

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BLACKWELL CITY COUNCIL
BLACKWELL, OKLAHOMA
November 16, 2009**

Pursuant to the legal notice as is required by the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, including the posting of notice and agenda on November 12, 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
 Cindy Neumayer, City Clerk
 Mary Ann Karns, City Attorney

Absent: None.

Others Present: Fred LeValley, Police Chief; Juanita Purdy, Deputy City Clerk; Jim Inmon, Code Enforcement; Tom Beliel, Fire Chief; Fred Harraman, Street Superintendent; Ken Fulton, Veolia Water; Linda Mayden, Library, Dewayne Wood, Deputy Police Chief; Josh Newton, Blackwell Journal; and 9 citizens in the audience.

1. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Mayor Cordell called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.
2. **OPENING CEREMONIES:** Invocation was given by Councilor Hudsonpillar, followed by Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilor Carroll.
3. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND/OR RECOGNITIONS:** None.
4. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
 (A) Minutes of 11/02/09 Meeting.
 Item A as contained on the Consent Agenda was found to be non-controversial and routine in nature by the City Council. Motion was made by Carroll, seconded by Bechtel, to approve consent agenda as presented. Roll, yeas: Cordell, Carroll, Wirtz, Hudsonpillar and Bechtel. Nays: none. Motion carried.
5. **Reports from Organizations and Authorities.** None.
6. **Board Comments.**
 Councilor Bechtel - None.
 Councilor Hudsonpillar thanked all who helped with the Veteran's Day festivities.
 Councilor Wirtz - None.
 Councilor Carroll - None.
 Mayor Cordell - None.
7. **Management Comments.** None.

8. BUSINESS:

- (A) **Resolution 11-16-09A, a Resolution of the City of Blackwell, Oklahoma, Providing for Continuing Coverage Under the City's Group Health Insurance Plan to Certain Retired Employees and Dependents Until They Qualify for Medicare; Repealing an Earlier Resolution Concerning the Same; and Declaring an Emergency.**

Motion was made by Bechtel, seconded by Carroll to accept Resolution 11-16-09A providing for continuing coverage under the City's group health insurance plan to certain retired employees and dependants. Roll, yeas: Cordell, Carroll, Wirtz, Hudsonpillar and Bechtel. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Bechtel, seconded by Carroll to declare an emergency. Roll, yeas: Cordell, Carroll, Wirtz, Hudsonpillar and Bechtel. Nays: none. Motion carried.

- (B) **Surplus Items.**

City Manager Skiles gave a brief description of the miscellaneous Christmas decorations. A brief discussion was held about the surplus items. Mayor Cordell stated the need of an itemized list of the surplus items. Motion was made by Councilor Carroll, seconded by Councilor Wirtz to accept the Miscellaneous Christmas Decorations as surplus. Roll, yeas: Cordell, Carroll, Wirtz, Hudsonpillar and Bechtel. Nays: none. Motion carried.

- (C) **City of Blackwell/Blackwell Municipal Authority Financial Report Presented by Rick Smith.**

The City of Blackwell/Blackwell Municipal Authority Financial Report was presented by Rick Smith. He commented OMPA would be increasing the wholesale power cost. He noted tonight would be a first step in discussing and identifying the issues. Smith stated that the city had taken positive steps to help save money. Smith agreed with changes made, such as moving to self-insure ourselves, participating in a four-day work week and bringing back in-house some jobs contracted out. He discouraged incurring any additional debt to cover capital improvements.

- 9. NEW BUSINESS:** None.

- 10. ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further business Mayor Cordell adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Cynthia Neumayer, City Clerk