

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BLACKWELL CITY COUNCIL
BLACKWELL, OKLAHOMA
November 2, 2009**

Pursuant to the legal notice as is required by the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, including the posting of notice and agenda on October 29, 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
 Max Wirtz, Councilor Ward 2
 Piccola Hudsonpillar, Councilor Ward 3
 Brad Bechtel, Councilor Ward 4
 Mark Skiles, City Manager
 Cindy Neumayer, City Clerk

Absent: Nita Carroll, Councilor Ward 1
 Mary Ann Karns, City Attorney

Others Present: Fred LeValley, Police Chief; Juanita Purdy, Deputy City Clerk; Bruce Jones, Blackwell Journal; and 7 citizens in the audience.

1. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Mayor Cordell called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
2. **OPENING CEREMONIES:** Invocation was given by Pastor Dittman, followed by Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilor Bechtel.
3. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND/OR RECOGNITIONS:**
4. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
 - (A) Minutes of 10/19/09 Meeting.
 - (B) Payment of Outstanding Claims for October.
Items A & B as contained on the Consent Agenda were found to be non-controversial and routine in nature by the City Council. Motion was made by Bechtel, seconded by Hudsonpillar, to approve consent agenda as presented. Roll, yeas: Cordell, Wirtz, Hudsonpillar and Bechtel. Absent Carroll. Nays: none. Motion carried.
5. **Reports from Organizations and Authorities.** None.
6. **Board Comments.**

Councilor Bechtel - None.
Councilor Hudsonpillar announced there would be a Veteran's Day parade, she encouraged any one wanting to participate to please contact her.
Councilor Wirtz - None.
Councilor Carroll - Absent.
Mayor Cordell commented on the closure of the Nutrition center on Friday, due to the lack of government funding. Thanks to the efforts of Mike Jeffers, ministerial alliance and other citizens there will be no interruption in services on Friday. Donations have been made to help keep the center open on Friday. Cordell informed the citizens they could contact the Legislature or the Governor to encourage them to re-fund this effort.
7. **Management Comments.** Jim Inmon with Code Enforcement Office wrote a grant for the new storm sirens. The total cost of the storm sirens were \$57,012. A grant for \$41,600 was received. Four (4) old storm sirens have been taken down and replaced with

new sirens. Three (3) of the old sirens will be distributed throughout the city to increase coverage that we have. Mayor Cordell added costs came in \$700 less than anticipated.

8. BUSINESS:

(A) Resolution 11-02-09A, a Resolution Providing for the Purchase of Accrued but Unused Employee Vacation Leave from City of Blackwell Employees Not Covered by a Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Skiles remarked there have been no pay increases or cost of living adjustments for city employees this year. This program has been a common practice by the city for some time. Skiles noted that not all employees choose to participate.

Motion was made by Bechtel, seconded by Hudsonpillar to pass Resolution 11-02-09A. Roll, yeas: Cordell, Wirtz, Hudsonpillar and Bechtel. Absent Carroll. Nays: none. Motion carried.

9. NEW BUSINESS: None.

10. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business Mayor Cordell adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Cynthia Neumayer, City Clerk