

August 13, 2021	MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL-CALLED MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLNEY, TEXAS	12:00 P.M.
<p>The City Council of the City of Olney, Texas, met Friday, August 13, 2021 at 12:00 P.M. Those present were: Mayor Rue Rogers, Mayor Pro-Tem Tom Parker, Councilmembers Brad Simmons, Harrison Wellman, Terri Wipperman and Chuck Stennett. Staff Present: City Administrator Neal Welch, Assistant City Administrator Arpegea Pagsuberon, Police Chief Dan Birbeck and City Secretary Tammy Hourigan. 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.</p>		
Mayor Rogers called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M.		CALL TO ORDER
Councilmember Wipperman gave the invocation.		INVOCATION
<p>The Council was sent, prior to the meeting preliminary numbers on the following five departments: Council, General Administration, Finance, Municipal Court and Code Enforcement. It had been agreed to prior to the meeting that the Budget Workshops would be more effective if definitive departments were addressed at allotted meetings. Mayor Rogers noted that the amounts had been added for all 3 increases as requested. Five percent (5%), Ten percent (10%), Fifteen percent and (15%). Mayor Pro-Tem Parker stated that the YTD inflation rate was 5.7% a couple of weeks prior. In his opinion the 2021-2022 Budget did not need to be based on anything less than a ten percent (10%) increase. Mr. Welch stated that he had researched and the current YTD inflation rate was 7.23%. Councilmember Wellman stated that the Budget Expenditures should be examined with the highest numbers, just to be safe since Revenues shouldn't experience much change.</p> <p>Mayor Rogers asked the councilmembers if there were any expenditures numbers that needed additional information after reviewing? The first department that was examined was Council. The issue of legal expenditures was addressed. Mayor Rogers stated that he had visited with City Attorney Myers. He had stated that easements, airport contracts, different projects had been addressed in the current Budget Year that should not carry over. He stated that if the Council needed to have more invoice information, he would gather it and submit to the Council. The current expenditures for legal were \$90,000.00. Mayor Rogers stated that everything possibly lacking from the projects needed to be examined to ensure that the upcoming Budget was not negatively impacted. Ms. Pagsuberon went through the line items with the Council using the 10% increase as a marker. She paid extra attention to any items that were in excess of the 10% increase. Any of those items were highlighted and discussed. She paid special attention to line items that would possibly increase due to possible additional training needed, since Mr. Welch has resigned and will be leaving August 31, 2021.</p>		2021-2022 BUDGET WORKSHOP

<p>The new City Administrator could require training that was not previously budgeted. All five departments were addressed individually. Ms. Pagsuberon discussed the accounts that actually were a “wash” since the numbers on the Revenue side, when Revenues are presented at an upcoming workshop will cancel out that expenditure. Ms. Pagsuberon explained to the Council that a line item has been added to the departments for Fuel. Going forward with this new Budget Year, that will be kept separate per department in order to have a better accounting of the expenditures. There was discussion as to whether a pickup was approved for purchase for the Fire Department. Councilmember Wellman thought it was approved in the previous Budget Year. Ms. Pagsuberon researched and verified that \$20,000.00 was budgeted previously and the remaining amount owed would be removed from Capital Outlay (\$9,000.00) and placed in Vehicle Expense. The Fire Department truck is a lease with a \$1 buyout. Mayor Pro-Tem Parker asked the Council if they were satisfied with the projected numbers for the Fire Department, at this point, excluding the expenditures for Fuel being investigated. All councilmembers were in agreement with the Fire Department numbers as presented. Mayor Rogers verified that Revenues were still be sorted and posted for the next Budget Workshop.</p>	
<p>There being no further business to come before the Council, the Council adjourned by consent at 1:05.</p>	<p>ADJOURNMENT</p>
<p>ATTEST:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Tammy Hourigan, City Secretary</p>	