

March 8, 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 8, 2021, at 6:00 P.M. Those present were: Mayor Pro-Tem Tom Parker, Councilmembers Phil Jeske, Tommy Kimbro, Chuck Stennett, and Terri Wipperman. Absent: Mayor Rue Rogers. Staff Present: City Administrator Neal Welch, Chief of Police Dan Birbeck, Interim City Secretary Arpeggea Pagsuberon, City Clerk Kari Blair, City Clerk Lydia Greenway, 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 Pro-Tem Parker called the meeting to order at 6:03 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Welch gave the invocation.

INVOCATION

Chris Garcia came to speak to the Council on behalf of the Olney, TX Skate Park Advocacy Group. He stated the group wants to form a partnership with the City and Keep Olney Beautiful and is not asking the City to allocate funds for this project. He provided information on the need for safe and physical activity for pre-teen and teenage children in the community. They propose the skate park be placed in either of the City-owned parks. Mr. Garcia stated that most skate parks are recognized as ordinary recreational facilities and would not pose an additional liability to the City. The anticipated budget is near \$130,000. Mayor Pro-Tem Parker requests the proposed location, size of the footprint, and confirmed liability information from the advocacy group so the City can move forward to form a decision when the time comes.

CITIZEN COMMENT  
PERIOD

Mayor Pro-Tem Parker entertained a motion to adopt the minutes from the February 22, 2021 Regular Meeting as written. Councilmember Kimbro made said motion, and Councilmember Wipperman seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes. Mayor Pro-Tem Parker entertained a motion to adopt the minutes from the February 25, 2021 and March 1, 2021 Special-Called Meetings as written. Councilmember Jeske made said motion, and Councilmember Stennett seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve both minutes.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES FROM  
PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

Chief Birbeck swore in Miranda Wright as Police Officer for the City of Olney.

CEREMONY TO SWEAR-IN  
AND ISSUE OATH OF  
OFFICE TO MIRANDA  
WRIGHT, POLICE  
OFFICER

Mayor Pro-Tem Parker entertained a motion to reject all tax resale bids as recommended by Texas Communities Group.

- 106 South Avenue F
- 301 West Elm
- 200 West Gray
- 107 East Bloodworth
- 109 East Bloodworth

Councilmember Jeske made said motion, and Councilmember Stennett seconded. Council voted unanimously to reject all bids.

CONSIDER TAX RESALE  
BID(S)

Mayor Pro-Tem Parker opened the public hearing at 6:22 P.M. With no comments forthcoming, Mayor Pro-Tem Parker closed the public hearing at 6:23 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)  
CONCERNING CODE  
VIOLATIONS AT:  
a. 205 YORK STREET  
b. 401 SOUTH AVE F

Mayor Pro-Tem Parker entertained a motion to order abatement at 205 York Street and 401 South Avenue F. Councilmember Stennett made said motion, and Councilmember Jeske seconded. Council voted unanimously to abate code violations.

COUNCIL ACTING AS  
BUILDING COMMISSION:  
CONSIDER ORDER TO  
ABATE CODE VIOLATIONS  
AT:  
a. 205 YORK STREET  
b. 401 SOUTH AVE F

Chief Birbeck provided three quotes from Axon on body cameras for the Police Department. The first quote is \$5,848 to purchase the cameras and store all video footage or data on local servers. This option is the least costly but holds the most liability if the servers are compromised. The second option is \$19,607 to purchase the cameras with the cloud-based service Evidence.com. Evidence.com services the data and manages the retention of video evidence in more than one site, providing redundancy if one site is compromised. The third option is \$34,817 for the full service of Evidence.com, and the cameras are under a lease program. Chief Birbeck recommended the second option to purchase the cameras outright with service from Evidence.com. Council confirmed enough cameras were being purchased for the police department with at least one extra. Mayor Pro-Tem Parker entertained a motion to authorize Chief Birbeck to purchase the Axon cameras with service from Evidence.com for the quoted amount of \$19,607. Councilmember Jeske made said motion, and Councilmember Kimbro seconded. Council voted unanimously to authorize the Axon purchase in the amount of \$19,607 with the initial \$10,391 upfront and an amount of \$2,304 annually.

CONSIDER NEW BODY  
CAMERAS AND STORAGE  
SOFTWARE FOR POLICE  
DEPARTMENT

Mr. Welch presented two quotes from Incode / Tyler Technologies to replace the financial, water utility, and court management software. Mrs. Pagsuberon provided clarification regarding data storage options and the associated cost. Mayor Pro-Tem Parker asked Mrs. Blair and Mrs. Greenway their recommendation on Incode and if there was another software they would consider exploring. Mayor Pro-Tem Parker tabled this item and requested the City confirm number of seats with cost, schedule a demo with Incode and revisit past software options such as Caselle.

CONSIDER NEW UTILITY  
BILLING AND COURT  
MANAGEMENT  
SOFTWARE

Chief Birbeck presented the amended 2020 Olney Police Department Racial Profiling Report to Council. As there were no comments or questions, Council accepted the report as presented.

HEAR AND ACCEPT 2020  
OLNEY POLICE  
DEPARTMENT RACIAL  
PROFILING REPORT

Mr. Welch explained Nortex sent out a request for RFQs on the 2021-2022 CDBG Grant. Mr. Welch requested a committee be assembled to score the two RFQs received. The Council expressed that the Public Works Director, Water Superintendent, and Mr. Welch would form the appropriate committee.

CONSIDER COMMITTEE  
TO REVIEW ENGINEER  
RFQ FOR 2021-2022 CDBG  
GRANT

Chief Birbeck gave monthly reports on the Police Department for February. Mr. Welch gave an update on changes to the project board as requested by Council. Mrs. Pagsuberon gave the Council a report on the City's financial position; no errors appeared in the reports. Instructions were given to confirm with the auditor on payments from the Airport Farm Lease and dates they were posted between 2020-2021.

MONTHLY  
DEPARTMENTAL  
REPORTS

Mayor Pro-Tem Parker announced that pursuant to Section 551.074(a) of the Texas Government Code the City Council would enter Executive Session at 7:36 P.M. for the purposes of Conducting In-Person Interviews of Candidates for the Position of City Secretary.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:  
CONDUCT IN-PERSON  
INTERVIEWS OF  
CANDIDATES FOR CITY  
SECRETARY

As no candidates were present, no guests exited the room. Council reconvened in regular open session at 7:37 P.M.

No action was taken at this time.

ANY ACTION AS A  
RESULT OF THE  
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Jeske inquired about how fuel is budgeted between departments. As it is explained, fuel is an expense shared by all departments. Councilmember Jeske requested that this be corrected.

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 7:44 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

ATTEST:

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Interim City Secretary