

JANUARY 28, 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, January 28, 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. Blassingame, Conde Compliance Officer Dustin Hudson, and City Attorney William Myers. All agenda items were subject to action per the notice of meeting and agenda.

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 December 10, 2018 Regular Meeting and the January 14, 2019 Regular Meeting. Councilmember Kimbro 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. Welch explained to Council Megargel was a town of limited means and occasionally needed assistance with leak repairs, supplies, and equipment when there was an emergency water or wastewater leak. Mayor Jeske stated that he was not opposed to the agreement, but that he did have concerns about the circumstances that would cause our employees to need to help, who the designated official would be for oversight, and how the reporting would work. Mr. Houston explained that the agreement covered only as-needed or emergency repairs beyond the ability of Megargel to deal with, and that the mayors or their designees were responsible for oversight. Mayor Jeske asked that a monthly report be given to Council on the activities conducted with Megargel by Olney employees. Mr. Houston replied that a report could be submitted each month. Councilmember Kimbro stated that emergency needed to be defined in the agreement. Mr. Houston stated that the agreement defined the emergencies as "line leaks and repairs that are beyond the ability of Megargel to repair." Mayor Jeske asked that benefits, insurance, and all other items the City bore the costs on for the benefit of the employees needed to be paid by Megargel for the time served there. Mr. Houston replied that was possible. Mayor Jeske asked that the agreement be edited before Council voted.

CONSIDER INTERLOCAL
AGREEMENT WITH THE
CITY OF MEGARGEL
FOR AS-NEEDED AND
EMERGENCY
MAINTENANCE

Mayor Jeske asked if this would cover all the requirements for advertising and covered all the bases for the City. Mr. Myers replied that it did. Mayor Jeske entertained a motion to approve Resolution R2-19. Mayor Pro-Tem Rogers made said motion and Councilmember Wipperman seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution R2-19.

CONSIDER ACTION ON
RESOLUTION R2-19 TO
REQUEST / ADVERTISE
FOR SEALED BIDS FOR
CITY SHOP BUILDING
AND ASSOCIATED
PROPERTY

Mr. Houston stated that Armando Contreras has submitted a bid of \$1,000.00 for 205 E Cherry Street and another bid for \$1,000.00 for 207 E Cherry Street. Mayor Jeske asked if Mr. Contreras was apprised of the zoning requirements, and other legalities for his plans to move a manufactured home on the lot. Mr. Houston replied that he had and that his plans were perfectly legal for where the lots were zoned. Mayor Jeske entertained a motion to accept Mr. Contreras' bids for 205 and 207 E Cherry in the amount of \$1,000.00 for each lot. Councilmember Wellman made said motion and Councilmember Kimbro seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve the motion.

CONSIDER ACTION TAX
RESALE BID(S)

Mayor Jeske inquired if the five tire limit mentioned in the Ordinance O3-19 would affect all of town. Mr. Houston replied that it would only affect properties in residential zones. Mr. Welch explained that the ordinance was for the health, safety, and welfare of the residents in town since tires were notorious breeding grounds for mosquitos after rains and provided shelter for pests and snakes. Further, large groupings of tires posed a fire risk since they are difficult to extinguish. Mayor Jeske entertained a motion to approve Ordinance O3-19 on first reading.

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Rogers made said motion and Councilmember Wipperman seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve Ordinance O3-19.

Mayor Jeske inquired if we had found out exactly what was required of the City for fire marshal. Mr. Houston replied that the fire marshal position for the City could entail whatever duties the Council wished to grant it as it was not linked to the state fire marshal's offices in anything, but administrative tasks. Typically, firemen or former firemen held the position. Mr. Welch said that Dustin Hudson was an appropriate candidate and that his resume was in front of the Council. Mr. Houston also added that the City Mayor Jeske briefly discussed the positions duties as they had been previously and then entertained a motion to appoint Dustin Hudson as the Fire Marshal for the City of Olney. Councilmember Wellman made said motion and Mayor Pro-Tem Rogers seconded. Council voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Hudson as the Fire Marshal.

CONSIDER
APPOINTMENT OF CITY
FIRE MARSHAL

Mr. Hudson explained that the City of Olney received the two properties located at 613 and 615 N Grand Avenue on June 26, 2018 and that since that time squatters had moved into the house. The City had undertaken the process to evict the squatters from the property and then entered upon after their eviction. Mr. Hudson made a presentation to Council concerning the dilapidated shape the structures at each property were in and the accumulation of junk in the yards and recommended the removal of the abatement of all code violations, and an order to demolish the structures at both properties. Council briefly discussed the shape of each house.

COUNCIL ACTING AS
BUILDING COMMISSION:
HEAR REPORT AND
RECOMMENDATION
FROM CODE
COMPLIANCE OFFICER
CONCERNING
SUBSTANDARD
STRUCTURES AND JUNK
LOCATED AT 613 N
GRAND AVENUE AND
615 N GRAND AVENUE

Mayor Jeske entertained a motion to abate all code violations and demolish the structures at 613 and 615 N Grand Avenue. Councilmember Wipperman made said motion and Councilmember Kimbro seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve the motion.

COUNCIL ACTING AS
BULDING COMMISSION:
CONSIDER ACTION TO
ABATE CODE
VIOLATIONS AT 613 N
GRAND AVENUE AND
615 N GRAND AVENUE

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Council adjourned by consent at 7:12 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Secretary

Date Approved