

CITY OF OLNEY  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
APRIL 24, 2017

AGENDA #1 “CALL TO ORDER” The April 24, 2017, meeting of the Olney City Council was called to order at 7:02 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Olney City Hall located at 300 S. Whittle Avenue, Olney, Illinois, with Mayor Ray Vaughn presiding.

AGENDA #2 “PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG-PRAYER” Council members and visitors joined in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. April Dailey led the group in prayer.

AGENDA #3 “ROLL CALL” The following Council members were present: Les Harrison, Belinda Henton, John McLaughlin, Bob Ferguson, and Ray Vaughn. Also present were City Attorney Bart Zuber, City Clerk Kelsie Sterchi, City Treasurer Chuck Sanders, Assistant City Treasurer Jane Guinn, and City Engineer Charleston.

AGENDA #4 “PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGENDA”

4-A “Approve Minutes of Council Meeting on April 10, 2017”

4-B “Approve and Authorize Payment of Accounts Payable April 25, 2017” Pooled Cash \$241,032.38, Manual Pooled Cash \$12,376.95, Tourism \$1,546.30, EDA \$376.42, IRP \$494.50, Unemployment \$8,085.90, MFT \$1,522.14, RLF (1) \$23.01, RLF (2) \$2.02, RLF (3) \$411.08, Route 130 TIF \$841.50, Utility Refunds \$1,385.84

4-C “Raffle License: Olney Central College”

4-D “Application for Permit to Sell Merchandise in City Park-Farmers Market”

4-E “Raffle License American Legion Post #30”

4-F “Raffle License-White Squirrel Saddle Club (1)”

4-G “Raffle License-White Squirrel Saddle Club (2)”

AGENDA #5 “REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM CONSENT AGENDA” No items were requested for removal from the consent agenda.

AGENDA #6 “CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA” Councilwoman Henton moved to approve the items on the consent agenda, seconded by Councilman Harrison. A majority affirmative voice vote was received to approve the consent agenda.

AGENDA #7 “CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA” No consideration was necessary since no items were removed from the consent agenda.

AGENDA #8 “PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, ETC.”

8-A “Resolution: Support SWAN Grant Application” The Council was provided with a proposed resolution of support for SWAN in their application to the State of Illinois Department of Human Services for funds from the Emergency Solutions Grant Program. SWAN has asked for this resolution of support for the past several years. Linda Bookwalter was present to answer any questions.

Councilman McLaughlin moved to approve 2017-R-28, seconded by Councilman Harrison. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

8-B “Resolution: Amend the Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Budget for Capital Expenditures” The Council was provided with a proposed resolution to amend various capital improvement line items in the 2016/2017 budget.

Mr. Barker told that the resolution would clean up the line items to match exactly how much was spent for the projects and equipment. For example, the Paint Water Tower line item had a budgeted amount of \$390,000.00, but actually \$393,452.00 was spent on the entire project. Mr. Barker indicated that the Contingency line item had enough funds to cover the additional expenses incurred for the projects and equipment.

Mayor Vaughn moved to approve 2017-R-29, seconded by Councilman Ferguson. Councilmen McLaughlin, Ferguson, Harrison, Mayor Vaughn, and Councilwoman Henton voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried.

8-C “Resolution: Accept Donations and Amend the Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Budget in the Parks & Cemeteries Department for the Musgrove Tree Identification Park Project” The Council was provided with a proposed resolution to accept the donations made for the Tree Identification Park project, approve the disbursements, and amend the 2016/2017 budget.

Mr. Barker reminded the Council that Donnie Watson had worked in collaboration with the City on the development of the Tree Identification Park located at Musgrove Park. The donations towards the project ran through the City, as did the expenses. An amount of \$10,221.00 worth of donations had been received, and \$10,221.00 disbursed.

Mayor Vaughn moved to approve 2017-R-30, seconded by Councilwoman Henton. Councilmen Ferguson, Harrison, McLaughlin, Mayor Vaughn, and Councilwoman Henton voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried.

8-D “Resolution: Restricting Funds for Capital Expenditures in the General Fund” The Council was provided with a resolution to transfer \$100,000.00 from the General Fund claim on cash account to the Main Street resurfacing account (\$50,000.00) and to the Pacific Cycle roof account (\$50,000.00).

Mr. Barker explained that during the current budget process, the Council had desired to set aside certain funds for projects such as the Main Street resurfacing.

Councilman McLaughlin moved to approve 2017-R-31, seconded by Councilman Harrison.

Councilman Ferguson asked if funds have ever been formally set aside for the Pacific Cycle roof. Mr. Sanders replied that funds had not been formally set aside for the roof. The account had a remainder of \$273,000.00 from the original balance.

A majority affirmative voice vote was received to approve 2017-R-31.

8-E “Resolution: Restricting Funds for Capital Expenditures in the Sewer Fund” The Council was provided with a proposed resolution to transfer \$100,000.00 from the Sewer Fund unrestricted claim on cash account to the capital improvement account for future capital improvement expenditures.

Mayor Vaughn asked how much money was currently restricted for capital expenditures in the Sewer Department. Mr. Sanders replied that approximately \$211,000.00 was restricted.

Mayor Vaughn moved to approve 2017-R-32, seconded by Councilman Ferguson. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

The City Treasurer added that no such resolution would be created for the Water Fund at this time. An approximate amount of \$400,000.00 had already been designated for capital improvements in the Water Fund.

8-F “Resolution: Approve Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Budget” The Council was provided with a proposed resolution that would approve the 2017/2018 budget, and a recap sheet of the General Corporate, Water, Sewer, and MFT budgets from 2014/2015 to 2017/2018. Mr. Sanders indicated that the only change since the April 10, 2017, meeting was the transition of \$10,000.00 from Tourism to General.

Councilman McLaughlin moved to approve 2017-R-33, seconded by Mayor Vaughn. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

8-G “Resolution: Accept Donation from RCRC in the Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Budget to Complete the Installation of the Additional Swingset at the Together We Play Park at Musgrove Park, Approve Disbursement, and Waive Formal Bidding Procedures” The Council was provided with a proposed resolution to accept a donation from RCRC in the 2017/2018 budget for installation of a swingset, approve the disbursement of funds, and waive formal bidding procedures.

Mr. Barker told the Council that RCRC wished to donate \$13,882.00 to complete the installation of a swingset at the Together We Play Park. Even though the donation and expense would not occur until a later time, RCRC wished to have authorization from the Council so that necessary materials could be ordered. Councilman McLaughlin added that this donation and expense should complete the Together We Play Park.

Councilman McLaughlin moved to approve 2017-R-34, seconded by Councilman Ferguson. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

8-H “Resolution: Accept Bid for Furnishing and Delivery of Concrete for Street Patching, Curb and Gutter Construction, Sidewalk Construction, and Miscellaneous Construction” The Council was provided with a proposed resolution to accept bids for miscellaneous concrete.

Mr. Barker told the Council that bids were solicited for various mixes of concrete with two options. Option 1 would be for six months, and Option 2 would be for one year. Bids were received

from Doll's, Inc., and Schrey Systems. Schrey Systems was the low bidder for both options on all mixes of concrete.

Mayor Vaughn moved to approve 2017-R-35, seconded by Councilman Harrison. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

8-I "Resolution: Accept Bid for Sand, Pea Gravel, Crushed Stone and Riprap" The Council was provided with a proposed resolution to accept a bid for sand, pea gravel, crushed stone and riprap.

Mr. Barker explained that bids were solicited for sand, pea gravel, crushed stone, and riprap with two options. Option 1 would be for six months. Option 2 would be for one year. One bid, only on Option 2, was received from Charles Heuerman Trucking of Teutopolis, Illinois.

Councilwoman Henton wondered why only one bid was received. City Clerk Sterchi replied that she had heard from another company that had wished to bid, but had forgotten to submit their bid until after the opening.

From the audience, Mike Winter asked how the City advertises for bid. Mrs. Sterchi replied that certain people request bid information each year that concrete, sand, pea gravel, crushed stone, and riprap go out for bid. Additionally, advertisement had been placed in the Olney Daily Mail.

Mayor Vaughn moved to approve 2017-R-36, seconded by Councilman McLaughlin. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

#### AGENDA #9 "REPORTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS"

9-A "Status Report-City Manager" The Council was provided with a status report from the City Manager. Mr. Barker told the Council that City staff had been working hard on finalizing purchases for the current fiscal year, and getting ready for the new budget. He added that the Whittle Avenue and Kitchell Avenue projects were both progressing nicely.

Mayor Vaughn noted that in Mr. Barker's status report, 14 demolition permits were shown to have been issued. He wondered if the number of permits was based on the calendar year. Mr. Barker confirmed.

Councilman McLaughlin asked when the Musgrove Aquatic Center (MAC) would be opening for the season. Mrs. Sterchi replied that the MAC historically opened for the season on the Saturday before Memorial Day. For 2017, the MAC was scheduled to open on May 27.

The City Attorney then told that a few non-compliant properties were being served with their 15 day notices to come into compliance.

#### AGENDA #10 "PUBLIC COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS"

10-A "Brian O'Neill" Brian O'Neill told the Council that they should feel guilty about the fatal accident involving a man in a wheelchair. He felt the Council treated people with disabilities like garbage. Mr. O'Neill felt that more sidewalks were needed, and stated that the street light on Route 130 near CVS did not work. Mr. O'Neill was fed up with being treated poorly, and stated that he would soon have The Fireside shut down.

This evening's meeting was the last for Mayor Vaughn and Councilman Ferguson, as both had chosen not to run for another term of office. Mr. Barker presented Councilman Ferguson with a plaque to commemorate his decades of servitude to the City as Assistant to the City Manager, City Manager, and Councilman.

Mr. Barker then presented Mayor Vaughn with a plaque in honor of his service to the City as Mayor since 2013.

Mayor Vaughn then thanked Councilman Ferguson for his assistance and wise counsel over the past few years. He felt that the Council had been wonderful to work with, and that any disagreements were based on the same search for solutions that are best for the City.

Councilman Ferguson then offered his thanks, and noted that he had seen many ups and downs during his time spent, but had enjoyed doing his part.

Mr. Barker thanked both the Councilman and the Mayor for their support.

AGENDA #11 "CLOSED SESSION: SALE OR LEASE PRICE OF REAL PROPERTY; ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY; COLLECTIVE NEGOTIATING MATTERS; AND APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION, AND PERFORMANCE OF SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES" Councilman McLaughlin moved to adjourn to closed session to discuss sale or lease price of real property; acquisition of real property; collective negotiating matters, and appointment, employment, compensation, and performance of specific employees, seconded by Councilman Harrison. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

Councilmen Harrison, McLaughlin, Ferguson, Councilwoman Henton, Mayor Vaughn, City Treasurer Chuck Sanders, City Manager Barker, City Attorney Zuber, and City Clerk Sterchi left the Council Chambers at 7:25 p.m.

AGENDA #12 "RECONVENE OPEN SESSION" Upon return of those who were in closed session to the Council Chambers, Councilman Harrison moved to enter back into open session, seconded by Councilwoman Henton. A majority affirmative voice vote was received. Open session resumed at 9:19 p.m.

12-A "Ordinance: Establish Hourly Wages for Part-Time (Seasonal) Employees with Special Skills in the Police (Lake Patrol) and Public Works Departments of the City of Olney" The Council was provided with a proposed ordinance that would set the maximum hourly wage for any part-time (seasonal) employee in the Police (Lake Patrol) and Public Works Departments to \$12.50 per hour, if his or her supervisor deems that his or her special skills relating to duties performed warrant an upgrade in pay.

Councilman McLaughlin moved to approve Ordinance 2017-25, seconded by Councilman Harrison. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

12-B “Ordinance: Establish Wages for Full-Time Non-Bargaining Employees of the City of Olney” The Council was provided with a proposed ordinance that would establish wages for full-time, non-bargaining employees of the City. Each wage was discussed in the closed session.

Councilman McLaughlin moved to approve Ordinance 2017-26, seconded by Mayor Vaughn. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

12-C “Ordinance: Establish Hourly Wages for Paid-on-Call Firefighters” The Council was provided with a proposed ordinance that would establish the hourly wages for paid-on-call (POC) firefighters. Starting POC firefighter wages would be \$9.00 per hour with POC firefighters who have Firefighter II Certification and/or Firefighter Basic Certification at \$10.00 per hour.

Mayor Vaughn moved to approve Ordinance 2017-27, seconded by Councilman Ferguson. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

12-D “Resolution: Health Insurance Premium Allocations for Non-Bargaining Employees” The Council was provided with a proposed resolution to establish health insurance premium allocations for non-bargaining employees.

Councilman McLaughlin moved to approve 2017-R-37, seconded by Councilman Harrison. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

12-E “Resolution: Authorize Agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Number 702” The Council was provided with a proposed resolution that would authorize an agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Number 702 (IBEW).

Mayor Vaughn thanked the City Manager, Administrative Assistant Cindy Harlan, and labor attorney John Kuenstler for their work on the new IBEW contract.

Councilman McLaughlin moved to approve 2017-R-38, seconded by Councilwoman Henton. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

AGENDA #13 “ADJOURN” Councilman Ferguson moved to adjourn, seconded by Mayor Vaughn. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

The meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Kelsie J. Sterchi  
City Clerk