

AUGUST 24, 2020

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF OLNEY, TEXAS

6:00 P.M.

The City Council of the City of Olney, Texas, met Monday, August 24, 2020, at 6:00 P.M.

Those present were: Mayor Phil Jeske, Mayor Pro-Tem Rue Rogers, Councilmembers Tommy Kimbro, Chuck Stennett, Harrison Wellman, and Terri Wipperman. Absent: None. Staff Present: City Administrator Neal Welch, City Secretary Tim Houston, Chief of Police Dan Birbeck, City Attorney William Myers, Office William Achey. All agenda items were subject to action. Meeting was broadcast and recorded online using GoToMeeting.com in accordance with Open Meetings Laws guidance during COVID-19 Pandemic Disaster.

Mayor Jeske called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Myers gave the invocation.

INVOCATION

No citizens appeared before the Council to comment.

CITIZEN COMMENT  
PERIOD

Mayor Jeske entertained a motion to adopt the minutes from August 10, 2020 Regular Meeting as written. Mayor Pro-Tem Rogers made said motion, and Councilmember Wipperman seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

CONSIDER APPROVAL  
OF MINUTES FROM  
PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

Mr. Houston stated the proclamation was necessary for the City to reopen the Civic Center and bring our emergency orders in line with the state. Mayor Jeske entertained a motion to continue Proclamation P5-20. Councilmember Wipperman made said motion, and Councilmember Kimbro seconded. Council voted unanimously to continue the Proclamation establishing a local disaster declaration.

CONSIDER CONTINUING  
DECLARATION OF  
LOCAL DISASTER  
(PROCLAMATION P5-20)

Mr. Welch explained that he would like to invite engineering firms to explain deficiencies or needed repairs at the water treatment plant and a plan of action moving forward. Council discussed what may be required at the Water Plant. Mr. Welch stated he was unsure what all needed to be done, but that an engineer was necessary.

DISCUSS INVITING  
ENGINEERING FIRMS  
FOR WATER  
TREATMENT PLANT  
PROPOSAL  
PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Welch stated that he would like to issue an RFQ for engineering services to repair the dams of Lake Cooper and Lake Olney. Some of the firms had expressed that grant funds were available and could be secured to complete the work over time. Council discussed the issue and it was agreed to use Corlett Probst & Boyd to write a letter to the TCEQ detailing work to be done.

CONSIDER ISSUING  
REQUEST FOR  
QUALIFICATIONS

Mr. Houston explained that it was time to elect members to places 1-4 for the TML Risk Pool Board of Trustees. Council briefly discussed the candidates. Mayor Jeske stated they were unsure who any of the candidates were except for Jeff Snyder. Mayor Jeske only felt comfortable voting for the individual the Council knew. Mayor Jeske entertained a motion to cast a vote for Jeff Snyder and to leave all other places blank. Mayor Pro-Tem Rogers made said motion, and Councilmember Stennett seconded. Council voted unanimously to pass the motion to vote only for Jeff Snyder and leave other places blank on the ballot.

CONSIDER ELECTION OF  
MEMBERS TO THE TML  
RISK POOL BOARD OF  
TRUSTEES

Mr. Houston explained that it was necessary to align the year end budget to account for the expenditure of funds on the 1993 and 1997 Series Revenue Bonds, as well as ensure each department had appropriate funding to balance. Mayor Jeske asked why some lines only had changes of a few hundred dollars. Mr. Houston replied that it was necessary to try to reduce the amount being budgeted from reserves.

FY 2019-2020 BUDGET  
AMENDMENT  
WORKSHOP

Mayor Pro-Tem Rogers inquired about several line-items that appeared to show higher fund levels that what had been used over the past several years in the wastewater budget. Mr. Houston replied that these lines were funded at higher levels due to the expensive nature of certain equipment for wastewater use. Further, for collection lines it could not be ascertained what an exact cost would be, though 3 years prior over \$27,000 was expended to repair collection lines. Councilmember Wellman stated this was fluff in the budget, and that was fine if

FY 2020-2021 BUDGET  
WORKSHOP

it was what Council wanted to do, but that the money could be used elsewhere. Council discussed other issues in the budget. Mayor Jeske stated he would like the budget to state information on what has changed and what the money is for to the side, that he would like to see information of the City's vehicles and drivers, the radio grant, how the administration intended to pay for certain purchases, and to reorder the decision packages for which items were top priorities. Mayor Jeske then asked that the City Hall HVAC, four police vehicles, police computer replacements, the pool chemical building, airport tank repairs, and the wastewater building be added as funded.

Mr. Houston stated that the changes in the taxing laws required Council to vote to place a proposal on a future agenda. Mayor Jeske entertained a motion to propose a tax rate of \$0.754285 per \$100 valuation, and set public hearing dates to 6:00 PM on September 21 and 28, 2020. Mayor Pro-Tem Rogers made said motion, and Councilmember Wellman seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve the motion.

CONSIDER PROPOSAL  
TO CONSIDER TAX  
INCREASE FOR 2020 TAX  
YEAR

Mr. Welch stated that the Bond Supervision Officer would be supervised by the County and the share of the costs assigned to the City of Olney would drop from \$5,000 to \$4,000 per year.

DISCUSS OTHER  
COUNCIL MATTERS –  
ITEMS OF CONCERN TO  
MEMBERS OF THE CITY  
COUNCIL

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Council adjourned by consent at 7:34 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

ATTEST:

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Mayor

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City Secretary

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Date Approved