

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BLACKWELL CITY COUNCIL**  
**BLACKWELL, OKLAHOMA**  
**January 5, 2009**

Pursuant to the legal notice as is required by the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, including the posting of notice and agenda on January 2, 2009, as is required by the terms thereof, the City Council of the City of Blackwell met in regular session at 7:00 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, Councilor Ward 2  
                  Piccola Hudsonpillar, Councilor Ward 3  
                  Brad Bechtel, Councilor Ward 4  
                  Mark Skiles, City Manager  
                  Debra Paige, City Clerk  
                  Mary Ann Karns, City Attorney

Absent:           None.

Others Present: Fred LeValley, Police Chief; Dave Keen, Electric Supervisor; Keith Ayotte, City Engineer; Ken Fulton, Veolia Water; Charles Abbott, Blackwell Journal and 37 citizens in the audience.

1. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Mayor Cordell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **OPENING CEREMONIES:** Prayer was given by Councilor Hudsonpillar followed by Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilor Carroll.
3. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND/OR RECOGNITIONS:**
  - Presentation of Clock to Retiree Deanna Varner
  - Presentation of Clock to Retiree Kris Wayman
  - Proclamation - "Leadership Blackwell Day"

Mayor Cordell presented a clock to Deanna Varner for her retirement from the Utility Department.

Mayor Cordell recognized Kris Wayman, who retired from City Court Clerk's office in June.

Mayor Cordell read the proclamation declaring January 5, 2009 as "Leadership Blackwell Day."

The 2008-2009 Leadership Blackwell Class attended the meeting.
4. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
  - (A) Minutes of 12/15/08 Meeting.
  - (B) Minutes of 12/17/08 Special Meeting.
  - (C) Contract with Blackwell Public Schools for Use of Gyms for Kiwanis Basketball Practice and Games.
  - (D) Contract with First Baptist Church for Use of Gym for Kiwanis Basketball Practice.
  - (E) Payment of Outstanding Claims for December.

Items A, B, C, D & E as contained on the Consent Agenda were found to be non-controversial and routine in nature by the City Council and a motion by Bechtel, seconded by Carroll, to approve consent agenda as presented. Roll, yeas: Cordell, Carroll, Wirtz, Hudsonpillar and Bechtel. Nays: none. Motion carried.

5. **Reports from Organizations and Authorities.** Shane Frye, BIA Director said 2009 will be a good year for Blackwell.

6. **Board Comments.**

Councilor Bechtel thanked Deanna Varner and Kris Wayman for their many years of service. Councilor Bechtel also asked the Leadership Blackwell Class to use their energy and passion to help make the community better.

Councilor Hudsonpillar thanked Deanna Varner and Kris Wayman for being loyal employees. Hudsonpillar was also very proud of the Leadership Blackwell Class.

Councilor Wirtz commended Deanna Varner and Kris Wayman for their service to the City of Blackwell.

Councilor Carroll also commended Deanna Varner and Kris Wayman for their service to the City.

Mayor Cordell thanked Deanna Varner and Kris Wayman for all their years of service. Cordell said the City has serious concerns about the material appearing on Chanel 80. Material is being evaluated and until then no further comments will be made.

7. **Management Comments.** Manager Skiles is going through the Leadership Blackwell Class and is learning a lot about the community.

8. **BUSINESS:**

(A) **Recommendation on Reappointment of Jimmy Roberts to the Blackwell Planning Commission for Three Year Term.**

Motion made by Bechtel, seconded by Carroll to reappoint Jimmy Roberts to the Blackwell Planning Commission for three year term. Roll, yeas: Cordell, Carroll, Wirtz, Hudsonpillar and Bechtel. Nays: none. Motion carried.

(B) **Appointment of Janet Reser to the Blackwell Board of Adjustment for Three Year Term.**

Motion made by Bechtel, seconded by Wirtz to reappoint Janet Reser to the Blackwell Board of Adjustment for three year term. Roll, yeas: Cordell, Carroll, Wirtz, Hudsonpillar and Bechtel. Nays: none. Motion carried.

9. **NEW BUSINESS:** None.

10. **ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further business Mayor Cordell adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

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Debra Paige, City Clerk