

MAY 11, 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, May 11, 2020, at 6:00 P.M. Those present were: Mayor Phil Jeske, Mayor Pro-Tem Rue Rogers, Councilmembers Tommy Kimbro, Chuck Stennett, Harrison Wellman, and Terri Wipperman. Absent: None. Staff Present: City Administrator Neal Welch, City Secretary Tim Houston, Chief of Police Conny Clay, Public Works Director K.C. Blassingame, City Clerk Arpegea Pagsuberon, City Attorney William Myers, and Municipal Swimming Pool Co-Manager Mallory Keeter. 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. Myers gave the invocation.

INVOCATION

Andy Jones had signed up, but was not present at this point.

CITIZEN COMMENT
PERIOD

Mayor Jeske entertained a motion to adopt the minutes from April 27, 2020 Regular Meeting as written. Councilmember Wipperman made said motion, and Mayor Pro-Tem Rogers seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

CONSIDER APPROVAL
OF MINUTES FROM
PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

Mayor Jeske entertained a motion on second reading to approve Ordinance 08-20 amending animal control fees and penalties. Mayor Pro-Tem Rogers made said motion and Councilmember Stennett seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve the ordinance.

CONSIDER ORDINANCE
08-20 ON SECOND
READING TO AMEND
ANIMAL CONTROL FEES
AND PENALTIES

Andy Jones arrived at the meeting. Mayor Jeske reopened the comment period. Mr. Jones had come to make known a complaint about an officer driving unit 111 speeding on W Main Street in front of Stewart's Grocery Store. He said that the officer looked like a blur with his emergency lights on and stated that if a car pulled out or a child stepped out in front of the officer, he would not be able to react in time. His main complaint was the speeding to make what appeared to be a routine traffic stop. He then read aloud a comment from Jason Pack from the Olney Rants & Raves Facebook page and requested that the item appear on a future agenda. Mayor Jeske stated that complaints on officers were generally handled by the Chief of Police. Chief Clay stated that the officer in question had to speed up in order to catch an individual that was caught on radar driving 74 MPH in a 45 MPH zone. The officer sped up and because of the advantage of the individuals speed and a green light at Avenue M and Main Street the officer was unable to catch up until Allsup's Convenience Store between Avenues F and G. Further, the officer had his emergency lights on. Ultimately the issue was sent to the Chief for handling as he saw fit, and no agenda item was requested.

CITIZEN COMMENT
PERIOD REVISITED

Mr. Welch stated that the City had received two bids to replace the SCADA system at the water treatment plant since the old SCADA system had failed, and no parts were available. Further, the computer would need to be replaced in order for the new system to function. One bid from Advanced Electrical & Controls, Inc. was for \$19,000. A second quote from WHECO came in for \$39,500. A discussion ensued about giving authority to expend funds. Councilmember Wellman stated for the quotes to be so far apart that the second quote must include more than what the first does and he would prefer it be done right. Mr. Blassingame explained that Advanced Electrical had worked on the system before. Councilmember Wellman expressed concern that Advanced Electrical may not be including a new programmable logical controller. Item was tabled until more information was available and Mr. Houston was directed to ensure a meeting was scheduled for later in the week.

CONSIDER
EXPENDITURE OF
FUNDS TO PURCHASE A
SCADA SYSTEM AND
UPDATED COMPUTER
FOR THE WATER
TREATMENT PLANT

Mayor Jeske asked if this was the local vet. Mr. Welch and Mr. Houston replied that it was. Mr. Welch explained that they wanted to use the Civic Center in conjunction with the City. Council Council inquired about the date for the event. Mr. Houston replied that it was tentatively scheduled for the third Thursday in July pending Council approval. A question of the prices came up and Councilmember Wipperman stated the prices were supposed to be similar to what

CONSIDER APPROVING
THE USE OF THE CIVIC
CENTER FOR A PET
VACCINATION CLINIC
EVENT WITH SCVH /

PETS offered in Wichita Falls. Councilmember Kimbro asked if the City was going to charge for the use of the Civic Center or if the event had to occur there since the vet clinic was nearby. Mayor Jeske replied that he did not believe the City would charge, which Mr. Welch confirmed. Since the event was being put on jointly by the City and SCVH the Civic Center seemed a good place. Mayor Jeske entertained a motion to approve the use of the Civic Center for the pet vaccination clinic on the third Thursday of July. Mayor Pro-Tem Rogers made said motion and Councilmember Wipperman seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve the motion.

COUNTRYSIDE
VETERINARY CLINIC

Mrs. Keeter was on hand to inform Council the cost was \$185 to train and certify the lifeguards instead of the previously mentioned \$85 in April. The Red Cross would administer the training to four new lifeguards at the training. Furthermore, she stated she would like to have the lifeguard training around May 16-18, and open the City pool on Tuesday, May 19. Council briefly discussed the issues at hand. Mayor Jeske entertained a motion to approve the additional expenditure of funds to train the lifeguards. Councilmember Wellman made said motion and Pro-Tem Rogers seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve the motion.

CONSIDER APPROVAL
OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS
TO TRAIN LIFEGUARDS

Mayor Jeske asked that the legalities of opening the pool with regards to the Governor's orders and the COVID-19 pandemic be researched, but with no legal issues he stated that he felt the City's staff could set the opening date. Council was not opposed. No action was taken.

CONSIDER OPENING
DATE FOR SWIMMING
POOL

Mayor Jeske stated that Monday, May 25 would be Memorial Day and was a City holiday. Given that at the time there was no pressing business planned, Mayor Jeske entertained a motion to cancel the May 25, 2020 Council Meeting unless items of business came up that required more immediate Council action. Mayor Pro-Tem Rogers made said motion and Councilmember Stennett seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve the motion.

CONSIDER ACTION TO
CANCEL OR
RESCHEDULE REGULAR
MEETING ON MAY 25,
2020

Mr. Houston gave the Council a report on the financial position of the City. The report noted that while sales tax revenue remained stable with a slight uptick, water and wastewater revenues fell sharply by over 21% each from the same month last year. Solid waster (garbage) billing remained stable meaning the water usage was down significantly. Mr. Houston predicted on actual income losses equivalent to 3.27% of budgeted revenues if the trend continued through the rest of the fiscal year, which would lead to the City expending \$43,251 more than the revenues taken in, but only if all budgeted expenditures were fully realized. Council reviewed the municipal court, police, and public works reports.

MONTHLY
DEPARTMENTAL
REPORTS

Mayor Jeske announced that, pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, as recorded in Government Code Section 551.074(a), Council would enter executive session at 6:45 PM to deliberate and evaluate the performance, appointment, duties, or discipline of Conny Clay as Chief of Police of the City of Olney. All members of the public and Chief Clay exited Council Chambers.

Council reconvened in regular session at 8:21 PM.

No actions were taken as a result of the executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:
DELIBERATE AND
EVALUATE THE
PERFORMANCE,
APPOINTMENT, DUTIES,
OR DISCIPLINE OF
CONNY CLAY AS CHIEF
OF POLICE OF THE CITY
OF OLNEY

Mayor Jeske entertained a motion to reschedule the May 25, 2020 Council Meeting to Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at 6:00 PM. Councilmember Wipperman made said motion and Councilmember Kimbro seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve the motion.

ITEM RECONSIDERED –
CONSIDER ACTION TO
CANCEL OR
RESCHEDULE REGULAR
MEETING ON MAY 25,
2020

Council discussed that the Olney PD did not have a School Resource Officer hired or a plan in place for it. Also discussed was the issue that there was no structured plan for dispatch when Olney's lone remaining dispatcher retired. Mayor Jeske asked Mr. Welch to look into this. Councilmember Wellman asked for a breakdown of the police department's budget year-to-date. Council discussed contracting with the Young County Sheriff's Office longer term for a deputy to be in town. However, guaranteeing the deputy would always be in town was an issue. Mayor Jeske asked Mr. Welch to brainstorm ideas with the police department to aid their varied issues, including manpower.

DISCUSS THE
STRUCTURE AND
OPERATIONS OF THE
OLNEY POLICE
DEPARTMENT

No items of concern were brought forward by the Council, though the inclusion of the agenda item was appreciated.

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

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Council adjourned by consent at 8:46 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Secretary

Date Approved