

December 21, 2020

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, December 21, 2020, at 6:00 P.M. Those present were: Mayor Rue Roger, 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, City Clerk Arpegea Pagsuberon 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

Mr. Welch 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 December 14, 2020 Regular Meeting as written. Councilmember Stennett made said motion, and Councilmember Wipperman seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF
MINUTES FROM
PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

Mayor Rogers allowed a moment for private citizens to voice their concerns on the upcoming alcoholic beverage regulations. Verma Fobbs shared her concerns about bringing alcohol establishments to the community. Willard King discussed setbacks to the churches, schools and hospitals. He also encouraged the City Council to adopt reasonable restraint to alcohol sales. Mayor Rogers explained the City Council's role and responsibility in upholding laws set by the State and thanked the citizens for their time and for bringing their concerns to the Council. Jake Bailey, president of the Olney ISD school board, was also present. Mr. Bailey presented the Board's position for the 1,000-foot setback and cited concerns about increased traffic, distracted driving and ease of access to alcohol where children walk to and from home. The City Council further discussed their views on the set back and agreed, according to TABC law Mr. Bailey presented, there are exceptions set for business with limited alcohol sales. Councilmember Jeske stated that the ordinance can be approved pending a resolution on the 1,000-foot set back. Mayor Rogers entertained a motion to approve Ordinance O14-20 on second reading with language amending Section IX, points (c) and (d) providing for better language regarding the Lake. Councilmember Jeske made said motion and Councilmember Wipperman seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously to approve ordinance O14-20 to adopt alcoholic beverage regulations for the City.

CONSIDER ORDINANCE
O14-20 ON SECOND
READING TO ADOPT
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE
REGULATIONS

Mr. Welch presented an Interlocal Agreement regarding the Bond Supervision Officer position previously mentioned before Council on August 10, 2020. Mr. Welch stated that the Bond Supervision Officer would be supervised by Young County and the share of the costs assigned to the City of Olney would drop from \$5,000 to \$4,000 per year. Councilmember Jeske made a motion to approve the interlocal agreement and Mayor Pro-Tem Parker seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve the interlocal agreement for the Bond Supervision Officer.

CONSIDER INTERLOCAL
AGREEMENT FOR BOND
SUPERVISION OFFICER

Mr. Welch presented Mr. Houston's formal resignation and future endeavors. Mayor Rogers stated Mr. Houston's final day falls on Sunday, January 3rd, 2021 and Mr. Welch confirmed his last day in office will be December 31st, 2020. Mayor Rogers entertained a motion to accept the resignation of City Secretary Tim Houston. Councilmember Kimbro made said motion, and Mayor Pro-Tem Parker seconded. Council voted unanimously to accept the resignation of City Secretary Tim Houston.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION
OF CITY SECRETARY TIM
HOUSTON

Mayor Rogers stated that Council would enter executive session at 6:39 P.M. to discuss the appointment of Interim City Secretary and search for a permanent replacement – Pursuant to Section 551.074(a)(1) of the Texas Government Code. Guests were required to leave the room.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:
CONSIDER APPOINTMENT
OF INTERIM CITY
SECRETARY AND
SEARCH FOR A
PERMANENT
REPLACEMENT

Council reconvened in regular open session at 7:02 P.M. and all guests were permitted to return.

Mayor Rogers entertained a motion to name Arpegea Pagsuberon as the Interim City Secretary and a \$500 bonus per pay period for taking on the added responsibilities. Councilmember Jeske made said motion, and Councilmember Kimbro seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve Arpegea Pagsuberon as the Interim City Secretary.

ANY ACTION AS A
RESULT OF THE
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Welch presented a resolution to remove City Secretary Tim Houston from City accounts held at Olney Interbank. The resolution only states to remove the previous City Secretary and as the Interim City Secretary was named during this meeting, a new resolution will be drafted at the next regular meeting. Discussion followed regarding the City policy to always require two signatures on City checks. Mayor Rogers entertained a motion to approve resolution R17-20. Mayor Pro-Tem Parker made said motion, and Councilmember Stennett seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve resolution R17-20.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION
R17-20 TO CHANGE
SIGNATORIES ON CITY
ACCOUNTS HELD AT
OLNEY INTERBANK

Councilmember Kimbro inquired on an ordinance regarding signage requirements or uniformity for establishments selling alcoholic beverages. Councilmember Jeske stated Highway 114 is governed by the State. Mayor Pro-Tem Parker shared there are certain easements from the highway and height requirements and that we should consider adopting such regulations for the side streets. The City is to research ordinances from Wichita Falls and Graham and make a 90-day plan.

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 7:10 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

ATTEST:

Interim City Secretary