

September 25, 2023	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, September 25, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. Those present were: Mayor Rue Rogers, Mayor Pro-Tem Tom Parker, Councilmembers Brad Simmons, Harrison Wellman, Tommy Kimbro and Chuck Stennett. Staff Present: City Administrator Arpegea Pagsuberon, Police Chief Dan Birbeck, Public works Director Michael Jacoba, City Secretary Tammy Hourigan, Attorney Dan Branum and City Attorney. 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	
Bill Myers	INVOCATION	
No one was present	CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD	
<p>Mayor Rogers entertained a Motion to approve the Minutes from the June 26, 2023 Council Meeting. Councilmember Simmons made said Motion. Mayor Pro-Tem Parker seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve the Motion.</p>	CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(S)	
<p>Attorney Dan Branum stated that he had never seen so much interest and care be taken by those participating. Mayor Rogers reminded everyone that these bylaws were needed because the citizens of the City of Olney had elected in the May General Election to abolish the Type A Olney Industrial Development Corporation (O.I.D.C.) and to establish the Type B Olney Economic Development Corporation (O.E.D.C). These bylaws represent the governing documents that are presented to the City Council to be approved. These bylaws also outline the Board of Directors of the newly established O.E.D.C. They are; Ron Rogers, Frank Fischer, Rick Turner, Kelly Mahler, Tammy Montgomery, Phil Jeske and Johnny Moore. Mayor Rogers entertained a Motion to approve the Bylaws of the Olney Economic Development Corporation. Councilmember Wellman made said Motion. Councilmember Simmons seconded. Mayor Pro-Tem Parker abstained. The Motion carried.</p>	DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE BYLAWS OF THE OLNEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	
<p>Mayor Rogers entertained a Motion to approve Resolution R14-23 Approving the Bylaws of the Olney Economic Development Corporation. Councilmember Wellman made said Motion. Councilmember Kimbro seconded. Mayor Pro-Tem Parker abstained. The Motion carried.</p>	CONSIDER RESOLUTION R14-23 APPROVING THE BYLAWS OF THE OLNEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	

<p>Mayor Rogers stated that the previous meeting the Proposed Tax had been discussed. He also noted that the information had been published in the Enterprise prior to the meeting listing all the information including the proposed rate. A Notice of Public Hearing was also published in the paper to notify the Public. Mayor Pro-Tem Parker asked if an Ordinance had been prepared in order to represent that this higher rate would not remain in effect. Ms. Hourigan stated that it had not, since that was just part of a discussion at the last meeting, but nothing was considered and approved pertaining to an Ordinance. City Administrator Pagsuberon reminded the Council that they cannot make promises (say it's only for one year, etc) for other upcoming City Councils. Councilmember Wellman stated that with the passing of the School Board Bill, most homeowners with the homestead exemption would still be paying less than the previous year for their taxes. If everyone will look at the "big picture" they will see that the total taxes are less than in previous years. He stated that he did not feel there was a need for an Ordinance stating what would be done in the future, but that upcoming City Council Members would look and assess what is on the radar as far as upcoming expenditures and needs and make a recommendation to future City Councils. He stated that a lot of things can be accomplished with the increased rate. Mayor Rogers asked if there were any other questions? Mayor Rogers entertained a Motion to approve the Proposed Tax Rate for the 2023 Tax Year in the amount of 0.978221. Mayor Pro-Tem Parker made said Motion. Councilmember Stennett seconded. Councilmember Simmons was opposed. The Motion carried.</p>	<p>DISCUSS AND CONSIDER PROPOSED 2023-2024 TAX RATE INCREASE</p>
<p>City Administrator Arpegea Pagsuberon stated that 95 % of the entries were made with more amounts being received and posted. There would still be some changes made prior to the Special Called Meeting that will be held on Friday, September 29, 2023. She stated that 95% of the amendments have been made to Revenues. The Amendment is necessary in order to show entries that were not anticipated with an offset as to be neutral and not appear to be available for spending. There were also amendments that needed to be made due to the amount of interest earned on accounts at Texas Class amounting to more than initially anticipated when the Budget was prepared. Mayor Rogers entertained a Motion to approve amending the FY 2022-2023 Municipal Appropriations Budget. Councilmember Simmons made said Motion. Mayor Pro-Tem Parker seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve the Motion.</p>	<p>DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AMENDING FY 2022-2023 MUNICIPAL APROPRIATIONS BUDGET</p>
<p>City Administrator Pagsuberon stated that the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget was currently showing \$460,949.00 negative, but that is prior to figuring with the newly approved Tax Rate of 0.978221. The negative funds are available and this does not</p>	<p>DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FY 2023-2024 MUNICIPAL APPROPRIATIONS BUDGET</p>

<p>mean that the City of Olney does not have access, it means that the City will have to use savings that has been acquired by the investment of Certificates of Deposit and then those funds being deposited into a higher rate account that is currently earning in excess of 5.00%. The full De Minimis rate (0.9978221) will result in approximately \$9,000.00 excess using the current calculations. Mayor Rogers entertained a Motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget. Councilmember Kimbro made said Motion. Mayor Pro-Tem Parker seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve the Motion.</p>	
<p>The Public Hearing were opened and closed as listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Opened at 6:32 City Administrator Arpegea Pagsuberon verified that there were no questions being submitted via online. Councilmember Wellman did mention that there would be information that will be available that has been prepared and supplied by Young County Appraisal District that gives a lot of information about the Tax Rate and what it involves. The citizens of Olney can contact City Hall and it will be made available to them. The Public Hearing closed at 6:36 B. Opened at 6:36 and closed at 6:37 C. Opened at 6:37 and closed at 6:38. 	<p>PUBLIC HEARING(S)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. 2023 TAX RATE INCREASE B. FIRST READING OF AMENDMENT TO FY 2022-2023 MUNICIPAL APPROPRIATIONS BUDGET C. FIRST READING OF FY 2023-2024 MUNICIPAL APPROPRIATIONS BUDGET
<p>Mayor Roger entertained a Motion to approve Ordinance O8-23 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Olney, Texas levying ad valorem taxes for use and support of the Municipal Government of the City of Olney, Texas, for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year; Providing for apportioning each levy for specific purposes; and providing when taxes shall become due and when same shall become delinquent if not paid. Councilmember Kimbro made said Motion. Mayor Pro-Tem Parker seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve the Motion.</p>	<p>CONSIDER ORDINANCE O8-23 ADOPTING 2023 TAX RATE INCREASE</p>
<p>Mayor Rogers entertained a Motion to approve the First Reading of Ordinance O9-23 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Olney, Texas amending appropriations Ordinance O25-22 for the support of the City of Olney for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2023; Appropriating money to a sinking and interest fund to pay interest and principal on the City's indebtedness; and adopting the Amended Annual Budget of the City of Olney for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year. Mayor Pro-Tem Parker made said Motion. Councilmember Kimbro seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve the Motion. .</p>	<p>CONSIDER ON FIRST READING ORDINANCE O9-23 AMENDING FY 2022-2023 MUNICIPAL APPROPRIATIONS BUDGET</p>
<p>Mayor Rogers entertained a Motion to approve the First Reading of Ordinance O10-23 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Olney, Texas making appropriations for the support of the City</p>	<p>CONSIDER ON FIRST READING ORDINANCE O10-23 ADOPTING FY 2023-2024</p>

<p>of Olney for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2024; appropriating money to a sinking and interest fund to pay interest and principal on the City's indebtedness; and adopting the annual Budget of the City of Olney for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year. Councilmember Wellman made said Motion. Councilmember Stennett seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve the Motion.</p>	<p>MUNICIPAL APPROPRIATIONS BUDGET</p>
<p>Mayor Rogers answered some questions that had been asked earlier before the beginning of the Council Meeting. He stated that the Ordinance pertaining to the location and use of shipping containers in the City of Olney had been passed a couple of meeting back. He also stated that the 2021-2022 audit was not yet completed due to a third- party auditor assisting in getting everything ready due to the recent software change. This was a recommendation made by the City of Olney auditor, since he could not assist due to his obligations to the City Audit. Mayor Rogers also stated that things were coming along with the bid process for the construction of the new Water Treatment Plant. The closed bids would be opened at City Hall on October 17, 2023 at 2:00 P.M. At the Regular City Council Meeting on October 23, 2023, Corlett, Probst and Boyd would make their recommendations to the City Council.</p> <p>Councilmember Simmons inquired as to whether there was any new news on the Lake Lots? There was not.</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 6:46</p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Tammy Hourigan, City Secretary</p>	<p>ADJOURNMENT</p>