

SEPTEMBER 23, 2019

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, September 23, 2019, at 6:00 P.M. Those present were: Mayor Phil Jeske; Mayor Pro-Tem Rue Rogers; Councilmembers Tommy Kimbro, Harrison Wellman, Chuck Stennett, and Terri Wipperman; Absent: None. Staff Present: City Administrator Neal Welch, City Secretary Tim Houston, Public Works Director K.C. Blassingame, City Attorney William Myers, City Clerk Arpegea Pagsuberon, Police Officer Bill Achey, and Police Officer Dustin Hudson. All agenda items were subject to action.

Mayor Jeske called the meeting to order at 6:03 P.M. Mr. Welch gave the invocation.

CALL TO ORDER &
INVOCATION

Mayor Pro-Tem Rogers stated that the minutes of the September 16, 2019 Special Meeting should be amended to read Rick Dinwiddie instead of Rick Dinwitty. Mr. Houston replied that he would make the change. Mayor Jeske entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2019 Regular Meeting and the September 16, 2019 Special Meeting as amended. Mayor Pro-Tem Rogers made said motion and Councilmember Wellman seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes as amended.

CONSIDER APPROVAL
OF MINUTES FROM
PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

No citizens appeared before the Council to comment.

CITIZEN COMMENT
PERIOD WITH CITY
COUNCIL

Justin Calhoun and several other citizens were present to register their comments on Ordinance O9-19, which Council passed regular session on August 12 and 26, 2019. Ordinance O9-19 is colloquially known as the Lake Road Ordinance as it prohibited certain types and vehicular activities on City property at Lake Olney and Lake Cooper. Mr. Calhoun, a member of the Olney Volunteer Fire Department, stated that he and several individuals enjoyed taking their all-terrain vehicles, utility-type vehicles, and off-highway vehicles to the lake and riding around. He stated that they were respectful and felt they were being punished. He wanted Council to rescind the ordinance as they were taxpayers and felt it was their right to make use of the Lake Road. Veronica Bowman was also present to voice her comments on the Lake Road Ordinance. Mayor Jeske stated the intent of the ordinance was not to group people together, but because the Lake Road was so expensive to maintain at \$20,000-\$25,000 yearly that the City had no better idea than to restrict usage in order to maintain the quality and repair of the road. Mayor Pro-Tem Rogers stated that he similarly could not think of any other way to provide access while banning access to those who were tearing the road up.

HEAR AND DISCUSS
CITIZEN COMMENTS
REGARDING LAKE ROAD
ORDINANCE

Mr. Houston presented Council with Resolution R11-19 to convert six checking accounts held by the City of Olney to interest-bearing with the explicit understanding that the account numbers would not change. Furthermore, it set signatories the same as the previous resolutions creating accounts for the City at Olney Interbank with the exception that Officer Hudson was added to the PD Asset Forfeiture Account. No signatories were removed. Mayor Jeske entertained a motion to approve Resolution R11-19. Councilmember Kimbro made said motion and Councilmember Wipperman seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve the resolution.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION
TO CONVERT CERTAIN
ACCOUNTS TO
INTEREST BEARING AT
OLNEY INTERBANK AND
SET SIGNATORIES

Mayor Jeske informed Council that he believed the Utility Reinvestment Fund ordinance was situated to pay for the construction of the Kickapoo Water Line. Further, the \$0.30 water and \$0.30 wastewater charge per thousand gallons would constitute a 20-25% increase on the lower per thousand-gallon rates. Council discussed the merits of such a fee. Mr. Welch and Mr. Houston explained the intent was to create a separate account to set funds aside for future water and wastewater line repairs. Mayor Jeske suggested waiting until a project could be identified. However, Mayor Pro-Tem Rogers and Councilmember Kimbro stated that would delay a project further and that they were ok with the fee. With no further discussion, Council seemed to agree the fee was required. Mr. Houston explained how Ordinance O12-19 differed and amended previously passed utility rates. Council discussed amending section 4.08 to allow those on social security disability and who were over 65 up to two thirty-day extensions in a 12-month period. Mayor Jeske entertained a motion to approve Ordinance O12-19 with section 4.08 amended to read "Users who can provide proof of social security disability or are at least 65 years of age or older may receive an extension of up to 30 calendar days." Mayor Pro-Tem

CONSIDER ORDINANCE
O12-19 ON SECOND
READING TO AMEND
CERTAIN UTILITY FEES

Rogers made said motion and Councilmember Kimbro seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve Ordinance O12-19.

Mayor Jeske asked if there were any further discussion items. Mr. Houston replied that there were not and this was a placeholder in the event there were a last-minute budget item.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Mayor Jeske opened the public hearing the FY 2019-2020 Municipal Appropriations Budget at 7:10 PM. He stated this was the second of two hearings with the vote to directly follow. Mayor Jeske inquired if there were any comments. With no further comments Mayor Jeske closed the public hearing at 7:11 PM.

PUBLIC HEARING: FY 2019-2020 MUNICIPAL APPROPRIATIONS BUDGET

Mayor Jeske entertained motion to approve Ordinance O13-19 adopting the FY 2019-2020 Municipal Appropriations Budget. Councilmember Wipperman made said motion and Mayor Pro-Tem Rogers seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve Ordinance O13-19.

CONSIDER ORDINANCE O13-19 ON SECOND READING TO ADOPT FY 2019-2020 MUNICIPAL APPROPRIATIONS BUDGET

Mayor Pro-Tem Rogers moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.762740, which is effectively a 7.21 percent increase in the tax rate. Councilmember Stennett seconded the motion to approve Ordinance O14-19. Council voted unanimously to adopt Ordinance O14-19 setting the tax rate at 0.762740 per \$100 valuation.

CONSIDER ORDINANCE O14-19 ADOPTING TAX RATE

Mayor Jeske announced that, pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act Local Government Code Section 551.074(a), Council would enter executive session at 7:13 PM to discuss the annual performance evaluation of City Secretary Tim Houston.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: CONSIDER ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION OF CITY SECRETARY TIM HOUSTON

Council reconvened in regular session at 7:35 PM.

Mayor Jeske stated that Council felt Mr. Houston was doing a good job and that he could see Mr. Welch for the specifics of his evaluation.

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

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Council adjourned by consent at 7:36 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Secretary

Date Approved