

JANUARY 14, 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 14, 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, Interim City Administrator Doug Hughes, City Secretary Tim Houston, Chief of Police Conny Clay, Public Works Director K.C. Blassingame, 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 6:03 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 December 14, 2018 Special 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

Mayor Pro-Tem Rogers opened the discussion on the City partnering with non-profit veterinary organization P.E.T.S. Low Cost Spay and Neuter (P.E.T.S.) for a vaccination shot clinic to be conducted on January 26, 2019. Keelan Lewis was introduced as the owner of Salt Creek Veterinarian Hospital (SCVH) who objected to the use of P.E.T.S. Mrs. Lewis made her case that despite her location just outside the city limits, she took care of the vast majority of the pets and livestock in the Olney area. Further, she objected that she was not personally contacted on the prices and whether she could offer discounts or match the prices of P.E.T.S. Staff explained the decision-making that went into the event. Ms. Barnhart stated that SCVH was called, but that the receptionist told her that SCVH did not offer discounts for any services. Mrs. Lewis stated that she would have worked with the City had she known. Mayor Jeske stated that staff should have made further attempts to reach Mrs. Lewis. Mayor Jeske inquired whether the City was under contract with P.E.T.S. Mr. Houston replied that the City was not under contract, but that backing out at this point could spoil any future relations the City may have with P.E.T.S. Mayor Pro-Tem Rogers stated that under the circumstances he felt the City should hold the vaccination shot clinic with SCVH instead of P.E.T.S. Olney resident Kathy Muncy stated that this would hurt competition and that P.E.T.S. offered services for much less than SCVH. Mayor Jeske stated that placing P.E.T.S. and SCVH in the same category produced an unfair comparison since one was for profit and paid taxes whereas the other was a tax-exempt non-profit. After discussion with community members, Mrs. Lewis produced a signed petition from prominent individuals and business owners in the community asking that the City reconsider its position. Mayor Jeske asked if Mrs. Lewis would match the P.E.T.S. prices for the event. Mrs. Lewis replied that she would match the prices offered by P.E.T.S. After considering the multiple viewpoints produced by both staff, Mrs. Lewis and supporting businesses, and the community residents present, Council concluded discussion. Mayor Pro-Tem Rogers made a motion to replace P.E.T.S with SCVH and proceed with the vaccination shot clinic as previously planned. Councilmember Kimbro seconded. Council voted unanimously to pass the motion to proceed with SCVH.

DISCUSSION BETWEEN  
CITY AND LOCAL  
VETERINARIAN  
BUSINESS OWNER

Mayor Jeske stated that it was time to appoint a member to the board and inquired about the position. Mr. Houston stated that Danny Stewart was term limited having served six years over the course of his two terms on the board. Mayor Jeske stated that Lonnie Rue, a director at Brazos Communications, was willing to serve on the OI DC Board. Council briefly discussed the Mr. Rue and the appointment in general. Mayor Jeske entertained a motion to appoint Lonnie Rue to the OI DC Board for a three-year term starting in January 2019. Councilmember Kimbro made said motion, and Councilmember Stennett seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment.

CONSIDER  
APPOINTMENT TO THE  
OLNEY INDUSTRIAL  
DEVELOPMENT  
CORPORATION BOARD

Mayor Jeske stated that Resolution R1-19 would change the signatories on City accounts to remove the outgoing Interim City Administrator Doug Hughes from financial accounts and add new City Administrator Neal Welch to the said accounts, save for the Police Asset Forfeiture Account. Council had no discussion. Mayor Jeske entertained a motion to approve Resolution R1-19. Mayor Pro-Tem Rogers made said motion, and Councilmember Wellman seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve the resolution.

CONSIDER ACTION ON RESOLUTION R1-19 TO CHANGE SIGNATORIES ON CITY FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

Mr. Houston explained that it was time to order the May 4, 2019 election. Ordinance O1-19 would order the May General Election and set the dates and locations for voting, and procedures for ballot by mail. Mr. Houston further explained that there were English and Spanish version of the ordinance, but that they read the same and were considered the same ordinance since it was only a translation. Those positions up for election were currently occupied by Mayor Pro-Tem Rogers, and Councilmembers Kimbro and Stennett. Mayor Jeske entertained a motion to approve Ordinance O1-19. Councilmember Kimbro made said motion, and Councilmember Wellman seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve the ordinance. The Mayor and Council signed the Official Election Order.

CONSIDER ACTION ON ORDINANCE O1-19 ORDERING MAY 4, 2019 MUNICIPAL ELECTION AND ESTABLISHING DATES AND LOCATIONS FOR VOTING AND ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR BALLOTS BY MAIL AND UPON PASSAGE ISSUE THE OFFICIAL ORDER OF ELECTION

Mayor Jeske opened discussion on the item and inquired about the need for the ordinance. Mr. Houston explained to Council that with the upcoming vaccination shot clinic the Ms. Barnhart had requested that the City change the age. Dogs and cats could be vaccinated against rabies starting at twelve weeks. Under ordinance the vaccination of dogs and cats against rabies and registration of same with the City was not required until after four months of age. Further the ordinance would increase fees for the owners to register their animals with the City once their animal had been impounded. Those registering for the first time would still be charged \$5, but if the dog or cat was first impounded the fee would increase to \$30. Mr. Houston explained this fee increase specifically covered the cost to the City to impound animals at the Young County Humane Society. Mayor Jeske entertained a motion to approve Ordinance O2-19. Mayor Pro-Tem Rogers made said motion, and Councilmember Wipperman seconded. Council voted unanimously to pass the ordinance.

CONSIDER ACTION ON ORDINANCE O2-19 TO AMEND ORDINANCE O7-05 CONCERNING AGE AND FEES ASSOCIATED WITH VACCINATION AND LICENSURE OF DOGS AND CATS

Mr. Welch explained to Council that Waste Connections would cease their recycling program and pickup the current eight recycling dumpsters in town. Mayor Jeske inquired why this was happening. Mr. Welch replied that Waste Connections was having to dump the contents of the recycling dumpsters in the landfill at Iowa Park because of the infiltration of glass and other items that could not be processed. Further, China and Indonesia had begun rejecting any new recycling deliveries from the United States as part of the trade war and because their recycling facilities were at capacity. Mayor Jeske asked Mr. Welch to see what the City could receive instead of the eight recycling dumpsters.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AMENDMENT TO SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL CONTRACT WITH WASTE CONNECTIONS, INC.

Mayor Jeske inquired about the process and said that the OIIC, Chamber of Commerce, and Keep Olney Beautiful had all undertaken various logo designs and efforts. Further, he stated that he would like to put together a five-person committee of City staff to select winners, and work with other organizations in the City to find a common logo. Council agreed with that course of action. Mr. Houston replied that he would carry out those wishes.

REVIEW ENTRIES FOR CITY LOGO AND OLNEY POLICE DEPARTMENT PATCH DESIGN AND CONSIDER ANY ACTION ON DESIGN

Mr. Houston gave the monthly financial report. Chief Clay explained 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. Further, he was doing a background on another individual. Council was briefed the lake was at 100% and that the lake was currently overflowing at the spillway.

MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Mayor Jeske announced that Council would enter Executive Session at 7:11 P.M. to discuss items listed on the agenda. All guests were asked leave the Council Chambers.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM(S)

Discussion of executive session item(s).

A. UPDATED AND CONSIDER ANY ACTION

Mayor Jeske announced that Council would reconvene in regular open session at 7:43 P.M. All guests were permitted to return.

ON ACQUISITION OF  
EASEMENTS –  
PURSUANT TO SECTION  
551.072 OF THE TEXAS  
GOVERNMENT CODE

Mayor Jeske announced no action would be taken as a result of the Executive Session.

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

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Council adjourned by consent at 7:44 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

ATTEST:

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Mayor

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City Secretary

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Date Approved