

AUGUST 12, 2019

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, August 12, 2019, at 6:00 P.M.

Those present were: Mayor Phil Jeske, Mayor Pro-Tem Rue Rogers, Councilmembers Tommy Kimbro, Harrison Wellman, and Councilmember Terri Wipperman; Absent: Councilmember Chuck Stennett. Staff Present: City Administrator Neal Welch, City Secretary Tim Houston, Chief of Police Conny Clay, Public Works Director K.C. Blassingame, City Attorney William Myers, City Clerk Kari Blair, City Clerk Lydia Greenway, Police Officer Dustin Hudson, Animal Control Officer Krystal Barnhardt, Water Operator Trey Messimer, and Streets Laborer Lloyd Newton. All agenda items were subject to action.

Mayor Jeske called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M. Mr. Myers gave the invocation.

CALL TO ORDER &
INVOCATION

Mayor Jeske entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the July 22, 2019 Regular Meeting. Councilmember Kimbro made said motion and Councilmember Wipperman seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

CONSIDER APPROVAL
OF MINUTES FROM
PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

No citizens appeared before the Council to comment.

CITIZEN COMMENT
PERIOD WITH CITY
COUNCIL

Mayor Jeske presented both Trey Messimer and Kari Blair with a 5-year service award and certificate; and Lloyd Newton with a 10-year service award and certificate.

RECOGNIZE EMPLOYEE
ANNIVERSARY
MILESTONES

Mr. Houston explained to Council that the agreement included the wishes of Council in providing a School Resource Officer (SRO) to Olney ISD. The agreement included specific clauses that allowed for 80% of the yearly salary to be paid for by the school. Further, OISD would be required to provide an emergency vehicle titled in the City's name in fiscal year 2020-2021, and would provide \$5,000 to outfit an officer and emergency vehicle for use by the SRO in fiscal year 2019-2020. SRO vehicle maintenance would be shared with the school district on a basis of 50% each. OISD Superintendent Dr. Greg Roach was present to field any questions and mentioned that he would have to review the agreement with the school board. Mr. Welch suggested tabling the item until Dr. Roach had time to review it. Mayor Jeske stated the Council could pass it and if the school had edits, they could pass the amended version later. Mayor Jeske entertained a motion to enter into an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for the Provision of School Resource Officer to Olney ISD. Mayor Pro-Tem Rogers made said motion and Councilmember Harrison seconded. Council voted unanimously to enter into the interlocal agreement as written.

CONSIDER INTERLOCAL
AGREEMENT WITH
OLNEY ISD FOR SCHOOL
RESOURCE OFFICER
AND VEHICLE

Dr. Keelan Lewis was present to discuss hosting the spay and neuter Catch and Release Program with the City of Olney. Dr. Lewis offered to advertise a special offer at her Olney clinic whereby she would donate a free spay or neuter to the City for each cat brought in by a citizen for a paid spay or neuter. Ms. Barnhardt mentioned that there were issues with the cats being released back into the City since citizen complaints often centered on the nuisance free roaming cats caused. She suggested relocating the feral cats outside of the City with people willing to care for them. Council verbally agreed to relocation outside the City for feral cats, and were ok with Dr. Lewis partnering with the City for the project.

CONSIDER CATCH &
RELEASE PROGRAM
WITH SALT CREEK
VETERINARIAN
HOSPITAL

Mr. Houston explained that approximately two months prior the City met with the Olney Chamber of Commerce and hammered out an agreement to restrict the types of monuments allowed to be placed on the grounds of the Gazebo Park. The ordinance restricted monuments to be placed only in representation of events, people or achievements of state or national significance. Further, it placed limitation on the size of the monuments to six feet in height, four feet in width, and one foot in depth. It permitted statues and obelisks no more than two feet in depth and width, and six feet in height. All monuments were to be restricted to marble or granite with the costs being borne by the person or entity wishing to establish the monument. It further set a process for approval by the City Council and Olney Chamber of Commerce Board after review by the Chamber Director and City Administrator. Mayor Pro-Tem Rogers explained that

CONSIDER ORDINANCE
08-19 TO SET
GUIDELINES FOR
GAZEBO PARK
MONUMENTS

Chamber Director Stacy Wade had requested an ordinance to ensure she had something to point to when speaking to others about placing a monument on the property of the Gazebo Park and to ensure it did not end up appearing as a graveyard. Mr. Houston stated that she had given her approval to the ordinance. Mayor Jeske entertained a motion to approve Ordinance 08-19. Councilmember Wipperman made said motion and Mayor Pro-Tem Rogers seconded. Council voted unanimously to pass the ordinance.

Mr. Houston stated he had taken the ideas and proposals offered by Council at the previous meeting and placed them in an ordinance to prohibit all off-road and all-terrain vehicles, utility-task vehicles, multipurpose off-highway vehicles, recreational off-highway vehicles, dirt bikes, off-road motorcycles, and vehicles of a similar type from the Lake Road and the premises of both Lake Cooper and Lake Olney. Further, it prohibited all off-road activities on same. There were a few exemptions such as individuals who had a lease and residence on a lake lot, or an employee, or other individuals who had permission, or was in the process of inspecting or maintaining the dam or lakes as part of a government agency or contractor related duty. Mayor Jeske entertained a motion to approve Ordinance 09-19 on first reading. Councilmember Wellman made said motion and Councilmember Kimbro seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve Ordinance 09-19 on first reading.

CONSIDER ON FIRST
READING ORDINANCE
09-19 RESTRICTING
VEHICLE TYPE AND
VEHICULAR ACTIVITY
ON THE LAKE ROAD

Mr. Welch presented Council with a quote for sweeping the streets, which was approximately \$175 per hour, or which the sweeper could only operate at a speed of two-to-three miles per hour. Mayor Jeske inquired how many miles of street we had, and that he felt it would be at least 15-20 miles. Mr. Welch explained that he was working on getting the number of curb miles, but that the cost would like run at least \$5,000-\$6,000 and that the weeds and loose dirt and gravel would need to be cleaned up first so that the sweeper would be more effective. Mayor Jeske said they would need to look at this further.

CONSIDER STREET
SWEEPING PROPOSAL

Mr. Houston gave the financial report. Councilmember Wellman and Mayor Jeske asked that a closer look be taken at the surplus shown by the financial system and the amount shown remaining in the operating account. Mr. Houston replied that he would take a look. Chief Clay gave the police report. Council inquired whether the break-ins had stopped. Chief Clay replied that they appeared to, and that they had arrested three juveniles in connection with the auto-burglaries and the burglary of a firearm. Officer Hudson explained there were seven Class A Misdemeanors, one felony burglary of a habitation, and one felony burglary of a firearm. Officer Hudson also answered questions about his progress on code enforcement issues.

MONTHLY
DEPARTMENTAL
REPORT

Council discussed the preliminary budget. Mr. Houston suggested that Council look at the sewer rates and that an analysis of sewer and water rates was included from the Texas Municipal League outlining average rates statewide for base charges plus 5,000 gallons. Councilmember Kimbro questioned the water rate increase the City had passed two years prior as they had made that increase for capital projects. Mayor Jeske stated that the City had bought several vehicles to update the City's fleet along with some needed machines. Councilmember Kimbro stated that he felt that was not the intended purpose of the increase. Mayor Jeske agreed, but no action was taken. Councilmember Wellman explained that he was concerned about buying a jet machine before it broke. Mayor Jeske explained that if the machine broke on a sewer stop in the middle of the night the sewer would remain stopped until a machine could be borrowed. Further, if the money was not assigned in the budget then money had to be pulled from reserves to purchase one. The jet machine remained in the budget with the caveat the money not be spent unless necessary. Neal explained he was working on a long-term plan. Council reviewed the second round of decision package expenditures and accepted the fire department's request for a Scott Air Pack at \$6,000, the addition of funds for the CDBG sewer line replacement project at \$41,250, and the inclusion of Dental and Vision Insurance for \$10,691, or \$443 per full time employee.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Council adjourned by consent at 7:53 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Secretary

Date Approved