

May 9, 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, May 9, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. Those present were: Mayor Rue Rogers, Mayor Pro-Tem Tom Parker, Councilmembers Brad Simmons, Terri Wipperman, Harrison Wellman and Chuck Stennett. Tommy Kimbro was present to be sworn in to begin his new term as Councilmember. Terry Wipperman's term expired. Staff Present: Interim City Administrator Arpegea Pagsuberon, Chief Dan Birbeck, City Secretary Tammy Hourigan and Attorney Dan Branum. Officer Hudson was in attendance, but arrived late due to a Police issue. City Attorney Bill Myers and Public Works Director K.C. Blassingame were absent. 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	
Councilmember Terri Wipperman	INVOCATION	
There were no citizens present during the Citizen Comment Period.	CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD	
Mayor Rogers entertained a Motion to approve the Minutes from the April 29, 2022 Council Meeting. Councilmember Wipperman made said Motion. Mayor Pro-Tem Parker seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve the Motion.	CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(S)	
City Secretary Tammy Hourigan read the Canvass of Election Results and Signed the Certificate of Election for Unopposed Candidates from the May, 7, 2022 General Election. Mayor Rogers entertained a Motion to accept the Canvass of Election Results. Councilmember Wipperman made said Motion. Mayor Pro-Tem Parker seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve the Motion.	CANVASS OF ELECTION RESULTS: SIGN CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES	
Chief Birbeck administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Officers which are Mayor Rue Rogers, Councilmember Tommy Kimbro and Councilmember Tom Parker. Each newly elected Officer signed the Oath of Office and Statement of Officer. Mayor Rogers expressed his thanks to Terri Wipperman for her years of service on the City Council.	ADMINISTER OATHS OF OFFICE FOR NEWLY ELECTED OFFICEHOLDERS; SIGN OATH OF OFFICE AND STATEMENT OF OFFICER	
Mayor Rogers opened nominations for Mayor Pro-Tem. Councilmember Stennett nominated Councilmember Parker. Councilmember Wellman nominated Councilmember Parker.	ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO-TEM	

<p>Councilmember Stennett made a Motion that nominations cease. Mayor Rogers entertained a Motion to appoint Councilmember Parker as Mayor Pro-Tem. Councilmember Simmons made said Motion. Councilmember Wellman seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve the Motion.</p>	
<p>Mayor Rogers stated that there was a need to amend the previous Ordinance establishing the water surcharge. It was initially thought that the last phased surcharge of \$30.00 that is to begin in August 2022 would be sufficient to cover the debt service of the \$13.5 Million Revenue Bond for the Water Treatment Plant Construction and allow for additional funds to be used as needed for water infrastructure. Due to the delay in funding, caused by the petition, the Revenue Bond was directly impacted by the raise in interest rates in the amount of \$2.5 Million. Because of this it was determined that the \$30.00 surcharge would not be sufficient and that the surcharge would need to be increased. Increasing the surcharge to \$35.00 would cover the debt service and allow for additional funds to be collected to be used for various other needs incurred by water infrastructure maintenance. This increase would take effect November 1, 2022, after the three months of the previously approved \$30.00 surcharge begins August 1, 2022. Mayor Rogers entertained a Motion on First Reading of Ordinance O13-22 establishing an Interest and Sinking Fund to be used for administrative, engineering and procurement costs associated with the City of Olney Water Projects; Setting rates and providing an effective date. This Ordinance in addition to surcharges and rates set forth in Ordinance O12-19 and amends Ordinance O3-22. The amount should be amended from \$37.50 to \$35.00 prior to the Second Reading of Ordinance O13-22 on May 23, 2022. Councilmember Simmons made said Motion. Mayor Pro-Tem Parker seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve Motion. Councilmember Wellman stated that the Council should be commended on making the tough decision to pursue the Revenue Bond. Further delay would have only resulted in a larger debt service due to the fact that the Federal Reserve once again raised interest rates.</p>	<p>DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ON FIRST READING ORDINANCE O13-22-WATER SURCHARGES</p>
<p>The City of Olney made an agreement with Waste Connections to allow residents to be able to order roll-off dumpsters for the removal of debris and cleanup from City Hall. This agreement results in a savings of nearly 50% to residents compared to past costs. Mayor Rogers entertained a motion to consider on second reading of Ordinance O15-22 establishing roll off dumpster delivery, hauling and disposal rates for residential and commercial use customers. There will be a one time \$150.00 Deliver Fee, a \$325.00 Hauling Fee for each Haul and a \$36.00/ton Disposal Fee. Councilmember Stennett made said Motion. Mayor Pro-Tem Parker seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve said Motion.</p>	<p>DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ON SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE O15-22 ESTABLISHING AND AUTHORIZING RATES TO BE CHARGED BY THE CITY OF OLNEY FOR ROLLOFFS DELIVERED TO RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS</p>

<p>After discussion from the City Council, Mayor Pro-Tem Parker stated that he felt this Ordinance needed to be tabled until previous outstanding Ordinances were presented and approved. There are currently Ordinances being prepared and considered that have taken longer than expected to have in place and those need to be completed prior to this particular Ordinance. It was tabled until a later date. No action was taken.</p>	<p>DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ORDINANCE O-16-22- OUTLINING RULES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR FOOD, FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT VIOLATIONS</p>
<p>This item was tabled earlier in the meeting and re-visited once Officer Hudson was in attendance. He was late in arriving due to a Police matter. Officer Hudson stated that he had disbanded the Mobile Home part of the Ordinance and replaced with RV Park. There were various changes that would require any new RV Parks going into business to adhere to those rules and the existing would have two years to comply. Mayor Rogers entertained a Motion to accept First Reading of Ordinance O17-22 Recreational Vehicle Parks Zoning and Regulations with an amendment to the time frame in which existing RV Parks must comply from two years to one year, then be addressed on an individual basis. Mayor Pro-Tem Parker made said Motion. Councilmember Simmons seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve said Motion.</p>	<p>DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ON FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE O17-22 RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARKS ZONING</p>
<p>Interim City Administrator Arpegea Pagsuberon explained that the City of Olney would be required to pay approximately 10% of the amount of the Grant. It was mentioned that generators were now required by TCEQ and that a plan of action had been submitted. There were seven generators that were needed including portable ones. Dean Hinton, engineer with Corlett, Probst and Boyd is currently working on the documentation and requirements to submit the paperwork. Initially the deadline was April 30, 2022 but the deadline has been extended to August due to the delays in shipping, product availability, etc. Mayor Rogers entertained a Motion to adopt Resolution R9-22 Committing City of Olney to provide local matching funds to secure and complete the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Projects. Councilmember Simmons made said Motion. Councilmember Stennett seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve said Motion.</p>	<p>DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ADOPT RESOLUTION R9-22 COMMITTING CITY OF OLNEY TO PROVIDE LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS TO SECURE AND COMPLETE THE FEMA HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROJECTS</p>
<p>Public Works Director K.C. Blessingame verified that Mr. Hughes would be paying the same rates as previous residential customers requesting the same services. He would work up the estimate and those charges would be presented prior to any work beginning. Councilmember Wellman inquired as to the possibility/willingness to annex into the City Limits. It was determined that Mr. Hughes would be signing the same agreement(s) that had been previously signed by customers wishing to purchase City Water outside of the City Limits of Olney. It was also mentioned that customers can request annexation but due to new laws and regulations, the City</p>	<p>DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ADOPT RESOLUTION R10-22 PERMITTING CITY OF OLNEY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO SELL WATER TO EDDIE HUGHES LOCATED OUTSIDE OF THE CITY LIMITS</p>

<p>cannot require any individual to annex into the City Limits. Mayor Rogers entertained a Motion to adopt Resolution R10-22 permitting City of Olney to enter into an agreement to sell water to Eddie Hughes located outside of the City Limits. Mayor Pro-Tem Parker made said Motion. Councilmember Wellman seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve said Motion.</p>	
<p>Interim City Administrator Pagsuberon met with Chief Birbeck, who is on the House of Mercy Board and Preston Crow who represents the House of Mercy. Mr. Crow stated that the House of Mercy would like to mow the City Lots again this season for a fee of \$20.00. If the lot was overgrown and needed additional care, the initial fee would be \$40.00 then \$20.00 on a continuing basis. There had been some problems in the past with verification of work performed and invoices being submitted in a timely manner in order to verify completion of tasks. Ms. Pagsuberon stated that there was a plan in place that would allow for better verification and she was confident it would work. Mayor Rogers entertained a Motion to accept the House of Mercy mowing rate increase. Councilmember Kimbro made said Motion. Mayor Pro-Tem Parker seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve said Motion.</p>	<p>DISCUSS AND CONSIDER HOUSE OF MERCY ENTERPRISE MOWING RATE INCREASE</p>
<p>Chief Birbeck stated that he would request moving \$1500.00 from Building and Grounds to Code Enforcement in order to enclose a work area for Officer Hudson in order establish privacy for his work area. There would be no additional funds allocated, just moving from one line item to the other. Mayor Rogers entertained a Motion to amend the FY 2021/2022 Budget moving \$1500.00 from the Police Department Building and Grounds G/L to Code Enforcement. Mayor Pro-Tem Parker made said Motion. Councilmember Simmons seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve said Motion.</p>	<p>DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AMENDMENT TO FY 2021/2022 BUDGET</p>
<p>Chief Birbeck stated that there were 65 Citations, 150 Warnings and 22 Arrests. Animal Control had a total of 38 seizures, EMS had 64 calls and Fire Department had 7. Ms. Pagsuberon stated that Municipal Court was steadily getting busier. The new citations totaled \$15,637.00. The total amount of Court Fines-\$4,769.62 for 46. K.B. Blassingame stated that they were still short staffed by 2 employees and had been busy repairing leaks. There had been 30 loads picked up and 37 potholes repaired. The entire team had been working at the Waste Water Treatment Plant correcting maintenance issues. The Lake was at 66%. Councilmember mentioned the discrepancy in water produced vs. used being 4,192,000 gallons. It was mentioned that this difference is continuing to be hard to determine since there is no way to measure the usage of flushing lines, Fire Department usage and loss due to leaks. Meters are ordered that will be placed at the locations that can be measured and this should assist in better accountability of that number. Ms. Hourigan stated that the money</p>	<p>MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS</p>

<p>on deposit at Texas Class Bank from the funding of the Revenue Bond had earned \$3,292.92 in interest since funding in mid-April. The transfer of money from the General Fund into the Utility Reinvestment Account that is a direct result of the newly enacted water surcharge along with the .30 usage/gallon surcharge that was enacted in 2019 resulted in a transfer in the amount of \$63,500.75 for the time period 03/09/2002 – 05/09/2002.</p>	
<p>Mayor Pro-Tem Parker inquired as to what had been done to get quotes for a valve machine and extra valves? He also stated how much it saved time, water loss and inconvenience to residents by having valves that could be used on hand during the leaks that had recently occurred. Ms. Pagsuberon stated that she was in contact with GrantWorks to hopefully be able to use grant funds for that purchase or at least part of it. Councilmember Wellman stated that we needed to make sure the Fire Department representative was aware of the monthly departmental report meetings. Councilmember Kimbro stated that there needed to be barricades or warnings of some kind around the potholes that were not repaired due to the leaks. Councilmember Wellman inquired as to whether the City had sprayed for mosquitos and stated that it was a problem.</p>	<p>DISCUSS OTHER COUNCIL MATTERS-ITEMS OF CONCERN TO MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL</p>
<p>There being no further business to come before the Council, the Council adjourned at 7:42 P.M.</p> <p>ATTEST:</p>   <p>_____</p> <p>Tammy Hourigan, City Secretary</p>	<p>ADJOURNMENT</p>