

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BLACKWELL CITY COUNCIL
BLACKWELL, OKLAHOMA
January 3, 2012

Pursuant to the legal notice as is required by the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, including the posting of notice and agenda on December 29, 2011, as is required by the terms thereof, the City Council of the City of Blackwell met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room of City Hall located at 221 West Blackwell, Blackwell, Oklahoma with Mayor Cordell presiding:

Present: John Mark Cordell, Mayor
Nita Carroll, Councilor Ward 1
Max Wirtz, Vice-Mayor,
Piccola Hudsonpillar, Councilor Ward 3
Brad Bechtel, Councilor Ward 4
Mark Skiles, City Manager
Cynthia Neumayer, City Clerk

Absent: Robert Thompson, City Attorney

Others Present: Fred LeValley, Police Chief, Nixie Goff, Blackwell Journal Tribune, and 16 citizens in the audience and the Leadership Blackwell Class.

1. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Mayor Cordell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **OPENING CEREMONIES:** Invocation was given by Councilor Wirtz, followed by Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilor Hudsonpillar.
3. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND/OR RECOGNITIONS:**
4. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
 - (A) Minutes of 12/19/11 Meeting.
 - (B) Minutes of 12/27/11 Special Meeting.
 - (C) Payment of Outstanding Claims for December.
Items A, B & C as contained on the Consent Agenda were found to be non-controversial and routine in nature by the City Council. Motion made by Carroll, seconded by Bechtel to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll, yeas: Cordell, Carroll, Wirtz, Hudsonpillar and Bechtel. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.
5. **Reports from Organizations and Authorities.**

Chamber Report, Jeff Seymour gave an update on the upgrades of the Hometown Improvement Project 2 downtown businesses Gose Jewelers and the Locke Shop have taken advantage the program.

Seymour introduced Don Jones, Nardin United Methodist Church and also a member of the Blackwell Leadership Class. Jones gave a presentation on a Program called Getting Ahead. The program is geared towards mentoring that will enable hard workers get ahead and manage the resources that they have.
6. **Board Comments.**
 - Bechtel – Complimented the amount of potential in this years' Blackwell Leadership Class. He thanked Don for his presentation on the Getting Ahead Program.
 - Hudsonpillar - Thank the leadership class for being here.
 - Wirtz – Welcomed the class and encouraged them to participate in any City related activity.
 - Carroll – Expressed she was pleased they are here, and congratulated Mr. Wirtz on being chose best in the City.
 - Cordell – Congratulated the Leadership Class and the Getting Ahead Program was a good program.
7. **Management Comments.**

Thanked the Leadership class as well as their family and employers for allowing their attendance.

8. BUSINESS:

(A) Discussion and Action on Declaring Street Department Overhead Oil Tank as Surplus to Sell, Donate or Discard.

Questions arose about possible contamination. Manager Skiles assured the public the Tank would be disposed of in a responsible manner.

Motion made by Bechtel, seconded by Wirtz to declare the overhead oil tank located on the VFW property as surplus to sell, donate or discard. Roll, yeas: Cordell, Carroll, and Hudsonpillar Nays: Wirtz, and Bechtel. Absent: None. Motion carried.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

10. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business Mayor Cordell adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Cynthia Neumayer, City Clerk