

MARCH 23, 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, March 23, 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, and City Attorney William Myers. Chief of Police Conny Clay and Police Officer William Achey were stationed outside of the Council Chambers given the orders of the governor to limit gatherings to no more than ten people. All agenda items were subject to action.

An online component to the Council meeting was set up so that members of the public could observe the meeting and participate. Unfortunately, the GoToMeeting product failed and timed out during the opening minutes of the meeting. Improvements are being made before the next Council meeting.

Mayor Jeske called the meeting to order at 6:03 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Myers gave the invocation.

INVOCATION

Andy Jones appeared before the Council to offer his assistance in setting up the Council Chambers with Cisco audio/visual equipment he owned and estimated its worth at \$30,000. He said he would be happy to install it in so that people could watch and participate in Council meetings online. He said that payment could be discussed after the COVID-19 crisis had passed. Mayor Jeske thanked him and asked Mr. Houston to talk with Mr. Jones.

CITIZEN COMMENT
PERIOD

Mayor Jeske entertained a motion to adopt the minutes from March 9, 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)

Greg Coker, Young County EMC, was present to give a short presentation on the response, reporting, and impacts from the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic outbreak. Mr. Coker explained that we can beat this and get to the other side of it, and that there is help coming to deal with the outbreak. He explained there would definitely be social and economic impacts felt as a result of the outbreak. Mr. Coker also asked Council for help getting in touch with Olney Hamilton Hospital to increase reporting to Young County. Further, the City and hospital could submit a State of Texas Assistance Request (STAR) for personal protection equipment, though those supplies were strained statewide at the moment. Mr. Coker ended by explaining there were currently 18 tests done in Young County for COVID-19, of which 16 were negative and 2 were pending. He said the County can beat this.

HEAR PRESENTATION
FROM THE YOUNG
COUNTY EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT
COORDINATOR

Mayor Pro-Tem Rogers and Councilmembers Kimbro and Wellman abstained from the discussion and vote on this item as they are employees of Tower Extrusions.

CONSIDER REQUEST
FROM TOWER
EXTRUSIONS TO PLACE
SIGN ON CITY
PROPERTY

A representative of Tower Extrusions was present to request permission to place three signs on City property just north of their plant. These signs would be 12 feet wide by 10 feet tall, and may be lighted to direct truck traffic for Tower. Mr. Myers said the City could just accept a motion for it to happen. Mayor Jeske entertained a motion to allow Tower Extrusions to place the signs. Councilmember Wipperman made said motion, and Councilmember Stennett seconded. The motion passed with Councilmembers Stennett and Wipperman voting in favor, and three abstentions.

Mayor Jeske stated that the Council had read the report, and entertained a motion to accept the Racial Profiling Report from the Olney Police Department. Mayor Pro-Tem Rogers made said motion, and Councilmember Kimbro seconded. Council voted unanimously to accept the report.

HEAR AND ACCEPT
OLNEY POLICE
DEPARTMENT RACIAL
PROFILING REPORT

Mayor Jeske stated that given the current COVID-19 pandemic outbreak crisis that it would be best to strike this item from the agenda until the crisis was over. Item was stricken from the agenda.

CONSIDER
EXPENDITURE OF
FUNDS TO PURCHASE

	RADIOS AND REPLACE ONE POLICE VEHICLE
Mayor Jeske stated this needed to get done as soon as possible in case the City needed to pump water. Mr. Welch explained that the TML Risk Pool had placed it under the wind damage claim from 2018 and that they would probably pay the entire cost of the claim, though if not a smaller deductible would apply. Mayor Jeske entertained a motion to expend funds to repair the Kickapoo raw water pond liner. Councilmember Kimbro made said motion, and Councilmember Stennett seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve the motion.	CONSIDER EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS TO REPAIR KICKAPOO RAW WATER POND LINER
Item stricken from the agenda to conserve City funds until the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak crisis ends.	CONSIDER EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS TO RETIRE 1997 SERIES CERTIFICATE OF OBLIGATION
Item stricken from the agenda to conserve City funds until the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak crisis ends.	CONSIDER EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS TO UPDATE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS AT CITY HALL
Mayor Jeske stated he believed this was the same thing Council had done in the past on the recommendation of its attorney through Atmos Texas Municipalities. Mr. Houston replied that it was. Mayor Jeske entertained a motion to approve Resolution R5-20 to deny the GRIP Rate Increase Request for 45 days as allowed by state law. Mayor Pro-Tem Rogers made said motion, and Councilmember Wellman seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve the resolution.	CONSIDER RESOLUTION R5-20 TO DENY ATMOS GRIP RATE INCREASE REQUEST
Councilmember Stennett inquired if the City had one. Mr. Houston said the position was up several months prior for reappointment and that Dr. Aaron Purdy had held the position prior to it becoming open. Mayor Jeske asked if the hospital had a doctor willing to take on the position. Mr. Welch said he had contacted Michael Huff and that Dr. Mark Mankins was willing to take the position on, but just wanted a little more information regarding the position, which the City would provide. Mayor Jeske entertained a motion to appoint Dr. Mark Mankins as the City's Public Health Official. Councilmember Wipperman made said motion, and Mayor Pro-Tem Rogers seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment.	CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF CITY PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIAL
Mayor Jeske stated that this disaster declaration brought the City in line with what the federal and state governments were doing, but did not do anything more than that. Further, the declaration would allow the City to apply for assistance from the state for supplies to deal with the COVID-19 outbreak if necessary. Further, it would open the City up to apply for a reimbursement of funds expended to combat COVID-19 from federal and state agencies. Council expressed no concerns about it. Mayor Jeske asked Mr. Myers if Council could vote on the proclamation declaring the disaster first. Mr. Myers replied that they could. Mayor Jeske entertained a motion to adopt and continue Proclamation P1-20 to Declare an Imminent Local Disaster and Public Health Emergency in the City of Olney for the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak. Mayor Pro-Tem Rogers made said motion, and Councilmember Stennett seconded. Council voted unanimously to declare and continue a local imminent disaster and public health emergency.	CONSIDER DECLARING AND CONTINUING A STATE OF DISASTER FOR AN IMMINENT LOCAL DISASTER (PROCLAMATION P1-20)
As a result of the COVID-19 outbreak, and upon an executive order of the governor relaxing specific provisions of the Texas Election Code, every entity holding an election on May 2, 2020 could move the election to November 3, 2020. Mayor Jeske asked what Graham and the school districts were doing. Mr. Welch said they would all be making a decision either the same evening or in the next few days. Mr. Myers said based on his reading that if it became necessary the City could move the election any time before April 22, 2020. Mayor Jeske stated that if the other entities were doing something different the Council could revisit it. He asked if there was a motion to move the election. No motion was forthcoming.	CONSIDER MOVING MAY 2, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION TO THE NOVEMBER UNIFORM ELECTION DATE
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 6:37 PM to	EXECUTIVE SESSION: DISCUSS AND

discuss and consider performance review and evaluation of City Secretary Tim Houston and Chief of Police Conny Clay. All members of the public and Mr. Houston and Chief Clay exited Council Chambers. Mr. Houston's performance review and evaluation were discussed first.

CONSIDER
PERFORMANCE REVIEW
AND EVALUATION OF
CITY SECRETARY TIM
HOUSTON AND CHIEF
OF POLICE CONNY CLAY
– PURSUANT TO
SECTION 551.074(a) OF
THE TEXAS
GOVERNMENT CODE

Council reconvened in regular session at 6:46 PM. Mr. Houston was invited back into Council Chambers.

Council once again convened in Executive Session at 6:47 PM to discuss Chief Clay's performance review and evaluation

Council reconvened in regular session at 7:03 PM. Mr. Houston was invited back into Council Chambers.

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

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Council adjourned by consent at 7:04 P.M. ADJOURNMENT

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Secretary

Date Approved