

July 22, 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, July 22, 2019, at 6:00 P.M. Those present were: Mayor Phil Jeske, Mayor Pro-Tem Rue Rogers, Councilmembers Tommy Kimbro, Chuck Stennett, Harrison Wellman, and Councilmember Terri Wipperman; Absent: None. Staff Present: City Administrator Neal Welch, City Secretary Tim Houston, Chief of Police Conny Clay, Public Works Director K.C. Blassingame, Judge Stan Mahler, City Attorney William Myers, City Clerk Arpegea Pagsuberon, Animal Control Officer Krystal Barnhardt, Police Officer Bill Achey, Police Officer Dustin Hudson. All agenda items were subject to action.

Mayor Jeske called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M. Mr. Myers gave the invocation.

CALL TO ORDER &  
INVOCATION

Mayor Jeske entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the July 8, 2019 Regular Meeting. Mayor Pro-Tem Rogers made said motion and Councilmember Kimbro seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

CONSIDER APPROVAL  
OF MINUTES FROM  
PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

Lindsey Dougless appeared before Council to present a video of auto-burglary that occurred at her home. She asked about the curfew for minors and to request increased police presence at night since many citizens were scared. Mayor Jeske asked that the City look into enforcing the curfew ordinance closer. Chief Clay recommended standard advice to lock doors, and that a second officer would be joining the night shift the next week.

CITIZEN COMMENT  
PERIOD WITH CITY  
COUNCIL

Mayor Jeske stated he wanted Council to consider the catch and release program. Mr. Houston said they would invite veterinarian and owner of Salt Creek Veterinarian Hospital to the next meeting.

CONSIDER CATCH AND  
RELEASE PROGRAM  
WITH SALT CREEK  
VETERINARIAN  
HOSPITAL

Mr. Houston explained that the City's attorney through Atmos Texas Municipalities had recommended passing Resolution R8-19 to suspend for 45 days the effective date for a proposed rate increase under Section 104.301 of the Gas Utility Regulatory Act, also known as the GRIP Statute. This would give the state enough time to review our original rate case. Mayor Jeske entertained a motion to approve Resolution R8-19. Mayor Pro-Tem Rogers made said motion and Councilmember Stennett seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve the Resolution.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION  
R8-19 SUSPENDING FOR  
45 DAYS THE EFFECTIVE  
DATE PROPOSED BY  
ATMOS ENERGY FOR  
INCREASED RATES  
PURSUANT TO SECTION  
104.301 OF THE GAS  
UTILITY REGULATORY  
ACT (GRIP STATUTE)

Mayor Jeske explained that it was necessary to establish a separate account to keep the monies from the previous Walking Trail account and the Park Improvement Fund separate. The playground improvements being conducted by Keep Olney Beautiful would receive funds from the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department. Mayor Jeske entertained a motion to approve Resolution R9-19 to establish the Park Improvement Fund Account at Olney Interbank with signers to be Neal Welch, Tim Houston, Kari Blair, and Arpegea Pagsuberon. Councilmember Kimbro made said motion and Councilmember Wellman seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve the resolution.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION  
R9-19 TO ESTABLISH  
TPWD PARK  
IMPROVEMENT FUND  
ACCOUNT AT OLNEY  
INTERBANK

Mayor Jeske opened the discussion with there being damage to the Lake Road. Councilmember Kimbro stated he had seen people using their vehicles to turn donuts, spin tires, and they were damaging the road. Mr. Houston stated road maintenance would cost approximately \$20,000 to \$25,000 yearly to grade the road and pull the ditches. Mayor Jeske asked for an ordinance to be drawn up for Council to consider that would restrict access to all-terrain and off-road vehicles for everyone who is not a resident or an employee.

DISCUSS TRAFFIC AND  
OFF-ROAD VEHICLE USE  
AND ACTIVITY ON LAKE  
ROAD

Mayor Pro-Tem Rogers stated that Keep Olney Beautiful wanted to auction the equipment to raise funds for park improvements. Mr. Houston stated that once the equipment was removed it could not be reused because it would not meet state laws for park safety requirements. Further, since KOB is a tax-exempt organization the City could donate the equipment to them, but it

CONSIDER DONATING  
USED PLAYGROUND  
EQUIPMENT TO KEEP  
OLNEY BEAUTIFUL

would require action. Mayor Jeske stated he did not have an issue with it and entertained a motion to donate the used playground equipment at Tom Griffin Park to Keep Olney Beautiful upon its removal. Councilmember Wellman made said motion and Mayor Pro-Tem Rogers seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Mr. Welch explained that it was time to discuss the provision of a School Resource Officer to the Olney ISD. In order to do so the City would need to budget and make various provisions including possibly training and equipping an officer for the position. Councilmember Kimbro expressed concern about what would happen if the police department became shorthanded again. Councilmember Stennett also was concerned about paying for the travel. Mayor Jeske said there was also the matter of wages while in training. Mayor Jeske asked Mr. Welch to start talks with the school to iron out some details. Mr. Welch informed Council we would pull the old agreements and start to fashion a new one. Mr. Myers explained that a Memorandum of Understanding would likely work.

CONSIDER OPENING  
CONTRACT  
NEGOTIATIONS WITH  
OLNEY ISD FOR SCHOOL  
RESOURCE OFFICER

Mr. Welch explained that the City had sought and received 3 quotes for flooring at the Old City Hall Building. Quotes were obtained from Waggoner Carpet One, Breegle Flooring, and and Quality Carpets. All quotes are respective to the order of businesses mention previously. Quotes for glue-down vinyl plank with subfloor were \$19,994.22, \$20,417.96, and 21,279.24. Quotes for the glue-down vinyl in the corridor and carpet in the offices with subflooring were \$15,684.88, \$10,998.30, and \$12,676.29. Lastly quotes for carpeting only throughout the building which came to \$9,991.89, \$7,356.82, and \$9,928.66. Staff recommended the Waggoner quote for \$19,994.22 for glue-down vinyl plan with subflooring for the longevity of the product. Council briefly discussed the quotes. Mayor Jeske entertained a motion to expending funds on the glue-down vinyl plank with subflooring bid from Waggoner, unless Breegle's quote became lower than Waggoner's with the subtraction of a moving charge in which case Breegle's bid would be accepted. Mayor Pro-Tem Rogers made said motion and Councilmember Harrison seconded. Council voted unanimously to pass the motion.

CONSIDER  
EXPENDITURE OF  
FUNDS TO REPLACE  
FLOORING AT OLD CITY  
HALL BUILDING

Mayor Jeske announced that the Council would convene in Executive Session at 6:50 P.M. pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Government Code, Texas Open Meetings Act in order to consider and discuss the performance evaluation of Chief of Police Conny Clay. All guests were asked to exit the Council Chambers.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:  
PERFORMANCE  
EVALUATION OF CHIEF  
OF POLICE CONNY CLAY

Council reconvened in regular session at 7:20P.M.

Council took no action as a result of the Executive Session, but Mayor Jeske stated that Council wished for Mr. Welch to complete the review process.

ANY ACTION AS A  
RESULT OF THE  
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council proceeded to go line-item by line-item discussing decision packages to be added to the budget. Mr. Houston explained to Council the Dental and Vision Plans from Colonial Life and that total cost per year would be \$10,691. Council wanted further information. Following, a discussion of resurfacing the meeting table and replacing the chairs in the Council room for \$8,000, which council decided not to proceed with at the moment. Council approved random drug testing, a new City Hall HVAC system, phone system, server, computer replacement, street chemical, Lake Road improvements, street sprayer, airless striping machine, two police vehicle purchases, body cameras, Animal Control Officer rabies vaccination, School Resource Officer position, City website upgrade, City email domain, computer upgrades, Code Enforcement, public works shop heater, GIS mapping intern, a vehicle for Public Works, and a new sewer jet machine at a total cost of \$394,873. Council requested that the Code Enforcement line-items be added, but hiring held off until the City better understood if it was needed after changes in the Police Department. Council rejected in the first-round paint and wall repair at City Hall, electronic door locks at City Hall and the Police Department, and refurbishing the Council Chambers. Further, Council request further information on the dental/vision insurance, City Hall panic buttons, Fire Department Scott Air Pack, seasonal mowing positions, and funds for miscellaneous shop improvements. Items rejected or requiring

BUDGET WORKSHOP

further information totaled \$98,762. Council tentatively approved increasing lake lot lease rates from \$200 to \$500 per year specifically for maintenance of the Lake Road. Council debated increasing ad valorem taxes, but made no decision. A surplus of approximately \$51,000 remained.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Council adjourned by consent ADJOURNMENT at 9:15 P.M.

ATTEST:

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Mayor

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City Secretary

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Date Approved