

September 21, 2020

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL-CALLED 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, September 21, 2020, at 6:00 P.M. Those present were: Mayor Phil Jeske, Mayor Pro-Tem Rue Rogers, Councilmembers Tommy Kimbro, Chuck Stennett, and Terri Wipperman. Absent: Councilmember Harrison Wellman. Staff Present: City Administrator Neal Welch, City Secretary Tim Houston, Chief of Police Dan Birbeck, Public Works Director KC Blassingame, City Clerk Arpegea Pagsuberon, Fire Chief Clint Pulliam, and Assistant Fire Chief Matthew Ickert. 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 Jeske called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Welch gave the invocation.

INVOCATION

No citizens appeared before the Council to comment.

CITIZEN COMMENT  
PERIOD

Mayor Jeske asked if there were any edits. No edits were forthcoming.

BUDGET WORKSHOP: FY  
2019-2020 BUDGET  
AMENDMENT

Chief Pulliam discussed the purchase of a new vehicle. Mayor Jeske agreed to a vehicle being included in the budget, Council also agreed to leave funds in place for the decision packages. Mr. Houston explained that there were several items available to fund still. Mayor Jeske explained that he thought it a good idea to fund the police vehicles with at least a \$40,000 down payment, which equated to \$10,000 per vehicle. Discussion ensued on how much to place a down payment on the fire vehicle and jet machine. Council left \$20,000 in place for a fire vehicle down payment and placed \$15,000 down on the jet machine, an increase of \$5,000 from the previous approval.

BUDGET WORKSHOP: FY  
2020-2021 BUDGET

Mayor Jeske opened the public hearing on the 2020 Tax Rate Increase at 6:27 P.M. Mr. Houston stated that a second hearing on the tax rate would occur at the Council meeting to be held at 6:00 P.M. on September 28, 2020, with the final vote to be taken afterwards. The proposed tax rate of 0.754285, while lower than the previous three years rate of 0.762784, would effectively raise taxes 3.50%. The City was attempting to keep the tax rate mostly the same and keep up with property valuation increases. Valuations were up 4.9%. With no further comments being forthcoming, Mayor Jeske closed the Public Hearing at 6:30 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING(S):  
2020 TAX RATE  
INCREASE

Mayor Jeske stated that for the Coronavirus Relief Funds he wanted to make sure the City was getting the biggest bang for the buck that they could. Chief Birbeck stated there was an automatic reporting tool in Copsync that would allow people to report crimes on their own. Mr. Welch said that he would talk to the Chief about that issue.

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 6:31 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

ATTEST:

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Mayor

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City Secretary

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Date Approved