

JULY 13, 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, July 13, 2020, at 6:00 P.M. Those present were: Mayor Pro-Tem Rue Rogers, Councilmembers Tommy Kimbro, Chuck Stennett, Harrison Wellman, and Terri Wipperman. Arrived Later: Mayor Jeske was present at 6:09 P.M. Absent: None. Staff Present: City Administrator Neal Welch, City Secretary Tim Houston, Public Works Director K.C. Blassingame, City Clerk Arpegea Pagsuberon, City Attorney William Myers, and Officer Dustin Hudson. 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 Pro-Tem Rogers called the meeting to order at 6:06 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Welch gave the invocation.

INVOCATION

No citizens appeared before the Council to comment.

CITIZEN COMMENT  
PERIOD

Mayor Pro-Tem Rogers entertained a motion to adopt the minutes from June 22, 2020 Regular Meeting as written. Councilmember Stennett made said motion, and Councilmember Wellman seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

CONSIDER APPROVAL  
OF MINUTES FROM  
PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

Mayor Jeske was present starting at 6:09 P.M. from this point forward.

HEAR PRESENTATION  
FROM FALLS IT

Donny with Falls IT was present to discuss network security issues, employee switches, and cameras at the Police Department. He stated that someone was indeed getting into the Police Department's network and messing with settings and it was necessary to lock them out and update the system with a server. To perform upgrades to Windows 10 Pro, install a central server, and add a domain would cost approximately \$7,600. Mayor Jeske asked if Mr. Welch felt it was necessary. Mr. Welch said it is imperative to get it cleaned up before the next Chief of Police is hired. Council briefly discussed the measure.

(ITEM SUBJECT TO  
ACTION AS STATED IN  
AGENDA HEADING)

Mayor Jeske entertained a motion to authorize the expenditure of \$7,600 to perform the necessary upgrades, installation, and work required. Mayor Pro-Tem Rogers made said motion, and Councilmember Wellman seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Josh Bennett of SecureVision of America was on hand to discuss the AMI meters, warranty, settings, applications, and performance of their water meter product.

HEAR PRESENTATION  
FROM SECUREVISION  
OF AMERICA

Mr. Houston stated the City received two bids on the Airport Farm Lease, which will run for 3 years from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2023. The City received a bid from Jerry Keeter in the amount of \$19,600 annually, and also received a bid from Chet Creel for \$16,751 annually. Mayor Jeske entertained a motion to accept the high bid of \$19,600 annually from Mr. Keeter. Mayor Pro-Tem Rogers made said motion, and Councilmember Stennett seconded. Council voted unanimously to pass the motion.

CONSIDER AIRPORT  
FARM LEASE BIDS

Mayor Jeske stated the resolution and contract looked to be in order and entertained a motion to approve Resolution R9-20 concerning cemetery maintenance. Mayor Pro-Tem Rogers made said motion, and Councilmember Wellman seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve the motion.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION  
R9-20 CONCERNING  
CEMETERY  
MAINTENANCE

Mr. Welch explained that the Texas Commission on Environmental submitted the report on the dams at Lake Cooper and Lake Olney. The initial reports for maintenance work were not good. Any trees or bushes less than four inches in diameter at the trunk would need to be removed by the ball, root, and all. The resulting hole would need to be filled in and the dirt compacted. This would require the use of an engineer and would be a 5- to 10-year project that would cost the City many millions of dollars.

HEAR TCEQ DAM  
INSPECTION REPORT

Councilmember Wellman stated it was his understanding this entire inquiry came from a private citizen of the City after the council's decision to ban ATVs and off-road vehicle activities. Councilmember Stennett also added that in his review of the report the TCEQ inspector specifically cited ATVs and off-road vehicular activity as one of the major contributing factors in the deterioration of and damage to the dam and emergency spillway. These activities alone would cost at least \$1 million to recover from.

The question of cost came up again, and Mr. Welch said that it would need to be spread out over a longer period of time. Mr. Houston stated it may be necessary to raise water rates to pay for the engineering and repairs at the dam. Councilmember Kimbro stated he worried raising the rates would cause people to move out of town. Mr. Houston agreed that was a potential concern.

Councilmember Wellman inquired about whether an individual could make an open records request to TCEQ to find out who submitted the complaint. Mr. Myers stated possibly, though he was not sure. Mr. Houston stated that TCEQ was also subject to many of the same open records regulations as the City and therefore one could pursue the information, though it would be up to TCEQ and the State to determine if it could be released.

Mr. Houston gave the monthly fiscal report. Other departmental reports were attached for review.

MONTHLY  
DEPARTMENTAL  
REPORTS

Mayor Jeske asked that a budget be returned to Council detailing the current budget for FY 2019-2020, and an analysis and justification for budget increases and decreases be given to Council at the next meeting. Mayor Jeske also inquired about the AvFuel numbers for the previous years. Councilmember Wellman also inquired about an analysis of the gallons of water treated versus the gallons of water billed. Mayor Jeske stated that because of water loss through leaks, adjustments, fire department usage, etc. the number would show greater loss than one would expect. Therefore, the number would not be accurate for budgeting.

FY 2020-2021 BUDGET  
WORKSHOP

Mayor Jeske announced that pursuant to Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code the City Council would enter Executive Session at 7:47 P.M. for the purposes of discussing real property located at 300 E Main St. All guests exited the room.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:  
DISCUSS REAL  
PROPERTY AT 300 E  
MAIN

Mayor Jeske announced that the Council would reconvene in regular session at 8:00 P.M.

Mayor Jeske entertained a motion to approve using Kreg Hodge and United Appraisal Research to perform an appraisal on the property and structure located at 300 E Main St. Mayor Pro-Tem Rogers made said motion, and Councilmember Willman seconded. Council voted unanimously to pass the motion.

ANY ACTION(S) AS A  
RESULT OF THE  
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Jeske announced that pursuant to Section 551.074(a) of the Texas Government Code the City Council would enter Executive Session at 8:01 P.M. for the purposes of discussing the evaluation and duties of Public Works Director K.C. Blassingame. All guests exited the room.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:  
DISCUSS THE  
EVALUATION AND  
DUTIES OF PUBLIC  
WORKS DIRECTOR K.C.  
BLASSINGAME

Mayor Jeske announced that the Council would reconvene in regular session at 8:45 P.M.

Mayor Jeske announced there was no action on the agenda item.

ANY ACTION(S) AS A  
RESULT OF THE  
EXECUTIVE SESSION

No discussion items were forthcoming.

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 8:48 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

ATTEST:

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Mayor

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City Secretary

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Date Approved