and Proclamations

Council Member Weller advised the audience that we currently have four Yukon firefighters and some of our equipment at Edmond helping with their fire. He also stated that the Red Cross has put out a call for food for the misplaced homeowners and firefighters that have been called in to assist. Mr. Weller stated some of the firefighters come from as far away as Atlanta. The Red Cross will be collecting food near Albertson's and taking it to Edmond, or you can deliver it to the First Christian Church in Guthrie. Mr. Weller stated these displaced people need temporary housing, as does the out of state firefighters, so if you have a place for them to stay, please call David Chesher tomorrow at City Hall.

Visitors

(Recess as Yukon City Council and Reconvene as Yukon Municipal Authority)

1A. YMA Consent Docket

This item is placed on the agenda so the Yukon Municipal Authority, by unanimous consent, can designate those routine items they wish to be approved by one motion. If one item does not meet with the approval of all Authority Members, that item will be heard in regular order:

The City Manager recommends:

A) Approval of minutes of regular meeting of September 5, 2000

Trustee Weller made a motion to approve the YMA Consent Docket as presented. Second was made by Vice Chair Vinson.

The vote:

AYES: Vinson, Weller, Jurgensen, Rundel, Friesen

NAYS: None

VOTE: 5-0

MOTION CARRIED

(Recess as YMA and Reconvene as Yukon City Council)

1. Consent Docket

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The City Manager recommends approval of:

A) Minutes of the regular meeting of September 5, 2000

B) Salary and material claims in the amount of \$369,521.91

C) Acceptance of Easements for fire line locations located within West End Point Development

D) Contract with Oklahoma Czechs

E) Contract with Yukon Women's Volleyball Association for use of the Jackie Cooper Gym every Tuesday and Thursday, September 5th through November 21st from 6:30 p.m. until 10 P.M.

F) Contract with Yukon Optimist Sports Club for use of the Community Center Baseball fields and Hillcrest Baseball fields, September 6th through October 30th from 6:00 P.M. until 10 P.M.

G) Acceptance of the subdivision bond for Kingsridge Division

H) Setting date for next regular meeting for October 3, 2000, 7:30 P.M., in the Council Chambers of the Centennial Building, 12 South Fifth

Vice Mayor Vinson made a motion, seconded by Council Member Rundel, to approve the Consent Docket as presented.

City Attorney Mike Segler stated regarding Item G, that the Kingsridge bond has not been changed, as it still refers to Oklahoma City.

Vice Mayor Vinson revised her motion to include that Item G, the Kingsridge subdivision bond, would be approved subject to approval by the City Engineer and City Attorney. Council

Member Rundel revised his second to reflect the same.

The vote:

AYES: Weller, Friesen, Vinson, Rundel, Jurgensen

NAYS: None

VOTE: 5-0

MOTION CARRIED

2. Report of Boards, Commissions and City Officials

Assistant Fire Chief Jeff Lara stated there is a very large fire between Edmond and Guthrie, and about 4 pm today we sent four of our personnel and some of our equipment up there to assist in their firefighting efforts, and that we also sent one person to Bethany to help cover their department while they were also helping with the Edmond fire. Mr. Lara advised that we also sent a man to Edmond to help cover their station. Mr. Lara said when he left our station, there were eleven members of his personnel, which is more than we normally have on a shift, and adequate firefighting equipment to cover Yukon.

Mayor Friesen stated that Yukon has a great group of employees and we should be thankful. He stated it is also good that we have mutual aid with so many other cities.

3. Consider Public Hearing to Determine Whether the Following Properties Should Be Declared Detrimental to the Health, Benefit and Welfare of the Public and Community and Direct Staff to Take Appropriate Action to Abate Same

LOCATION	OWNER	VIOLATION
4709 Skytrail	Sykes	Trash, Grass, Weeds
729 Queensboro Place	Logan	Trash, Grass, Weeds
201 N. Mustang	Re/Max	Trash, Grass, Weeds
Highway 66 & Mustang	Welch	Trash, Grass, Weeds
Property North of Wal-Mart	Gotez	Trash, Grass, Weeds
Property South of Cameo Drive	Cypert	Trash, Grass, Weeds
935 Elm	French/Yanda	Nuisance Vehicles
210 Willow Place	Shuffield	Nuisance Vehicles

This is was tabled due to the fact the Inspector did not have time to check these addresses for compliance before the meeting. Item will be on October 3, 2000 agenda.

4. Consider accepting and approving the revised preliminary plat for Kingsway Addition

Item tabled until October 3, 2000.

5. Consider approving the disability retirement benefit through Oklahoma Municipal Retirement Group for Mr. Danny Hubbard, City employee since March 7, 1984

Council Member Weller made a motion to approve the disability retirement benefit for Danny Hubbard; seconded by Rundel.

Ron Jurgensen asked if he had met all requirements. David Chesher advised he had.

The vote:

AYES: Weller, Jurgensen, Rundel, Vinson, Friesen

NAYS: None

VOTE: 509

MOTION CARRIED

6a. Consider approval of Ordinance #1064, the amendment of ordinance 98-19 (b), relating to fees collected at the transfer station

A motion was made by Council Member Weller, seconded by Council Member Rundel, to approve Ordinance No. 1064, amending Ordinance 98-19(b).

Council Member Weller stated the decision to discontinue charging for household dumping by residents is due to the enhanced collections we have received. Commercial businesses and out of town people who wish to use the transfer station will still be charged. To dump household and yard trash, residents must present their water bill and a driver's license as proof of residency.

Vice Mayor Vinson said the ordinance does not state you need a water bill.

Mr. Segler said this was intentionally worded this way, as the person wanting to dump might be a landlord, etc. and not have a water bill, but he could produce proof that he owns the property. Mr. Segler stated that the City Manager can decide what proof will be used.

The vote on the motion:

AYES: Weller, Jurgensen, Rundel, Vinson, Friesen

NAYS: None

VOTE: 5-0

MOTION CARRIED

6b. Consider approval of the emergency clause of Ordinance #1064, the Amendment of Ordinance § 98-19 (b), relating to fees collected at the transfer station

Vice Mayor Vinson made a motion to approve the emergency clause of Ordinance No. 1064. Second was made by Council Member Weller.

The vote on the motion:

AYES: Jurgensen, Weller, Rundel, Vinson, Friesen

NAYS: None

VOTE: 5-0

MOTION CARRIED

7. Consider approval of moving the City Council Study Sessions to the Council Chambers of the Centennial Building, 12 South Fifth

Council Member Jurgensen made a motion to approve moving the Council study sessions to the Council Chambers of the Centennial Building. **Motion died for lack of a second.**

8. New Business

9. Open Discussion

Council Member Jurgensen stated he did not understand why the other Council members don't want the study sessions televised. He stated that some people cannot be here by 5:30. Mr. Jurgensen stated that it is important for the Council to understand "we represent the people." He stated it looked like the only way to get this moved was to get a petition from the people.

Council Member Weller repeated the information regarding the fires in Edmond and the need for food, water and housing for these people.

David Chesher stated to be sure the food items are non-perishable.

Council Member Rundel stated there will be a town hall meeting Thursday, September 28th at 7 pm at the Dale Robertson Center, and it will be an open discussion meeting. He stated to also please be careful with outdoor grilling, etc. as it is very easy to start a fire right now.

Council Member Rundel stated he read an article recently that an El Reno man put a sign in his yard that said "Shame on you, El Reno, for your trashy yards." Mr. Rundel stated he feels the same way, and we need to make our town look good. Council Member Rundel also said we need to pray for rain, as we need it in a bad way.

Vice Mayor Vinson stated on September 11th we had "911 Day" to honor our dispatchers. Mrs. Vinson said that our dispatchers are competent, and have a very pressure-filled job. She also stated to keep our firefighters in our prayers as they do their jobs.

Mayor Friesen stated that as of 7 pm the polls closed, and regardless of the turn out, he would like to thank the people who took the time to vote. He said he understands there was a light turnout, and he would like to say "shame on the voters who don't take advantage of their right."

Mayor Friesen stated we do need to pray for rain and our firefighters and those people left homeless. He stated we are lucky to have a good fire department to keep us under control.

Mayor Friesen stated he would like to apologize, as he had said there would not be a tax vote on today's ballot for Yukon. However, he found out that some of the Westport Addition, on one side of the street, had to vote on taxes for the Banner school district today, and he was sorry he was incorrect.

Mayor Friesen stated that we do represent the citizens, and the council was elected by the people to do a job. He said he doesn't hear anyone saying they want to hear more information than they already do. He said the people he has spoken to and questioned regarding this made the statement "that is why we elected you." Mr. Friesen said if there was so much citizen interest, it seems like we would have lots more people at the town hall meetings.

Council Member Rundel said if we move the study sessions to 6 pm, people could have time to get here.

Council Member Jurgensen stated what is said in the back during study sessions doesn't

always come out right in the newspaper. He said that is why he wants these open and moved. He stated "if you were a man of integrity, you would, too."

Mayor Friesen stated the paper has misquoted him and he has been attacked many times, but you just can't take it personally. Mr. Friesen told Mr. Jurgensen that he had never mentioned his integrity. He stated that any misquotes from the paper would have to be addressed with the paper.

10. Adjournment

Steve Friesen, Mayor

Patricia G. Hargis, City Clerk