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## Ponca City, Oklahoma Mayor receives American Public Power Association's public official award

Austin, Texas, June 11, 2019 — Homer Nicholson, Mayor of Ponca City, Oklahoma, received the Spence Vanderlinden Public Official Award at the American Public Power Association's national conference in Austin, Texas. This award recognizes elected or appointed local officials who have contributed to the goals of the American Public Power Association.

Mayor Nicholson has been on the American Public Power Association's Policy Makers Council since 2016. He has been active at both the state and federal level in engaging Ponca City's legislators and educating them on the value of public power and local control. Mayor Nicholson has served on Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority's Board of Directors since 2008 and is currently the vice chair. He also serves as chair of the OMPA Board of Directors Legislative Committee. He was inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame for City and Town officials in 2016.

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