

FEBRUARY 10, 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, February 10, 2020, at 6:00 P.M. Those present were: Mayor Phil Jeske, Mayor Pro-Tem Rue Rogers, Councilmembers Tommy Kimbro, Chuck Stennett, and Terri Wipperman; Later Arrival: Councilmember Harrison Wellman became present at 6:05 P.M.; Absent: None. Staff Present: City Administrator Neal Welch, City Secretary Tim Houston, Chief of Police Conny Clay, City Attorney William Myers, Officer Dustin Hudson, and Officer Neal Newton. All agenda items were subject to action.

Mayor Jeske called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Myers gave the invocation.

INVOCATION

No citizens appeared before the Council to comment. Councilmember Wellman arrives at 6:05 P.M.

CITIZEN COMMENT
PERIOD

Mayor Jeske entertained a motion to adopt the minutes from January 27, 2020 Regular Meeting as written. Mayor Pro-Tem Rogers made said motion, and Councilmember Stennett seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

CONSIDER APPROVAL
OF MINUTES FROM
PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

Since a representative from Texas Communities Group (TCG) was not present to speak to Council, Mr. Welch explained what he knew of the program. The program would cost approximately \$10,000 annually and TCG would cover approximately one-quarter of the town each visit, with multiple visits being planned each year. Mayor Jeske stated that it sounded like a good program, but that he'd like to see more information on it, and whether they had insurance for errors and other liabilities. Officer Hudson also mentioned that the organization did good work and employed people who were local to the area to take pictures of the lots and houses for them. Mayor Jeske acknowledged this and asked for a fee schedule from TCG as well. Mr. Welch stated that they charge \$8,500 for the service and \$1,500 for the postage. Mr. Houston added that the program was also recommended by Perdue Brandon for assistance in the resale of lots so that stipulations and agreements could be made. Mr. Welch said that the City would find the requested information.

CONSIDER PROPOSAL
ANY TEXAS
COMMUNITIES GROUP
FOR CODE
ENFORCEMENT
SERVICES

Mr. Houston stated Andy Jones had bid \$1,050 for the empty lot addressed at 806 W Payne Street. However, because the City owned this lot outright Perdue Brandon felt it better that the lot be bid on directly to the City. Mayor Jeske asked if this was the same lot from several years ago that had back taxes owed against it of around \$1,700 that could not be forgiven. Mr. Houston replied that he was unaware of this as Perdue Brandon had not mentioned anything about it. Mayor Jeske replied that he was pretty sure this was the case as he remembered several of the neighbors bidding on the lot. Mayor Jeske also expressed some hesitation about selling the lot without giving the neighbors who previously bid on the lot a chance to bid. Council discussed whether to go ahead and sell the lot knowing it might have back taxes against it that needed to be paid, or to hold on to the lot until someone bid at least \$1,000 plus the back taxes. Mayor Pro-Tem Rogers expressed that he would like to sell it anyway. Councilmember Wellman stated that it would be a good lot for a house to be built to fill in some of the empty lots in town. Council discussed the issues further until discussion ceased. Mayor Jeske asked if there was a motion. Mayor Pro-Tem Rogers made motion that Council accept the bid from Mr. Jones in the amount of \$1,050 and sell the lot. Councilmember Kimbro seconded. Mayor Pro-Tem Rogers, and Councilmembers Kimbro, Stennett, and Wellman, voted in favor of accepting the bid. There were no votes against. Councilmember Wipperman abstained from the vote. The motion to accept the bid passed. (Back taxes and lien were later found to be \$712.90.)

CONSIDER TAX RESALE
PROPERTY BID(S)

Mr. Welch informed Council that Black Mountain Land Management wished to donate ten acres of land to the City of Olney situated on FM 3329 about 3 miles south of town outside the city limits. Mr. Myers explained that it appeared that the property was part of the old Keathly estate and its odd shape was because of an old railroad right of way next to the property. Mayor Jeske asked why the company would donate the land and expressed concern about potential liabilities. Mr. Welch explained that the company had the land for a project that they shelved and had no intention to revisit. Mayor Jeske asked that a title check and appraisal be conducted and a clearer reason for the donation be found. No action was taken.

CONSIDER PRIVATE
DONATION OF
APPROXIMATELY 10
ACRES OF PROPERTY
OUTSIDE THE CITY
LIMITS OF THE CITY OF
OLNEY

Mayor Jeske inquired if the price structure was correct at \$5 for the first 500 gallons, \$15 for up to 1,000 gallons and then \$10 per thousand afterward. Mr. Houston replied that for up to 1,000 gallons should cost \$10, but otherwise he was correct. Mayor Jeske asked Mr. Myers for his opinion. Mr. Myers replied that from the reading it would appear that up to 1,000 gallons of bulk water would cost \$10. Mayor Jeske entertained a motion to approve Ordinance O2-20. Mayor Pro-Tem Rogers made said motion, and Councilmember Kimbro seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve Ordinance O2-20.

CONSIDER ORDINANCE
O2-20 ON FIRST
READING TO AMEND
BULK WATER RATE

Mayor Jeske entertained a motion to approve Ordinance O3-20. Mayor Pro-Tem Rogers made said motion, and Councilmember Wellman seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve Ordinance O3-20.

CONSIDER ORDINANCE
O3-20 ON SECONDED
READING TO AMEND
LIMB PICK-UP FEE
STRUCTURE

Mayor Jeske entertained a motion to approve Ordinance O4-20. Councilmember Kimbro made said motion, and Councilmember Wipperman seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve Ordinance O4-20.

CONSIDER ORDINANCE
O4-20 ON SECOND
READING TO BAN
BURNING WITHIN CITY
LIMITS WITH LIMITED
EXCEPTIONS

Mr. Houston explained that the next few items would allow the City to apply for certain grants and appoint the City Administrator as the authorized officer, the City Secretary as the financial officer, and the Chief of Police as the project director. Mayor Jeske stated from the briefing that the Homeland Security Regular Grants project was being used to apply for cybersecurity upgrades, the Homeland Security LETPA would be for AEDs, and the Criminal Justice Program would be for a new dispatch console and radios. Mr. Houston replied that was correct, but after some checking the Homeland Security LETPA grant could not be used for AEDs and that they had made the decision to switch to a mass notification system called Code Red.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION
R1-20 APPOINTING
AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL,
FINANCIAL OFFICER,
AND PROJECT
DIRECTOR FOR STATE
HOMELAND SECURITY –
REGULAR PROJECTS
GRANT

Mayor Jeske entertained a motion to approve Resolution R1-20. Mayor Pro-Tem Rogers made said motion, and Councilmember Wellman seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution R1-20.

Mayor Jeske entertained a motion to approve Resolution R2-20. Mayor Pro-Tem Rogers made said motion, and Councilmember Stennett seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution R2-20.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION
R2-20 APPOINTING
AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL,
FINANCIAL OFFICER,
AND PROJECT
DIRECTOR FOR STATE
HOMELAND SECURITY –
LETPA PROJECTS
GRANT

Mayor Jeske entertained a motion to approve Resolution R3-20. Mayor Pro-Tem Rogers made said motion, and Councilmember Wellman seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution R3-20.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION
R3-20 APPOINTING
AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL,
FINANCIAL OFFICER,
AND PROJECT
DIRECTOR FOR STATE
CRIMINAL JUSTICE
PROGRAM GRANT

Mr. Houston explained that this would set the Mayor and City Administrator as signers for the contractual and environmental review documents related to the CDBG Grant the City received. Further it would make the Mayor, City Administrator, and City Secretary as signers for reimbursement on the voucher and payment request documents. Mayor Jeske entertained a motion to approve Resolution R4-20. Councilmember Stennett made said motion, and Councilmember Kimbro seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution R4-20.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION
R4-20 APPOINTING
AUTHORIZED SIGNERS
FOR CONTRACTUAL,
ENVIRONMENTAL
REVIEW, AND STATE OF
TEXAS PURCHASE
VOUCHER AND
REQUEST FOR

PAYMENT FORM
DOCUMENTS

There were no further additions to the amended budget.

BUDGET AMENDMENT
WORKSHOP

Mayor Jeske opened the public hearing at 6:43 P.M. There being no comments Mayor Jeske closed the public hearing at 6:44 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING: FY
2019-2020 BUDGET
AMENDMENT

Mayor Jeske entertained a motion to approve Ordinance O5-20. Mayor Pro-Tem Rogers made said motion, and Councilmember Wipperman seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve Ordinance O5-20.

CONSIDER ORDINANCE
O5-20 ON FIRST
READING TO AMEND FY
2019-2020 BUDGET

Mr. Houston gave the monthly financial report. Councilmember Wellman inquired why, if property taxes were due by January 31, the budgeted revenues had not been met. Mr. Houston replied that while the vast majority of property taxes were received by January 31 that some paid their taxes after the deadline, or created a payment plan over the course of several months. Mr. Houston was still confident that the City would meet the budget before the end of the fiscal year. Councilmember Wipperman added that some wait until they get their income tax refund to pay their property taxes.

MONTHLY
DEPARTMENTAL
REPORTS

Council reviewed the municipal court, police, and public works reports. Officer Hudson explained items he was currently working on with regards to code enforcement. With 204 S Avenue G he was still working on a plan and thought the best option was a sales contract after improvements. Mayor Jeske also suggested a liability release. He also went over work he was doing at 401 W Elm, 412 W Main, 1117 W Main, and 504 W Main.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Council adjourned by consent at 7:02 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Secretary

Date Approved