

March 22, 2021

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, March 22, 2021, at 6:00 P.M. Those present were: Mayor Rue Rogers, Mayor Pro-Tem Tom Parker, Councilmembers Phil Jeske, Tommy Kimbro, Chuck Stennett, and Terri Wipperman. Absent: None. Staff Present: City Administrator Neal Welch, Chief of Police Dan Birbeck, Interim City Secretary Arpegea Pagsuberon, and City Attorney William Myers was present via web presence. All agenda items were subject to action. Meeting was broadcast and recorded online using GoToMeeting.com in accordance with Open Meetings Laws guidance during COVID-19 Pandemic Disaster.

Mayor Rogers called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Councilmember Wipperman gave the invocation.

INVOCATION

No citizens appeared before the Council to comment.

CITIZEN COMMENT  
PERIOD

Mayor Rogers entertained a motion to adopt the minutes from the March 8, 2021 Regular Meeting as written. Councilmember Wipperman made said motion, and Councilmember Jeske seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES FROM  
PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

Mayor Rogers presented the Olney Community Library and Arts Center with a signed proclamation declaring April 4 – 10, 2021 as National Library Week in the City of Olney.

PRESENTATION OF  
PROCLAMATION  
DECLARING NATIONAL  
LIBRARY WEEK 2021

Nick Hardwick, the representative from Enterprise Rent-a-Car, presented the Council with a 10-year plan to cycle all City fleet vehicles and manage the maintenance. Council asked about an early exit clause and the value of the vehicles during changes in the economy. Mr. Hardwick stated there was no penalty for exiting the contract early, but depending on the vehicles' economy and value, the City would retain the total balance. Council requested Mr. Welch research the value and annual maintenance cost on the current fleet. Mr. Hardwick informed the Council there is a deadline of April 4, 2021, to order the vehicles before rates increase and vehicle availability becomes difficult. Council chose to take no action and table the discussion for a future meeting.

HEAR PRESENTATION  
AND CONSIDER  
PROPOSAL FROM  
ENTERPRISE RENT-A-CAR

Mr. Welch presented an interlocal agreement with Young County approving the demolition of properties held in trust by the City of Olney. The agreement was provided by Texas Communities Group and sent directly to Young County without first informing the City. Council did not feel the language was clear on the amount of \$2,500 approved by Young County and requested further clarification and explanation of the agreement. Council took no action and tabled this item for a future meeting.

CONSIDER INTERLOCAL  
AGREEMENT WITH  
YOUNG COUNTY TO  
APPROVE DEMOLITION  
OF PROPERTIES HELD IN  
TRUST

Mr. Welch presented the Council with a five (5) year lease agreement retroactive to July 2019 terminating June 2024, with terms of \$500 per year. Council reviewed the agreement, and Mayor Rogers entertained a motion to approve the lease as written. Councilmember Kimbro made said motion, and Councilmember Stennett seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve the lease agreement with Young County on 201 Anderson Place in Olney, Texas.

CONSIDER LEASE  
AGREEMENT WITH  
YOUNG COUNTY ON 201  
ANDERSON PLACE

Mr. Welch presented an interlocal agreement with the Young County Sheriff's Office for dispatch and law enforcement support. Chief Birbeck confirmed he reviewed the agreement, and there were no changes from the previous year. This agreement is reviewed and executed annually. Mayor Rogers entertained a motion to approve the interlocal agreement as written. Councilmember Wipperman made said motion, and Councilmember Jeske seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve the interlocal agreement providing law enforcement support from the Young County Sheriff's Office.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER  
ACTION ON INTERLOCAL  
AGREEMENT WITH  
YOUNG COUNTY FOR  
LAW ENFORCEMENT  
SUPPORT

Mr. Welch explained that the City's attorney through Atmos Texas Municipalities had recommended passing Resolution R3-21 to suspend 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 Rogers entertained a motion to approve Resolution R3-21. Mayor Pro-Tem Parker made said motion, and Councilmember Jeske seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution R3-21.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION  
TO DENY ATMOS GRIP  
RATE INCREASE  
REQUEST

Mayor Rogers announced that pursuant to Section 551.074(a) of the Texas Government Code the City Council would enter Executive Session at 7:30 P.M. for the purposes of discussing interviews of Candidates for the Position of City Secretary.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:  
DISCUSS INTERVIEWS OF  
CANDIDATES FOR CITY  
SECRETARY

Council reconvened in regular open session at 8:15 P.M.

No action was taken at this time.

ANY ACTION AS A  
RESULT OF THE  
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chief Birbeck read a letter from a citizen thanking him for the kind and professional manner he handled a case recently. Mr. Welch was informed by TML that providing liability insurance to a skate park on City property would increase the rate annually by \$1,043. Chief Birbeck updated the Council on the new body cameras issued to the Police Department and provided an example with his camera.

DISCUSS OTHER  
COUNCIL MATTERS –  
ITEMS OF CONCERN TO  
MEMBERS OF THE CITY  
COUNCIL

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Council adjourned by consent at 8:21 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

ATTEST:

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Interim City Secretary