

March 29, 2021

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL-CALLED MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF OLNEY, TEXAS

5:00 P.M.

The City Council of the City of Olney, Texas, met Monday, March 29, 2021, at 5:00 P.M. Those present were: Mayor Rue Rogers, Mayor Pro-Tem Tom Parker, Councilmembers Phil Jeske, Tommy Kimbro, Chuck Stennett, and Terri Wipperman. Absent: None. Staff Present: City Administrator Neal Welch, Interim City Secretary Arpegea Pagsuberon and Chief Dan Birbeck. 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 5:06 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Councilmember Wipperman gave the invocation.

INVOCATION

Mayor Rogers announced that pursuant to Section 551.074(a) of the Texas Government Code the City Council would enter Executive Session at 5:07 P.M. for the purposes of Conducting In-Person Interviews of Candidates for the Position of City Secretary. All guests exited the room.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:
CONDUCT IN-PERSON
INTERVIEWS OF
CANDIDATES FOR CITY
SECRETARY

Council reconvened in regular open session at 6:24 P.M. and all guests were permitted to return.

Mayor Rogers entertained a motion to approve hiring Tammy Hourigan as City Secretary at an annual salary of \$36,000 and Arpegea Pagsuberon as Assistant City Administrator at an annual salary of \$36,000. Both positions will receive a 90-day review and at six months a salary adjustment upon approval. Councilmember Wipperman made said motion, and Mayor Pro-Tem Parker seconded. Council voted unanimously to pass the motion.

ANY ACTION AS A
RESULT OF THE
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Rogers informed the Council the new ¾ ton pick-up is currently not available in the City's standard fleet color, white, and they would have to wait until the fall unless they are open to selecting a new color. Councilmember Parker asked that Mr. Welch check with TML on any policy regarding the color. Mayor Rogers also mentioned an intersection that is not controlled by either a stop or yield sign. Council requested the Police Department make a list of the intersections without traffic control signs. Councilmember Kimbro asked the status of the Fire Department pick-up. Mr. Welch has communicated with the Assistant Fire Chief and waiting to hear back. Councilmember Kimbro expressed concern over the shut-off valves and the number of times water has been interrupted Citywide. Council agrees this needs to be a priority. Mr. Welch states Dean from engineering firm Corlett, Probst and Boyd is working on a book where the valves can be located and noted. Councilmember Wipperman asked about the status of the City trash service with Waste Management. Mr. Welch stated we are required to go out to bid. Chief Birbeck asked for alternative ways to clear the properties currently being abated. He proposed moving the debris to the Convenience Station, but Councilmember Parker raised some concerns about transporting hazardous materials and required licensing. More research is needed. Mr. Welch presented the Council with a report required from the Municipal Advisory Council of Texas. This report will be due in March each year and moving forward; there will cross-training and processes created to ensure nothing is missed.

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 6:43 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

ATTEST:

Interim City Secretary