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**HONORING 28 YEARS OF SERVICE**  
**City of Bethany honors outgoing City Council members**

**BETHANY, OK February 5, 2019-** At the February 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of Bethany City Council, 4 outgoing council members were honored for their years of service to the City of Bethany. Curtis Moore, Arlita Harris, and Robert McCutcheon all received plaques for their years of service to council.

Longtime council member, Phil Shirey, was also honored. Shirey received a plaque from the City of Bethany, as well as proclamations from Lt. Governor Pinnell, State Representative Tammy West, Governor Mary Fallin and County Commissioner Maughan. Priscilla Cude, President of the NW OKC Chamber presented Shirey with the Special Leadership in Action Award.

Bethany Mayor Westmoreland declared February 5, 2019 as Phil Shirey day.

“We as a City are so fortunate to have such a passionate and dedicated public servant, in Mr. Shirey,” said Mayor, KP Westmoreland. “Mr. Shirey’s dedication and commitment to the citizens of Bethany lights the path for others to follow in the field of public service.”

Shirey was first elected to City Council in 1989. Shirey has served 28 years, longer than any other council member. In his service to Bethany, Mr. Shirey championed for infrastructure improvements around our community, served on the Bethany Warr Acres Public Works Authority and was instrumental in making Bethany fiscally responsible. His service has been invaluable to Bethany’s progress.

Shirey graduated from Central State College in 1958, and shortly thereafter married his wife Charlene. They’ve been happily married for 61 years and are both lifetime residents of Bethany. They have two children, Eric and Melissa. Shirey joined the Navy shortly after he married and served as a fighter pilot.

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