

MAY 13, 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, May 13, 2019, at 6:00 P.M. Those present were: Mayor Phil Jeske, Mayor Pro-Tem Rue Rogers, Councilmembers Tommy Kimbro, Harrison Wellman, and Councilmember Terri Wipperman; Late: Councilmember Stennett arrived at 6:05 P.M.; Absent: None. Staff Present: City Administrator Neal Welch, City Secretary Tim Houston, Chief of Police Conny Clay, Public Works Director K.C. Blassingame, City Attorney William Myers, and City Clerk Arpegea Pagsuberon. 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 April 8, 2019 Regular Meeting. Councilmember Wipperman made said motion and Mayor Pro-Tem Rogers seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

CONSIDER APPROVAL  
OF MINUTES FROM  
PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

Dale Lovett, Mike Murphy, and Mike Pace appeared before the Council to request permission to erect a monument at the gazebo downtown with the memorial to be on the southwest corner of the lot facing towards the highway. This monument would commemorate and honor the work of Freddie Joe Dunagan and E.C. "Red" Wainscott and the twenty-four Eagle Scouts inducted in June 1974. The induction of twenty-four Eagle Scouts remains a national record through today for largest number of Eagles inducted in a single day by one troop. This was accomplished by Boy Scout Troop 584, which at the time had been Olney's troop number. An example of the monument was presented to Council showing that it contains black marble, a picture of the occasion, the names of all involved. Mayor Jeske thanked them for the information and said since the City had an agreement with the Olney Chamber of Commerce for use of the property the City would need to consult with them, but he explained he was not opposed to the idea. (Councilmember Stennett arrived during the comment period.)

CITIZEN COMMENT  
PERIOD WITH CITY  
COUNCIL

Mr. Houston read a letter to Council containing the facts of the election and that it was cancelled by ordinance since all candidates were unopposed. Mayor Jeske entertained a motion to accept the letter. Councilmember Harrison made said motion and Councilmember Wipperman seconded. Council voted unanimously to accept the letter. Mr. Houston presented Mayor Jeske with each of the certificates of election for Tommy Kimbro, Rue Rogers, and Chuck Stennett. Mayor Jeske signed the certificates. Canvass concluded at 6:15 P.M.

CANVASS OF ELECTION  
RESULTS: SIGN  
CERTIFICATES OF  
ELECTION FOR  
UNOPPOSED  
CANDIDATES

Mr. Houston presented Mr. Myers with the oath of office. Mr. Myers swore in as Councilmember Tommy Kimbro, Rue Rogers, and Chuck Stennett. Each Councilmember then signed the oath of office and the statement of officer.

OATH OF OFFICE FOR  
NEWLEY ELECTED  
OFFICEHOLDERS: SIGN  
OATH OF OFFICE AND  
STATEMENT OF  
OFFICER

Mr. Houston stated that Casey Keeter was not present for an unknown reason. However, he was asking to experiment with extended hours, showing movies, and having food. Mr. Welch informed Council that six lifeguards were hired, he did not see a problem with hours experimentation, the pool managers would be handling concessions, but that movies had licensing issues. Mayor Jeske suggested that we check with the school library on movie licensing.

HEAR PRESENTATION  
AND CONSIDER  
PROPOSAL BY CASEY  
KEETER FOR MUNICIPAL  
POOL

Mr. Welch explained to Council that the Red Cross had contacted the City to renew its facility use agreement for emergency housing in the event of a disaster. The City would not earn any money for the facility, but would be entitled to reasonable fees for utilities and the like. Mayor Jeske entertained a motion to approve the facility use agreement and authorize the City Administrator to sign the agreement. Councilmember Rogers made said motion and Councilmember Kimbro seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve the motion.

CONSIDER FACILITY  
USE AGREEMENT WITH  
AMERICAN RED CROSS  
FOR EMERGENCY  
HOUSING

Mr. Welch presented Council with several additional items identified for auction including semi-tractor trailers the City had impounded more the two years prior, additional vehicles, and desks. Councilmember Wellman suggested that items that were not sold be scrapped for whatever

CONSIDER DECLARING  
VARIOUS ITEMS AS  
SURPLUS FOR AUCTION

return could be had. Mayor Jeske inquired about spare desks and sizes. Mr. Welch explained the various furnishings the City had to spare for the auction. Mayor Jeske entertained a motion to approve the items as surplus for auction, including the semi-tractor trailers, all of which was to be sold for scrap if it did not sell or was not picked up. Councilmember Kimbro made said motion and Councilmember Rogers seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve of the motion.

Mrs. Pagsuberon presented to Council an employee recognition program that in light of the longevity of employees would provide for the selection of a gift of a certain amount based on the length of the employee's tenure. She presented the various levels of gifts from Select-Your-Gift and explained the benefit they had of no upfront costs such as sign up fees, and membership. Further, the cost of each gift calculated in shipping to the price level so that it would not need further payment. Mayor Jeske inquired about other programs. Mrs. Pagsuberon explained that the other programs had upfront costs or were prohibitively expensive. Mayor Jeske entertained a motion to approve the Employee Appreciate and Recognition Program as presented. Councilmember Rogers made said motion and Councilmember Harrison seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve the motion.

CONSIDER EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Mr. Welch explained that a lunch and dance to benefit first responders was planned by a charitable organization for September 2019 at the HDH Ranch and Rodeo Pavilion.

DISCUSS FIRST RESPONDER PROGRAM

Mayor Jeske stated that the second regular meeting would occur on the Memorial Day holiday. Mr. Welch explained there was a lack of business at the moment. Mayor Jeske suggested and entertained a motion that the Council reschedule for Tuesday May 28, 2019 with the option to cancel if there was a lack of pressing business. Councilmember Kimbro made said motion and Councilmember Stennett seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve the motion.

CONSIDER CANCELLING OR RESCHEDULING MAY 27, 2019 REGULAR MEETING

Mr. Houston and Mrs. Pagsuberon explained that the City was creating new identification cards for staff and elected leaders. Mr. Welch said the cards would be beneficial for access in the event of a disaster or some other emergency and recommended them as a best practice. Mayor Jeske agree and all had their photo taken.

CITY IDENTIFICATION CARD PHOTOS

Mr. Houston gave the monthly financial statement and explained the rest of the financial statement. Mr. Houston followed up on the Texas-New Mexico payment being taken from the previous year and placed into the current year due to it being received later. Further, Mr. Houston stated the increased franchise fees were a result of high utility costs and increased usage. Chief Clay gave the police report for February. Mayor Jeske inquired about the officers currently on duty and their work production. Mr. Blassingame gave the public works report. The lake was at 100% of normal capacity and going over the spillway at Lake Cooper and Lake Olney.

MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Council adjourned by consent at 7:01 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

ATTEST:

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Mayor

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City Secretary

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Date Approved