

May 13, 2024	MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLNEY, TEXAS	6:00 P.M.
<p>The City Council of the City of Olney, Texas met Monday, May 13, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. Those present were: Mayor Rue Rogers, Council Members Tommy Kimbro, Chuck Stennett and Thea Sullivan. Mayor Pro-Tem Harrison Wellman was absent. Staff Present: City Administrator Simon Dwyer, City Secretary Tammy Hourigan, Police Chief Dan Birbeck, Officer Dustin Hudson, Public works Director Michael Jacoba, and City Attorney Bill Myers. All agenda items were subject to action. Meeting was broadcast and recorded online using GoToMeeting.com in accordance with Open Meetings Laws.</p>		
Mayor Rogers called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.		CALL TO ORDER
Rue Rogers		INVOCATION
No one was present		CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD
<p>Mayor Rogers entertained a Motion to approve the Minutes from the April 12, 2024 and the May 2, 2024 Meetings. Council Member Stennett made said Motion. Council Member Kimbro seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve the Motion.</p>		CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(S)
<p>City Secretary Tammy Hourigan read the results of the May 4, 2024 General and Special Elections. For Mayor Rue Rogers received 379 Votes and A.D. Patel received 41; For two positions on the City Council Ronnie Cowart received 269 votes, Terri T. Wipperman received 167 votes, Jackie Griffith-Voyles received 109 votes, Kathy Muncy received 72 votes, Mona K. Bernhardt received 64 votes, Melissa Ann Scott received 30 votes and Ruben Torres received 17 votes. For the unexpired City Council position Thea Sullivan received 247 votes, Carol Vorel received 97 votes, Steven J. Nurre received 35 votes and Lita Browning received 27 votes. The positions were filled as follows: Rue Rogers-Mayor, Ronnie Coward-City Council Member, Terri T. Wipperman-City Council Member, Thea Sullivan-Unexpired Term City Council Member.</p>		CANVASS OF ELECTIIION RESULTS
<p>Mayor Rogers read Resolution R3-24 Confirming canvass of the returns and declaring the results of the General Election and the Special Election held May 4, 2023. Mayor Rogers entertained a Motion to adopt Resolution R3-24. Council member Kimbro made said Motion. Council member Stennett seconded. Council voted unanimously approve the Motion.</p>		DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ADOPT RESOLUTION R3-24 CONFIRMING CANVASS OF THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE GENERAL ELECTION AND THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD MAY 4, 2023

<p>City Attorney Bill Myers swore all the officers in and all signed their Certificates of Election</p>	<p>SIGN CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION AND STATEMENT OF OFFICERS</p>
<p>Dale Lovett was in attendance to give an update on the Hamilton Hospital Project. He stated that nothing was “in concrete” and that the engineers, attorneys and all involved to firm all the plans. He stated that previously the request to close Avenue L and ask the City of Olney was still in progress, due to all adjoining landowners having to be notified. It was determined that an Ordinance would have to be prepared with two readings before the City Council to have that abandonment accomplished, if that was in fact the final decision. Mr. Lovett stated for clarification that Hamilton Street would not be impacted at all. Traffic will be controlled for pedestrian safety. Council member Stennett verified that at the present time Hamilton would remain open. The utilities and school traffic flow would not be affected. Council member Cowart inquired as to the status of the utilities in the alley? Mr. Lovett stated that there were no utilities under the portion of Avenue L that will be affected. This was information purposes only. No action was taken.</p>	<p>DISCUSS HAMILTON HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT</p>
<p>Mayor Rogers stated that this Grant Project was on that has been in the works for some time. There has been a scope change in order to do some work on the street along with the original plan. The plan was initially started in 2020. Bids had previously been accepted and Corlett, Probst &amp; Boyd’s recommendation letter was to award construction contract to Freeman Paving out of Vernon, Texas. The TxCDBG Project CDV21-0221. The grant includes a 10% match from the City of Olney. The plan that was selected will involve new water lines tied into Ave O and new pavement run from Main Street. Mayor Rogers stated that he felt this was the way to proceed. Citizens would not see the lines, but they would be able to see and enjoy the improved paved street. This would include an increase of \$32,845.00 resulting in the 10% match from the City being \$79, 345.00, The initial budget was \$46,500.00. Mayor Rogers stated that if the City accepts and decides to go with Alternate A, a change order can be processed and this will allow for movement forward. Alt A will carry all the way through to Avenue O encompassing all of Elm. City Administrator Dwyer showed the map to City Council outlining the plan. Mayor Rogers entertained a Motion to accept the recommendation letter from Corlett, Probst &amp; Boyd to award the construction contract to Freeman Paving, Vernon, Texas accepting the Base Bid along with Alt A. Council member Wipperman made said Motion. Council member Cowart seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve the Motion.</p>	<p>DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROPRIATE ACTION ON CORLETT, PROBST &amp; BOYD’S RECOMMENDATION LETTER TO AWARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR TxCDBG PROJECT CDV21-0221</p>

<p>City Administrator Dwyer presented the TDA Ford !1024 CDBG Section 3 goals and concepts as related to the CDBG Program and Grant Contract CDV21-0221. Each Council Member was presented with the information in their Council packet to have as a referral during the presentation. This was a requirement of the above CDBG Program and Grant Contract.</p>	<p>PRESENTATION OF TDA FORM A1024 CDBG SECTION 3 GOALS AND CONCEPTS AS RELATED TO THE CDBG PROGRAM AND GRANT CONTRACT CDV21-0221</p>
<p>Mayor Rogers entertained a Motion to adopt Resolution R4-24 updating the signatories on the City of Olney accounts held at Olney InterBank to include City Administrator Simon Dwyer. Council member Cowart made said Motion. Council member Stennett seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve the Motion.</p>	<p>DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ADOPT RESOLUTION R4-24 TO CHANGE SIGNATORIES ON CITY ACCOUNTS HELD AT OLNEY INTERVANK</p>
<p>Mayor Rogers wanted to give an update on the status of the Water Treatment Plant Project since there were new members on the City Council. He gave an overview of all that had transpired since the 13.5 Million Revenue Bond had been funded in April 2022. He stated that the engineering work had been done with the approval of TCEQ. Four bids were received with the lowest bid being 2.5 Million over the 13.5 Million budget. At that time, all bids were rejected. Mayor Rogers stated that now decisions had to be made as to how the City would proceed. Should a general contractor be hired to oversee different entities completing different phases of the project? Should the project be rebid? He did state that Corlett, Probst and Boyd did not think that prices would come down. Mayor Rogers stated that there were several options that needed to be explored and that he was thankful to have new sets of eyes to view the project, but wanted to remind the Council how important it was that this project be underway and that it was a priority. This was an informative discussion. No action was taken.</p>	<p>DISCUSS WATER TREATMENT PLANT UPDATE</p>
<p>City Secretary stated that an ad was being run in the Olney Enterprise for a Pool Manager and Lifeguards. One had called in to say that they were interested in the position, but the application has not been received. Council member Sullivan stated that she had recently been at a KOB meeting and it looks like the completion is still several weeks away. The project had definitely been delayed by the recent rains. Mayor Rogers stated that Brazos was laying the phone lines and that all was progressing. Mayor Rogers stated that depending on when the City Pool was ready to open, the pool may not be open 7 days a week, there could be an alternate schedule. He also stated that in the past, the Pool Manager had been paid with the concession stand revenue. They would take total control of the concessions and keep the revenue. The City would pay the lifeguards. It was then realized that most recently, the Pool Manager and the Lifeguards were paid an hourly wage, along with the Pool Manager handling the concessions. Mayor Rogers stated that the ad needed to</p>	<p>DISCUSS POOL MANAGER</p>

<p>continue and that City Secretary Hourigan and City Administrator Dwyer should continue searching for employees to work at the Pool once it is open. Discussion only. No action was taken.</p>	
<p>Mayor Rogers stated that City Secretary Hourigan should look for \$10,000.00 for City Pool expenses and present to the Council at the next Council Meeting in order to do a Budget Amendment. The current Budget does not include funds for City Pool expenses since there was no pool when the Budget was finalized. No action was taken.</p>	<p>DISCUSS AND CONSIDER BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR CITY POOL EXPENSES</p>
<p>Mayor Rogers stated that there was still \$321,680.00 available that had not been expended. Part of those funds have been considered spoken for, but nothing has been done. The ARPA funds must be expended (either paid for OR purchase orders and all paperwork completed and awaiting delivery) by December 31, 2024 or any remaining funds must be returned. The City then has until December 31, 2026 to take possession or have delivered. It had been previously discussed to spend \$105,320.00 for digital radios for the Fire Department, \$79,011.00 for Public Works digital radios and \$57,000.00 for the Police Department for digital radios. Council member Sullivan stated that a \$25,000.00 pump was previously approved for purchase. Public Works Director Jacoba stated that he had received most of his quotes that were needed to fulfill the requirements. He was missing one quote for the trailer. The amounts that he had presented were Roller-\$21,850.00, Ground penetrating radar-\$21,340.00 and a trailer - \$21,995.00. If all these items are considered it would leave a balance of \$126,170.00 remaining in the ARPA funds. Mr. Jacoba stated the he did not feel that the Ground penetrating radar was needed. He stated that if an individual does not have special training, they will be unable to read the results. He stated that he feels it could be better to have a trained professional come into Olney and locate the lines. Chief Birbeck stated that the vehicles he had ordered with ARPA funds were now being delayed possibly until December. He stated that they are depreciating and the PD has not been able to take possession. He stated that possibly they needed to be taken to another upfitter? City Secretary stated that the ARPA paperwork and grant administrator needed to be contacted to see what paperwork had in fact been submitted and if those things could be changed? Mayor Rogers entertained a Motion to approve the purchase of a Roller for \$21,850.00 and a Trailer for \$21,995.00 with a total of \$43,845.00 to be used by Public Works. The Fire Department digital radios for \$105,320.00, excluding the purchase of digital radios for the Police Department at \$57,000.00 and \$79,011.00 for Public Works leaving a remaining balance of ARPA funds of \$126,175.00. Council member Wipperman made said Motion. Council member Sullivan seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve the Motion.</p>	<p>DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ARPA FUNDS</p>

<p>Public Works Director reported that the lake was currently at 84% and last month it was at 55%. He sated that it was still flowing and should be at 90% soon. The Departmental Reports were included in the Council member packets for review with no concerns voiced. Chief Birbeck stated that he had an applicant that he had offered conditional employment to fill the vacancy caused by Officer Dwyer accepting the City Administrator position.</p>	<p>MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS</p>
<p>Mayor Rogers entertained a Motion that the May 27, 2024 Council Meeting be re-scheduled for May 28, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. Council Member Cowart made said Motion. Council Member Stennett seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve the Motion.</p>	<p>DISCUSS AND CONSIDER RESCHEDULING THE MAY 27, 2024 COUNCIL MEETING DUE TO MEMORIAL DAY</p>
<p>Council Member Stennett stated that the mosquitoes were getting bad. Chief Birbeck said that spraying would begin that evening. Chief Birbeck also stated that he had been getting a lot of complaints pertaining to motorbikes and pocket bikes. City Secretary Hourigan stated that she was working on an Ordinance and hoped to have it prepared and approved for submitting to the Council by the next meeting. Council Member Stennett commented that there was also a problem with golf carts and that citizens needed to be reminded of the rules.</p>	<p>DISCUSS OTHER COUNCIL MATTERS-ITEMS OF CONCERN TO MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL</p>
<p>There being no further business to come before the Council, the Council adjourned at 7:45 P.M.</p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Tammy Hourigan, City Secretary</p>	<p>ADJOURNMENT</p>