

February 8, 2021

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, February 8, 2021, 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, Interim City Secretary Arpegea Pagsuberon, Officer Dustin Hudson and City Attorney William Myers 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 6:01 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Welch gave the invocation.

INVOCATION

Mr. Oscar Munoz appeared before the Council to express his displeasure at the decision made on the 1,000-foot setback to the sale of alcohol from the school's property line. He stated that he would request an investigation into the City and demanded that the 1,000-foot setback be reversed. No action is taken during the Citizen Comment Period.

CITIZEN COMMENT  
PERIOD

Mayor Rogers entertained a motion to adopt the minutes from the January 25, 2021 Regular Meeting as written. Mayor Pro-Tem Parker made said motion, and Councilmember Wipperman seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES FROM  
PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

Mr. Jacoba was unable to attend the Council Meeting to receive his award for 10 years in service to the City. The award will be presented at a later time.

PRESENT 10 YEAR  
LONGEVITY AWARD TO  
MICHAEL JACOBA

Girl Scout Troop# 8504 presented their plan to the Council to schedule a clean-up day at Lake Cooper on March 20, 2021. This project would merit them a badge should they successfully plan and carry it out. The speakers requested permission to place flyers around the City, asked for more trash bins to be placed on the lake to help citizens pick up during their visit, and solicited the Council's willingness to volunteer. Mayor Rogers thanked the Girl Scout Troop for taking the initiative in caring for their community, and the Council agreed that should the group carry this project out, the City will help spread the word.

HEAR LOCAL GIRL SCOUT  
TROOP# 8504 PLAN FOR  
LAKE COOPER CLEAN-UP  
DAY

#### 205 York Street

Officer Hudson presented photos and described code violations currently in progress on this property. There is illegal storage of junk vehicles and tires that are rapidly accumulating on the property. Items with VIN and serial numbers will be required to be secured and stored for 30 days. Officer Hudson stated the residence on the property is in livable condition and not of concern at the time. The matter is securing the items with VIN and serial numbers while the property is an active residence. Office Hudson recommended moving the secured items to the Convenience Station only once, where they can be either claimed or junked.

COUNCIL ACTING AS  
BUILDING COMMISSION –  
HEAR REPORT &  
RECOMMENDATION  
FROM CODE  
ENFORCEMENT OFFICER  
CONCERNING CODE  
VIOLATIONS AT:

#### 401 South Avenue F

Officer Hudson presented photos and described code violations currently in progress on this property. The property owner is deceased; an individual has moved in and is presently accumulating vehicles and trailers. Officer Hudson stated there is currently a lien on this property and may be involved in a divorce. The accumulation of this property will take a considerable amount of time and resources from the City. The structure on the property is in useable condition but is not intended for residential use. The structure also does not have running water, and this presents a health code violation. An abatement with an eviction attached has been recommended.

a. 205 YORK STREET  
b. 401 S AVE F

No action is taken at this time.

Jerod David Stengel has bid \$3,200 for the lot located at 801 N. Ave C. Discussion followed regarding any structures on the property, and Mr. Welch confirmed there is a partial fence and a storm shelter. Mayor Rogers entertained a motion to approve the sale of 801 N. Ave C for \$3,200. Councilmember Kimbro made said motion, and Councilmember Stennett seconded. Council voted unanimously to accept the bid.

CONSIDER TAX RESALE  
BID(S)

Mr. Welch presented the Council with the approved agreement between the City and Texas Communities Group. Mr. Myers gave an overview of items struck from the original agreement and any concerns of liability to the City. Mayor Rogers entertained a motion to authorize the City Administrator to execute the agreement in the amount \$6,000 for twelve (12) months on behalf of the City. Councilmember Kimbro made said motion, and Councilmember Jeske seconded. Council voted unanimously to authorize the City Administrator to execute the agreement with Texas Communities Group.

CONSIDER AGREEMENT  
WITH TEXAS  
COMMUNITIES GROUP

Chief Birbeck presented an updated compensation package for the Police Department. He stated the data was collected from agencies in our area where we actively compete for talent. Chief Birbeck recommended starting the Police Officers at \$17.50 / hour to draw candidates to our area as it has been a challenge to recruit qualified Officers. The Police Department is currently under budget as they have been understaffed for several months now.

CONSIDER ADJUSTMENT  
OF CITY WAGE SCALE

Mr. Welch presented the Council with the job description and proposed wage scale for the Equipment Operator. The Council reviewed the pay scale and requested the numbers be restructured to be more consistent with other position of the category.

Mayor Rogers entertained a motion to approve the increase to the Police Officer's pay scale and table the Equipment Operator pay scale until the next meeting. Mayor Pro-Tem Parker made said motion, and Councilmember Jeske seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve the increase to the Police Officer's pay scale and table the Equipment Operator pay scale.

Chief Birbeck gave monthly reports for both December and January. The Police Department has focused on current major cases, and the Animal Control numbers are low as the officer is still on FMLA. Mrs. Pagsuberon gave the Council a report on the financial position of the City. Mr. Welch presented the project board requested by Council, and Councilmember Jeske asked for one revision to add dates next to the projects to better show progress.

MONTHLY  
DEPARTMENTAL  
REPORTS

Mayor Rogers stated that Council would enter executive session at 7:11 P.M. to discuss and deliberate the Monthly Performance Evaluation of Arpegea Pagsuberon as Interim City Secretary of the City of Olney - Pursuant to Section 551.074(a)(1) of the Texas Government Code. Guests were required to leave the room.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:  
MONTHLY  
PERFORMANCE  
EVALUATION OF  
ARPEGEA PAGSUBERON  
AS INTERIM CITY  
SECRETARY

Council reconvened in regular open session at 7:33 P.M. and all guests were permitted to return.

Mayor Rogers entertained a motion to authorize City Administrator to correct the payroll bonus to a net \$500 for Interim City Secretary Arpegea Pagsuberon. Mayor Pro-Tem Parker made said motion, and Councilmember Wipperman seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve the correction to the payroll bonus.

ANY ACTION AS A  
RESULT OF THE  
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Pro-Tem Parker requested documentation regarding the trash service fees to review and put on the soonest agenda possible. Councilmember Stennett inquired about the hot stab valves and how soon we can have them installed. Mayor Pro-Tem Parker and Councilmember Jeske discussed options and costs depending on the size of the valves needed. The City will research additional information. Mr. Welch stated the engineer is working on providing maps of the City in quadrants so the water system can be sectioned off in an emergency. Chief Birbeck shared the new badges and new uniforms purchased by the Police Department and thanked the Council for their support. Mr. Welch asked for clarification on an 18-wheeler trailer's selling requirements that has been sold numerous times and left at the Convenience Station. Mr. Myers stated the trailer could be sold outright as it has been sold previously and abandoned.

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 ADJOURNMENT  
7:46 P.M.

ATTEST:

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Interim City Secretary