

February 11, 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, February 11, 2019, at 6:00 P.M. Those present were: Mayor Phil Jeske, Councilmembers Tommy Kimbro, Rue Rogers, Chuck Stennett, Harrison Wellman, and Terri Wipperman; Absent: None. Staff Present: City Administrator Neal Welch, City Secretary Tim Houston, Chief of Police Conny Clay, Public Works Director K.C. Blasingame, Municipal Court Clerk Arpegea Pagsuberon, Animal Control Officer Krystal Barnhart, and City Attorney William Myers All agenda items were subject to action.

Mayor Jeske called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Mr. Myers gave the invocation.

CALL TO ORDER &
INVOCATION

Mayor Jeske entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the January 28, 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)

No citizens appeared before the Council to comment.

CITIZEN COMMENT
PERIOD WITH CITY
COUNCIL

Mr. Houston notified Council that all changes to the Interlocal Agreement for Certain Services including Emergency Maintenance Repairs had been made. Mayor Jeske asked if there were further changes and then requested a motion from the Council on the Interlocal Agreement. Mayor Pro-Tem Rogers made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement and Councilmember Stennett seconded same. Council voted unanimously to approve the Interlocal Agreement.

CONSIDER INTERLOCAL
AGREEMENT WITH THE
CITY OF MEGARGEL
FOR EMERGENCY
MAINTENANCE REPAIRS

Mayor Jeske entertained a motion to approve Ordinance O3-19 on seconded reading. Councilmember Kimbro made said motion and Councilmember Wellman seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve Ordinance O3-19 limiting the number unused spare tires in residential zones.

CONSIDER ACTION ON
ORDINANCE O3-19 TO
LIMIT KEEPING AND
STORAGE OF SPARE
TIRES IN RESIDENTIAL
ZONES

Mr. Houston stated that he had made an error on Resolution R1-19 passed by Council on January 14, 2019. This resolution would correct that mistake and repeal and replace Resolution R1-19. Mayor Jeske entertained a motion to approve Resolution R3-19. Mayor Pro-Tem Rogers made said motion, and Councilmember Kimbro seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve the resolution.

CONSIDER ACTION ON
RESOLUTION R3-19 TO
CHANGE SIGNATORIES
ON CITY FINANCIAL
ACCOUNTS

Mr. Houston explained that Ordinance O4-19 would expand upon existing ordinance and repeal, replace, or edit language in other existing ordinances. Primarily the ordinance would add language restricting the sale, trade, or giving away of dogs and cats to animals with current vaccinations and only then with a permit. The kenneling of animals would no longer be legal without a permit, unless you had more four or fewer dogs or cats. Further, for individuals committing three or more violations of animal control ordinances citizens would have their privilege to keep, harbor, or maintain an animal revoked for two years within city limits. Individuals convicted of cruelty to animals would no longer be allowed to keep, harbor, or maintain an animal within city limits. Council discussed the merits of the ordinance, and Mr. Houston replied that animals had become a large problem in town and without certain restrictions it would make it that much more difficult to gain control of the situation. Councilmember Wellman inquired if it were possible to issue a permit for free if the City required dogs and cats to be current on vaccinations. Mr. Houston replied that it was possible. Council discussed the feasibility and after discussion amended the ordinance as written by striking language relating to the \$50 permit for the sale, trade, or giving away for free of pets within city limits. Council also discussed the possibility of using the \$60 registration for dogs and cats that were not spayed or neutered to get said dog or cat sterilized if the owner wished it. Mr. Houston replied it was possible, but he cautioned against writing it into ordinance and binding the City to a specific action, but suggested it as an intent of Council for policy implementation.

CONSIDER ACTION ON
ORDINANCE O4-19 TO
AMEND AND EXPAND
ANIMAL CONTROL
ORDINANCES

Ms. Barnhart spoke for the merits of keeping the ordinance intact, but agreed with the intent of the Council to ensure pets were well cared for even if they were going to new homes. Mayor Jeske entertained a motion to approve Ordinance O4-19 to Amend and Expand Animal Control Ordinances. Mayor Pro-Tem Rogers made said motion and Councilmember Wellman seconded. Council voted unanimously to pass the ordinance on first reading. Mr. Houston replied that it would require two readings as a fine was attached for violation of the ordinance.

Mr. Welch explained the Raymund Lunsford had approached the City about doing seismic testing for oil exploration on the western side of the airport property. He stated that their testing should not affect airport operations, which Council was mostly concerned about, and should not affect the runways. Mayor Jeske suggested there was no downside to their exploring the property, but that they would first like an agreement to be drafted.

DISCUSS AGREEMENT TO PERMIT SEISMIC TESTING ON AIRPORT PROPERTY

Mr. Welch explained that several quotes had been obtained from Breagle, Home Depot, and Popular Flooring. Council reviewed several of the quotes. Mayor Jeske stated he would like the quotes to more closely align with each other. Mr. Welch stated that staff would go back to get further quotes for Council to review.

CONSIDER ACTION ON THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS TO UPDATE CITY HALL

Mr. Welch explained that Waste Connections in return for ceasing recycling services would replace the eight dumpsters with eight regular dumpsters at the convenience station. Mayor Jeske suggested keeping the dumpsters in the same spot or getting roll-offs would be the better course of action. Council agreed. Mr. Welch said he would visit again with Waste Connections to see what they could agree on.

CONSIDER ACTION ON AMENDMENT TO SOLID WASTE CONTRACT WITH WASTE CONNECTIONS

Mr. Houston gave the monthly financial report. Council inquired about sales tax and ad valorem tax income. Mr. Houston replied that it was tracking nominally with expected income rates and that the Young Central Appraisal District would see further payments over February and March. Chief Clay gave the monthly police report, code compliance report, and animal control report. Council inquired about the hiring of officers. Chief Clay stated that he had hired a new officer and was close to hiring another young officer. Mr. Houston said that the animal control officer was on light duty until released by her doctor in case Council received complaints. The lake was at 100% of normal capacity.

MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Mr. Houston explained that the contract Council had awarded to Corlett, Probst and Boyd at a previous meeting for engineering services related to the Community Development Block Grant needed to be signed. This was being brought to Council in the event they wished to approve the contract, and so that Council would be aware of the situation. Mayor Jeske stated that since the contract had already been awarded, he felt it just needed a signature. Mr. Houston replied that previous actions by Council to award the contract could be construed as approval of the contract. Council agreed. Mayor Jeske signed the contract.

CONSIDER ACTION ON CONTRACT WITH CORLETT, PROBST AND BOYD FOR CDBG ENGINEERING SERVICES

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Council adjourned by consent at 6:59 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Secretary

Date Approved