

January 10, 2022	MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLNEY, TEXAS	6:00 P.M.
<p>The City Council of the City of Olney, Texas met Monday, January 10, 2022 at 6:00 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: Interim City Administrator Arpegea Pagsuberon, Chief Dan Birbeck, Officer Dustin Hudson, City Secretary Tammy Hourigan, Public Works Director K.C. Blassingame, John Schneider Wastewater Supervisor, City Attorney Bill Myers and Attorney Daniel Branum. 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 6:00 P.M.		CALL TO ORDER
City Attorney Bill Myers gave the invocation.		INVOCATION
<p>Mr. McClelland was present to address some rumors that Tower Extrusions was or had been given special treatment by the City of Olney. He stated that there was in fact a water meter installed at Tower Extrusions. The City of Olney did not pay for it. The cost for the meter was \$9,300.00 and a bill from Handy Andy Plumbing was paid in the amount of \$36,810.00. He also stated that he would be glad to be paying an industrial rate instead of the standard water rates that the City of Olney charges. Currently Tower Extrusions pays the same rate as every other customer. The City of Fort Worth currently offers an industrial rate that is a 44.8% discount and the City of Dallas currently offers an industrial rate of a 65% discount.</p>		CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD
<p>Mayor Rogers entertained a Motion to approve the Minutes from December 13, 2021. Councilmember Wipperman made said Motion. Councilmember Stennett seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve the Motion.</p>		CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(S)
<p>Mark McClelland's three-year term is expiring from the Olney Industrial Development Corporation Board. Mayor Rogers entertained a Motion to appoint Kelly Mahler to a new three-year term serving on the Olney Industrial Development Corporation Board. Councilmember Wipperman made said Motion. Councilmember Wellman seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve the Motion.</p>		CONSIDER APPOINTMENT TO THE OLNEY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD
<p>In December Ordinance O11-21 was approved which outlined the plan to implement a \$10.00 Water Surcharge beginning in January, 2022 to each billed meter. After 90 days the Surcharge was to increase to \$20.00 and after another 90 days the Surcharge was to increase to \$30.00 with changes possible as deemed necessary by the Council to</p>		DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 11-21 WATER SURCHARGES

<p>aid in covering the expenses of upcoming Water Development Project charges. Kathy Muncy, Oscar Munoz and Becky Brewer addressed the City Council to address these charges and to voice their reasons as to why the fees should not be applied. Mayor Rogers along with Mayor Pro-Tem Parker explained the reasons behind the increase. It was stated that currently the City of Olney had the lowest water rates of any of the surrounding towns. The City of Olney was also in the process of having a survey done to show exactly where the City of Olney was in the list of the rates for cities of their size and what was charged for water. The almost 100-year-old Water Treatment Plant was in the forefront of the discussion. Mayor Rogers explained that with the costs of everything rising and there needing to be a re-model of the Plant, plans had to be put in place to cover the costs. He stated that it was the City Council's responsibility to ensure that the City of Olney was able to provide good clean water to the residents of Olney. No action was taken.</p>	
<p>This Agenda Item was tabled awaiting the results of the Nex-Gen Study currently underway that would show current rates vs. increased rates and what was needed to fund upcoming projects.</p>	<p>DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ON FIRST READING ORDINANCE 02-22 WATER RATES</p>
<p>There was a discussion pertaining to possibly begin to charge Volunteer Firemen for their water. Currently Volunteer Firemen in the City of Olney do not pay for water (unless they exceed 20,000 gallons). A part of this discussion began when it was stated that ALL meters would be charged the enacted water surcharge. This would include Volunteer Firemen and City employees currently using City Water. There had been prior discussion as to whether it was legal for the City of Olney to not charge Volunteer Firemen for their water usage. Attorney Branum stated that he had found nothing that stated allowing free water to Volunteer Firemen was a problem. Kevin Sullivan addressed the Council and stated that it was an honor to serve the Community as a Volunteer Fireman. Clint Pulliam addressed the Council and gave an overview of how the Volunteer Fire Dept had been performing. He stated that there had recently been 167 calls and that the firemen were very dedicated and that many left without pay to put out those fires. Recently the department had put out fires that had saved six homes. None of those fires were in the actual city limits, but were in the territory of the City. He also stated that 30% of those calls come between midnight and 5:00 a.m. City Attorney Myers stated that he did not the exact date when the Volunteer Firemen started to receive free water, but that it was enacted since the City of Olney did not have the funds to afford a paid Fire Department. This was a discussion. No action was taken.</p>	<p>DISCUSS CITY EMPLOYEES AND FIRE DEPARTMENT WATER BILLING</p>
<p>Mayor Rogers stated that the Sub-Committee had met on the previous Monday and that the following Saturday, they had gone to the lake to access the situation. There was no hard update and no decisions had been made, but if there were any questions he would address. There was no more discussion. No action was taken.</p>	<p>DISCUSS AND CONSIDER CITY OF OLNEY LAKE LOT MORATORIUM</p>

<p>Dean Hinton with Bowles Construction was present. Councilmember Wellman asked him to explain what the current status was? Mr. Hinton stated that the \$250,000.00 grant that was approved was approximately one block short to complete the entire project. The cost to complete is approximately \$50,000.00. He stated that there is pipe available but due to COVID, the freeze and other circumstances the costs have increased. He stated that he would need to get a bid on the pipe. He also stated that the previous plans had been modified to extend to Ave F and Ave G. He stated that Bowles Construction would make the lowest price pipe work and that he would present different options for the completion. He would gather the information and present to Council when he had the final numbers. No action was taken.</p>	<p>DISCUSS AND CONSIDER SPRING CREEK WASTEWATER PROJECT</p>
<p>Chief Birbeck stated that this item needed to be tabled. There was an issue with the computer and the data needed to be corrected.</p>	<p>HEAR AND ACCEPT 2021 OLNEY POLICE DEPARTMENT RACIAL PROFILING REPORT</p>
<p>Interim City Administrator explained that this states that all the money was received from the Grant and this was a formality for completion. Mayor Rogers entertained a Motion to approve the A709 Certificate of Construction (COCC) and the request for payment A203. Councilmember Simmons made said Motion. Councilmember Wipperman seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve the Motion.</p>	<p>DISCUSS AND CONSIDER A709 CERTIFICATE OF CONSTRUCTION (COCC) AND THE REQUEST FOR PAYMENT A203</p>
<p>This Agenda Item was tabled awaiting needed information from Waste Connections. The information should be available for the next meeting.</p>	<p>DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ON SECOND READING ORDINANCE 10-21 CONVENIENCE STATION RATE CHANGES</p>
<p>Interim City Administrator Pagsuberon stated that the 2022 Seal Coating Program asks for information and that Public Works Director Blessingame had reported that there were 14 locations identified in town. Those locations were approximately 36,812 square yards with a cost of \$12.00 per square yard which equates to \$441,754.00. It was estimated that the \$12.00 per square yard would increase to \$23.00 per square yard next year. No action was taken.</p>	<p>DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AUTHORIZING INTERIM CITY ADMINISTRATOR ARPEGEA PAGSUBERON TO SIGN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT 2022 SEAL COATING PROGRAM</p>
<p>Interim City Administrator Pagsuberon stated that the current Disposal of Solid Waste contract expires 02/28/22 and that Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for new contracts need to be issued. Mayor Rogers entertained a Motion to authorize Interim City Administrator Pagsuberon to issue Requests for Proposals on behalf of the City of Olney for Professional</p>	<p>DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CITY OF OLNEY TO ISSUE REQUESTS FOR</p>

<p>Disposal of Solid Waste Contracts. Councilmember Stennett made said Motion. Mayor Pro-Tem Parker seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve the Motion.</p>	<p>PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR PROFESSIONAL DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE</p>
<p>This Agenda Item was tabled until the Contract is received from Young County.</p>	<p>CONSIDER AUTHORIZING CITY SECRETARY, TAMMY HOURIGAN TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH YOUNG COUNTY ELECTIONS TO CONDUCT THE MAY 7, 2022 MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION</p>
<p>Mayor Rogers entertained a Motion to approve Ordinance 1-22 ordering the May 7, 2022 General Election and sign Order of Election. Councilmember Wellman made said Motion. Mayor Pro-Tem Parker seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve the Motion.</p>	<p>DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ORDINANCE 1-22 ORDERING THE MAY 7, 2022 GENERAL ELECTION AND SIGN ORDER OF ELECTION</p>
<p>Mayor Pro-Tem Parker stated that he thought it was a good idea to have the Council Meeting at the Civic Center in order to accommodate the larger number of attendees that had shown interest in coming to the meetings. Mayor Rogers entertained a Motion to hold the January 24, 2022 Council Meeting at the Civic Center located at 210 South Grand Avenue, Olney, Texas. Mayor Pro-Tem Parker made said Motion. Councilmember Stennett seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve the Motion.</p>	<p>DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE LOCATION FOR THE JANUARY 24, 2022 CITY COUNCIL MEETING</p>
<p>It was determined that the Executive Session was not needed.</p>	<p>EXECUTIVE SESSION: DISCUSS REAL PROPERTY AT – LEGAL DESCRIPTION: TE&L 231-A0478 PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.072 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE</p>
<p>No action was taken.</p>	<p>DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ANY ACTION(S) AS A RESULT OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION</p>
<p>Mayor Rogers stated that Olney I.S.D. wants a long-term lease of the baseball and softball fields. They would take care of all the maintenance, which would remove that from the City of Olney. The O.I.S.D. Board</p>	<p>DISCUSS AND CONSIDER O.I.S.D. PURCHASE OR LONG-</p>

