

THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION FEBRUARY 28, 2022, IN THE MIAMI CIVIC CENTER COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 5:30 PM WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bless Parker, Mayor
Brian Estep, Councilmember Ward 1
Kevin Dunkel, Councilmember Ward 2
Dwain Sundberg, Councilmember Ward 3
David Davis, Councilmember Ward 4

Bo Reese, City Manager
Ben Loring, City Attorney
Melissa Moore, City Clerk

The agenda for the meeting was displayed in the main lobby of the Miami Civic Center and by posting on www.miamiokla.net starting at 11:20AM on February 25, 2022, pursuant to 25 O.S §311(9) (a) and (b).

THE COUNCIL MAY TAKE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS: DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND VOTE FOR APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF ANY ITEM LISTED IN THIS AGENDA:

1. Call to Order

Mayor Parker called the meeting to order at 5:32PM.

2. Presentation on Granicus Ilegislate

Director of Technology David Ballard provided an overview of the Granicus Ilegislate and how the software can be used by Council. Ballard also showed how the website can be used by Council and citizens to search for information thru documents, minutes, and videos available online.

No action taken.

3. Discussion of General Obligation Bond to Fund Fiber & Smart Meters

Councilmember Davis explained that during his meeting with Director of Administrative Services the subject of a general obligation bond was brought up. Councilmember Davis stated that he would like to research the feasibility of putting fiber optic internet and smart meters throughout the town. City Manager Bo Reese explained that a revenue bond are municipal bonds that finance income-producing projects and are secured by a specified revenue source such as sales tax or utility revenues. A general obligation bond is a voter-approved ad valorem property tax primarily used for a nonrevenue generating public utility such as roads, parks, etc. Ben Loring explained that revenue bonds must be approved by the public at fifty-one percent (51%) of the voters who turn out to vote. Reese explained that he had a meeting with the Bank of Oklahoma and The Public Finance Law Group, and they recommended going after grant funds and partnering with the tribes before seeking a general obligation bond. Reese recommended having a financial consultant come and talk to the Council.

No action taken.

4. Update From Ottawa County District 2 Commissioner

Ottawa County District 2 Commissioner Steve Chasteen provided an update regarding COVID-19 and vaccinations. Chasteen recommended the city, county, and tribes work together to use ARPA funds to make it stretch. Chasteen gave an update on the Ottawa County jail and the City of Wyandotte. He thanked Ben Loring for his public and private input on the Rails to Trails grant.

No action taken.

5. City Manager's Communications


None.

6. Adjournment

Councilmember Dunkel moved to adjourn. Councilmember Sundberg made the second. The Council was polled with the following results:

Dunkel, Aye Sundberg, Aye Davis, Aye Estep, Aye Parker, Aye

Mayor Parker declared the meeting adjourned at 6:15PM.



Councilmember Davis

 Absent
Councilmember Sundberg


Councilmember Dunkel


Councilmember Estep


Mayor Bless Parker

ATTEST: 
Melissa Moore, City Clerk

