

CITY OF OLNEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 9, 2018

AGENDA #1 “CALL TO ORDER” The April 9, 2018, meeting of the Olney City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Olney City Hall located at 300 S. Whittle Avenue, Olney, Illinois, with Mayor Mark Lambird presiding.

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

AGENDA #3 “ROLL CALL” The following Council members were present: Morgan Fehrenbacher, Les Harrison, Belinda Henton, John McLaughlin, and Mark Lambird. Also present were City Manager Allen Barker, City Clerk Kelsie Sterchi, City Treasurer Charles Sanders, Assistant City Treasurer Jane Guinn, City Attorney Bart Zuber, and City Engineer Charleston.

AGENDA #4 “PUBLIC HEARING: 2018/2019 FISCAL BUDGET” The Illinois State Statute requires the Council to hold a public hearing for the tentative fiscal year 2018/2019 budget. Notice was given to the media that the tentative budget was available for viewing at City Hall. The purpose of the hearing would be to allow the public to express their opinions and to ask questions regarding the tentative budget. Mayor Lambird then addressed the audience by asking if anyone had comments concerning the proposed budget. No one from the public wished to speak. The public hearing was closed.

AGENDA #5 “PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGENDA”

5-A “Approve Minutes of Council Meeting on March 26, 2018”

5-B “Approve and Authorize Payment of Accounts Payable April 10, 2018” Pooled Cash \$156,034.08, Manual Pooled Cash \$108,828.05, Route 130 TIF \$15,209.84, IMRF \$29,672.43, Petty Cash \$48.51

5-C “Raffle License: American Legion Post #30”

5-D “Raffle License: Olney Music Boosters”

5-E “Raffle License: First National Bank in Olney”

5-F “Raffle License: CRMH Relay for Life Team”

AGENDA #6 “REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM CONSENT AGENDA” No items were requested for removal from the consent agenda.

AGENDA #7 “CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA” Councilman McLaughlin moved to approve the items on the consent agenda, seconded by Councilwoman Fehrenbacher. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

AGENDA #8 “CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA” No consideration was necessary since no items were removed from the consent agenda.

AGENDA #9 “PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, ETC.”

9-A “Discussion/Possible Ordinance or Resolution: Special Use Permit for Placement of a Mobilehome More Than 10 Years of Age at 620 S. Shields Street” The Council was provided with a copy of the draft minutes from the April 2, 2018, Plan Commission meeting. Ivan and Mable Mills were present to answer any questions.

Mr. Barker explained that the request for Special Use Permit had been heard by the Plan Commission on April 2, 2018, but the Commission had come to a tie vote on whether or not to recommend approval of the Special Use Permit to the Council. At this point, the request would be heard by the City Council where final approval or denial would be given.

Councilman McLaughlin recalled that a similar request for Special Use Permit had been given for 602 S. Shields Street. Councilwoman Henton confirmed, but noted that this evening’s request was for a 2002 model, and the prior was for a 2006 model.

Councilwoman Fehrenbacher asked what additional concerns the Plan Commission had on the request. Councilwoman Henton, also a member of the Plan Commission, explained that the requesters for 602 S. Shields Street provided many pictures, had members of the public speaking on their behalf, and had arrangements made for lawn care. The applicants for 620 S. Shields Street had only provided two photos. The Councilwoman was concerned that the requests for Special Use Permits continued to be for older models of mobilehomes, and noted that mobilehomes depreciate in value.

Councilman McLaughlin asked if the mobilehome would be owner occupied. The Mills’ confirmed.

Councilman McLaughlin moved to approve Ordinance 2018-22, seconded by Councilman Harrison. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

9-B “Resolution: Authorize the Transfer of the City’s EDA Funds to the Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission and Terminate the EDA Loan Fund Program” The Council was provided with a proposed resolution to transfer the City’s EDA funds to the Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission (GWRPC) and terminate the EDA loan fund program. If approved, the City’s EDA funds of \$203,285.72, and loans receivable of \$46,573.27, would merge into the GWRPC EDA program.

Mrs. Guinn reminded the Council that recent approval had been given by the Council for the City Treasurer to take necessary steps in effort to keep the EDA funds that the State was requesting be returned. Since that time, EDA representative Catherine Canavan, had recommended that the City’s EDA funds be transferred to the GWRPC, and that the City’s EDA loan fund program be terminated.

Mrs. Guinn added that residents of Olney and Richland County would still be able to apply for EDA funds, but just through the GWRPC instead. The GWRPC would not only take over the program for new loans, but they would also take over the outstanding loans, as well.

Sarah Mann, from the GWRPC, was present to give the Council more details. Mrs. Mann told the Council that the GWRPC would be handling over \$1,000,000.00 in EDA loans for seven counties. She pointed out that their EDA loan program was non-competitive, so Olney applicants would be eligible for loans as long as they qualified. The GWRPC had its own loan committee, and could request more funds from the EDA, if need be.

Councilman McLaughlin asked who was currently overseeing the City's EDA program. Mayor Lambird replied that the City's EDA Revolving Loan Fund Committee and the City Treasury Department had been overseeing the program.

Mayor Lambird asked if the City had many other options other than transferring the EDA funds and program to the GWRPC. Mrs. Guinn indicated that no matter what, an approximate amount of \$104,000.00 would have to be returned from the City to the State if the Council would not make the transfer to the GWRPC. Mr. Sanders added that Mrs. Canavan strongly recommended that the Council authorize the transfer.

Councilwoman Fehrenbacher moved to approve 2018-R-15, seconded by Councilman Harrison. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

9-C "Resolution: Pay Off the City IRP Loan and Transfer Balance to the General Fund"
The Council was provided with a proposed resolution to pay off the City's IRP loan and transfer the balance back to the General Fund.

Mrs. Guinn explained that during discussion on the City's EDA program, the topic of the City's IRP loan had also been presented. Unfortunately, the GWRPC could not take over the IRP loan. Instead, it was discovered that the City could pay off the loan and transfer the remaining cash balance and future outstanding loan collections to the General Fund. From there, the money could be used for a project that would benefit the community.

Mayor Lambird wondered if it would be possible to take the IRP funds and start a revolving loan fund for the City based on City guidelines. Mr. Sanders indicated that such an option had been discussed, but he was not sure what guidance was available for such an option, or if the City would have the authority to do so. The City Attorney did not recommend that the City create its own revolving loan program. He noted how many regulations a bank had, and could not imagine the pitfalls that could arise.

Mr. Sanders pointed out that the last revolving loan that had been made was in 2012. Prior to that, the most recent loan would have been made in 2009. With that in mind, he felt that the City's record of making loans was not too significant. He added that the GWRPC would have more money available to lend, and better resources.

Mayor Lambird commented that he hated for the City to not have any local control on such loans, but was not sure that there was a better option for the time being.

Councilman McLaughlin asked if Mr. Sanders recommended the IRP payoff. Mr. Sanders replied that he did recommend the payoff. Approximately \$130,000.00 would then go into the General Fund to use towards any purpose such as repairs to the S. East Street bridge.

Councilman McLaughlin moved to approve 2018-R-16, seconded by Councilwoman Fehrenbacher. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

9-D “Discussion/Possible Action: Utilize the City Engineer for Street Evaluations” Councilman McLaughlin told the Council that over the past six months, the Citizen Street Committee had been meeting to go over road improvement plans and options. Before researching planning and funding, it had been determined by the Committee that there was a need to know the condition of each City street. Because the City had a City Engineer on staff who had been working on City streets for decades, it was recommended that Mr. Charleston perform the proposed street evaluations.

Mr. Charleston indicated that he had a spreadsheet that could be used to compile all of the street information needed such as surface type, base type, annual average daily traffic (AADT), etc. The information Mr. Charleston already had on file would help to control time and cost of the project.

Fellow Committee member, Bryce Fehrenbacher, asked if Mr. Charleston’s evaluations would be able to provide an estimate of how much it would cost to replace current oil and chip streets with asphalt or concrete. Mr. Charleston confirmed, and added that City forces may be needed to help provide core samples.

Councilman McLaughlin then updated the Council that local citizen, Josh Fisher, had joined the Citizen Street Committee.

Mr. Charleston then brought out larger copies of his proposed spreadsheet to show to the Council.

Councilwoman Henton recalled that nothing had been budgeted in the proposed 2018/2019 budget for costs associated with a street evaluation. She wondered how much Mr. Charleston’s work would cost. Mr. Charleston replied that an exact number would be difficult to guess, but he felt that the total should not exceed \$35,000.00. If moving forward, the project should be completed in the 2018/2019 fiscal year.

Councilwoman Henton wondered where the City would find the money for the street evaluations. Mrs. Guinn answered that the proposed budget could be amended by taking funds from other line items, or the amount could be added to the budget from the General Fund, creating a more unfavorable budget.

Councilwoman Fehrenbacher commented on her support of the endeavor, but pointed out that even when the evaluations are complete, the City would still have no clue on how to fund road improvement. Councilman McLaughlin agreed, but stated that without any data, there would be no moving forward at all.

Councilman Harrison felt it would be a good idea to have the groundwork in place in case any opportunities for government funding became available.

Mr. Fehrenbacher added that if and when funding became available and improvements were made, other improvements such as curbing and sidewalks could be made at the same time.

Councilman McLaughlin remembered that funds were left over from the work done on S. Camp Street. He wondered if that money could go towards the street evaluations. Mr. Sanders indicated that if that was the Council's desire, the disbursement of remaining funds would need to be done before the end of the fiscal year at the end of the month.

Councilman McLaughlin moved to amend the proposed 2018/2019 budget to include a line item of \$35,000.00 for a road study to be conducted by the City Engineer, seconded by Councilman Harrison. Mayor Lambird, Councilmen Harrison, McLaughlin, and Councilwoman Henton voted yes. Councilwoman Fehrenbacher voted no. The motion carried.

9-E "Discussion/Possible Action: Summer Recreation Fees" The Council was provided with a listing of the City's pool fees, and listings of pool fees from Newton, Flora, Robinson, and Vincennes.

Councilwoman Fehrenbacher felt that charging \$45.00 for an Adult Punch Card was a steal. The punch card held 20 punches, and would admit any one of any age. Regular Adult Admission rates for Olney were \$3.50 for adults, and \$2.00 for children. Additionally, since pool fees had not raised since 2006, but pool chemical fees had raised, she felt it was time for a price increase. Councilman McLaughlin agreed, adding that he would like to see more improvements made at the pool, and he recognized that the only way to do that would be with an increase in revenue.

Councilwoman Henton felt that having a more economical fee for adults would make it more likely for adults to attend. However, she agreed that the Adult Punch Card price was too inexpensive.

In the prior year, the Council had voted to no longer allow for large groups to request a lower admission rate. It was noted in this meeting that punch cards could instead be purchased for groups, providing for a lower entry rate.

Councilman McLaughlin moved to change the Child Admission to \$3.00, keep Adult Admission at \$3.50, change the Child Punch Card to \$50.00, and change the Adult Punch Card to \$60.00.

Councilman McLaughlin asked if pool fees recieved go back to defray expenses related to the pool. Mr. Sanders replied that the income went into the Recreation Department's budget in the General Fund.

Councilwoman Fehrenbacher seconded the motion.

From the audience, Josh Fisher asked if large groups should have received a lower admission price. Councilwoman Henton responded that in some of the years past, groups would petition the Council to ask for lower admission rates on particular days. No special group admission had formally existed.

Mr. Fisher then asked for clarification if groups, such as his Cub Scouts, could purchase a punch card to receive the lower rate. The Council confirmed.

A majority affirmative voice vote was received. An ordinance amending the pool fees would be placed on the Consent Agenda for the April 23, 2018, meeting.

9-F "Resolution: Transfer Funds from the Tourism Fund to the General Fund" The Council was provided with a proposed resolution to transfer \$10,000.00 from the Tourism Fund to the General Fund to reimburse the General Fund for time spent by employees in the City Clerk Department on Tourism-related duties.

Mrs. Guinn indicated that included with the resolution was a listing of Tourism-related duties handled by the City Clerk's Department. The amount of \$10,000.00 had been budgeted in the 2017/2018 Tourism budget for this purpose.

Councilman Harrison moved to approve 2018-R-17, seconded by Councilwoman Henton. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

9-G "Resolution: Designate Funds for Capital Expenditures in the General Fund" The Council was provided with a proposed resolution to designate funds for capital expenditures in the General Fund.

Mrs. Guinn explained that it was recommended that the Council authorize the resolution in order to transfer \$150,000.00 from the General Fund's claim on cash account for the following purposes: \$50,000.00 to the Main Street Resurfacing Account, \$50,000.00 to the Pacific Cycle Roof Account, and \$50,000.00 to the Walnut/Main Storm Sewer Account.

Councilwoman Fehrenbacher moved to approve 2018-R-18, seconded by Councilman McLaughlin. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

9-H "Resolution: Transfer Funds from the General Fund to the Fire Pension Fund" The Council was provided with a proposed resolution that would transfer \$100,000.00 from the General Fund to the Fire Pension Fund.

Mrs. Guinn told that the current Fire Pension Fund balance was at \$2,079,787.01. Until the Fund reached \$2,500,000.00, the amount of investments made in variable equities would be capped at 10%. For the last two years, the Fund had unfavorable spending. The infusion of \$100,000.00 would be one step that could help take the Fund to the \$2,500,000.00 mark more quickly, and then the Fire Pension Board could start investing up to 45% in equities.

Councilman McLaughlin noted that he was not in favor of the request. He felt that the \$100,000.00 from the General Fund could be used on other much needed purchases and projects that could not be made due to “not having the money.”

Councilwoman Henton asked the Councilman how he suggested that the City then solve the underfunded obligation. Councilman McLaughlin was not sure, but added that there were other problems in the City that were not being addressed due to lack of funds.

Councilwoman Henton asked if the \$100,000.00 had been budgeted for in the current fiscal year. Mrs. Guinn replied that the infusion had not been budgeted. If approved, it would show up as an additional expense in the current budget.

Councilwoman Fehrenbacher asked if the City would ever get caught up on the underfunding if money was not put aside each year. Mr. Sanders replied that the City had been funding pensions at the highest recommended actuarial funding amount. For the past two years, the Fire Pension Fund had been operating at a deficit. At this point, having the Fire Pension Fund reach the \$2,500,000.00 would be extremely beneficial, and was strongly recommended by the third party actuary.

Mr. Sanders continued that levying the highest recommended amount still was not sufficient enough. He believed that contributing additional dollars to the Fund in order to hit the \$2,500,000.00 mark would be a partial solution to the underfunding.

Mayor Lambird asked how long Mr. Sanders thought it would take for the Fire Pension Fund to hit \$2,500,000.00. Mr. Sanders estimated that another \$400,000.00 would take the Fund to that threshold.

Mr. Fisher asked what the current rate of return was on the pension investments. Mr. Sanders replied that CDs typically yielded between 1% and 2% returns. Overall, he estimated that the Fire Pension Fund’s rate of return was at 2% or less. The Police Pension Fund was earning approximately 5% in returns, and IMRF at approximately 16% in returns.

Mayor Lambird then asked if Mr. Sanders felt that pensions in the State of Illinois would fail. Mr. Sanders did not believe that the State would allow for that to happen. Actuarial calculations were based on having an 80% to 90% funded plan by the year 2037. Mr. Sanders added that no one, not even the Illinois Department of Insurance, ever expected pension plans to be 100% funded. The jeopardy, however, if a municipality did not fund to the minimum actuarial calculation would be that the State would then have authority to take other funds from the City.

Mr. Sanders ended by clarifying that there were absolutely no short term crises in any of the City's pension plans.

Councilwoman Fehrenbacher moved to approve 2018-R-19, seconded by Councilwoman Henton. Mayor Lambird, Councilwomen Fehrenbacher, Henton, and Councilman Harrison voted yes. Councilman McLaughlin voted no. The motion carried.

9-I "Resolution: Designate Funds for Capital Expenditures in the Water Fund" The Council was provided with a proposed resolution that would transfer \$50,000.00 from the Water Fund's unrestricted claim on cash account to the capital improvement account for future capital improvement expenditures.

Councilman McLaughlin moved to approve 2018-R-20, seconded by Councilman Harrison. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

9-J "Resolution: Designate Funds for the Taylor Water Tower" The Council was provided with a proposed resolution that would set aside funds for capital improvements to the Taylor Drive water tower.

Mrs. Guinn reminded the Council that because of the lease agreement with Verizon for use of the Taylor Drive water tower, the City received rent in the amount of \$15,000.00 per year with a 3% annual increase. Mrs. Guinn was asking for authorization to set up a new bank account for the rent income to be used specifically for future work needed on that water tower.

Councilwoman Henton moved to approve 2018-R-21, seconded by Councilwoman Fehrenbacher. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

9-K "Resolution: Designate Funds for Capital Expenditures in the Sewer Fund" The Council was provided with a proposed resolution that would transfer \$100,000.00 from the Sewer Fund's unrestricted claim on cash account to the capital improvement account for future capital improvement expenditures.

Councilman McLaughlin moved to approve 2018-R-22, seconded by Councilman Harrison. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

9-L "Discussion/Possible Action: Authorize Expenditure from the Route 130 TIF Fund for Consulting Services for the Parkside Plaza Water and Sewer Line Extensions" The Council was provided with a memo from City Engineer Charleston, and a copy of an invoice for preparation of the specifications for the water and sanitary sewer plans for the development of Parkside Plaza on Route 130.

Mrs. Guinn explained that the bill received from Mr. Charleston was in the amount of \$15,209.84. As discussed in the past, it was recommended that the City pay the invoice out of the Route 130 TIF Fund.

Councilwoman Henton moved to authorize the expenditure of \$15,209.84 from the Route 130 TIF Fund for consulting services for the Parkside Plaza water and sewer line extensions, seconded by Councilman McLaughlin. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

9-M “Resolution: Accept Quotes for City Park Storage Building Improvements” The Council was provided with a memo from Park Department Supervisor Frank Bradley, and copies of quotes received for improvements to the City Park storage building.

Mr. Barker told the Council that improvements to the existing storage building at the City Park had gone out for bid twice. The first time, the bid was rejected, and the scope of work was revised. The second time bids were solicited, no bids were received.

Mr. Bradley told the Council that his department was in desperate need of shop space to use year round. Since no appropriate bids were received, Mr. Bradley had since sought out quotes for the needed work.

Mr. Bradley received a quote from Smithenry Trenching, Inc., in the amount of \$16,950.00 to place flooring, drainage basins, and an approach. A quote from Blank Construction had also been received in the amount of \$18,900.00 for installation of insulation and metal walls and ceilings. Lastly, a quote in the amount of \$4,750.00 was received from Royse’s Plumbing, Heating, and A/C, Inc., to install a tube heater.

Councilwoman Henton wondered how the project could be completed and paid for by the end of the month/fiscal year. Mrs. Guinn replied that she could hold invoices for a couple of weeks into May to have recorded in the 2017/2018 fiscal year.

Councilwoman Henton moved to approved 2018-R-23, seconded by Councilman McLaughlin.

Councilwoman Fehrenbacher asked if the money for the project was being transferred from the Musgrove House line item. The Council confirmed.

Councilmen McLaughlin, Harrison, Mayor Lambird, and Councilwomen Fehrenbacher, and Henton voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried.

9-N “Resolution: Authorize an Expenditure up to \$15,000 for the Purchase of a Forklift for the Mechanic Department, and Waive Formal Bidding Procedures” The Council was provided with a proposed resolution that would authorize an expenditure of up to \$15,000.00 for the purchase of a forklift for the Mechanics Department, and would waive the formal bidding procedures.

Mr. Barker told the Council that City Mechanic Roger Fulk was asking permission to purchase a used forklift, no more than \$15,000.00, before the end of the fiscal year, due to time constraints. An amount of \$15,000.00 had been budgeted for the purchase.

It was noted that there were typos in the proposed resolution. Mrs. Sterchi would correct the resolution before being signed.

Councilman McLaughlin moved to approve 2018-24, seconded by Councilman Harrison. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

9-O “Ordinance: Authorize the Sale of a 1982 Case 480D Backhoe from the Park Department on GovDeals.com” The Council was provided with a memo from Mr. Bradley, and a proposed ordinance that would authorize the sale of the Park Department’s 1982 Case 480D backhoe on GovDeals.com.

Councilwoman Henton moved to approve Ordinance 2018-23, seconded by Councilman McLaughlin. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

9-P “Discussion/Possible Action: TIF Inducement Resolution Request from Hill’s Resources, LLC.” The Council was provided with a letter from Julie Hill, President of Hill’s Resources, LLC. Mr. Barker explained that the letter expressed the company’s intent to construct a restaurant on N. West Street, which was within the Route 130 TIF District. Mrs. Hill was requesting assistance for TIF eligible expenses. If the Council wished to move forward, the City’s TIF attorney would prepare an inducement resolution to be presented to the Council at a future date.

Councilwoman Fehrenbacher moved to approve moving forward with a TIF inducement resolution for Hill’s Resources, LLC., seconded by Councilwoman Henton. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

9-Q “Discussion/Action on Amendment to Proposed Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2018/2019” Mr. Barker reminded the Council that at the last meeting, \$36,000.00 was added to the proposed 2018/2019 budget for striping work. Since that meeting, Mr. Barker had received a more solid estimate in the amount of \$50,000.00. He reminded the Council that the professional striping would be good for six years or more. The City’s current form of street striping was performed annually, and did not last for very long.

Councilman Harrison asked how many years it would take before recouping the cost of the professional striping. Mr. Barker estimated that the costs would be recovered in about five years.

Mr. Barker continued that cost estimates for the Ludlow Street drainage project had come in at a lower amount, so funds could be transferred from that proposed line item to cover the \$14,000.00 increase.

Councilman McLaughlin asked if the \$50,000.00 included the striping work on N. East Street from Scott to Mack Avenue. Mr. Barker confirmed.

Councilman Harrison moved to amend the proposed 2018/2019 budget to transfer \$14,000.00 from the Ludlow Storm Sewer Line item to the Street Striping line item, seconded by Councilman McLaughlin. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

AGENDA #10 “REPORTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS”

10-A “Status Report-City Manager” The Council was provided with a Status Report from the City Manager. Mr. Barker had nothing further to report.

10-B “RCDC Report” RCDC Executive Director Courtney Yockey was not present.

10-C “Chamber of Commerce Report” Councilman McLaughlin told the Council that instead of a dinner banquet, the Chamber of Commerce would be having a luncheon instead on April 17, 2018, at the Olde Tyme Steakhaus.

10-D “Parks & Recreation Board Report” The Parks & Recreation Board had not yet met for the month, so there was nothing to report.

10-E “Tourism Board Report” Councilwoman Henton told the Council that the ILLINOIS South Executive Director, and a few other staff members, would be visiting the next day.

Councilman Harrison then told that the JEDS Board had met earlier in the day to go over their budget. He continued that a few employees were also going to certification trainings, and that policies were being updated.

Mayor Lambird then took a moment to extend thanks to Micah Grimes for the travel baseball tournament he had brought to town over the weekend. The Mayor had heard that local businesses were very busy because of the tournaments.

AGENDA #11 “PUBLIC COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS”

11-A “John Walden” Mr. Walden came before the Council to express concerns about the Borah Lake public access area. Mr. Walden had moved to a residence near Borah Lake in October of 2017, and felt that there were issues with people dumping trash such as televisions, beds, and regular household trash at the Borah Lake public area. Mr. Walden added that if not being dumped at Borah Lake, he assumed trash was then dumped all over Richland County.

Mr. Walden continued that he had noticed vandalism in the same areas. He added that the road leading into the public access area was in poor condition.

Mr. Walden then commented that he was aware that hours were posted in the area, but that the public access area was not being locked up at night. Mr. Bradley told Mr. Walden that the gates would not be locked.

Continuing on, Mr. Walden was upset that no one knew the history of the McsBurg Cemetery.

Mayor Lambird thanked Mr. Walden for his comments.

Mr. Sanders reminded the Council that his last day in City Hall as City Treasurer would be the next day. He thanked the City for the opportunity to work for the past six and a half years, and added that he had met many nice people.

AGENDA #12 “CLOSED SESSION: SALE OR LEASE PRICE OF REAL PROPERTY; ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY; APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION, AND PERFORMANCE OF SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES; AND COLLECTIVE NEGOTIATING MATTERS” Councilman McLaughlin moved to adjourn to closed session to discuss sale or lease price of real property; acquisition of real property; appointment, employment, compensation, and performance of specific employees; and collective negotiating matters, seconded by Councilwoman Fehrenbacher. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

Councilmen Harrison, McLaughlin, Councilwomen Fehrenbacher, Henton, Mayor Lambird, Assistant City Treasurer Guinn, City Attorney Zuber, and City Clerk Sterchi left the Council Chambers at 8:12 p.m.

AGENDA #13 “RECONVENE OPEN SESSION” Upon return of those who were in closed session to the Council Chambers, Councilman McLaughlin moved to enter back into open session, seconded by Councilwoman Fehrenbacher. A majority affirmative voice vote was received. Open session resumed at 8:57 p.m.

Mr. Barker told the Council that the City had reduced the amount requested from IDOT for the proposed Route 130 sidewalk project to \$783,246.00. The reduction was recommended by an IDOT source, believing it would give the City a better chance at being selected for funding.

A food truck ordinance was also being drafted. Mr. Barker expected that a draft would soon be sent to the Council for their consideration. Mr. Barker would also be in touch with the Wabash County Health Department on their recommendations.

Councilman Harrison asked about a City-wide recycling and clean up day. Councilwoman Fehrenbacher recalled that the Citizens for a Greener Olney organization had hosted such events in the past, and it had taken a lot of work. Such a service had stopped being offered because not many people had been taking advantage of the opportunity.

Councilman Harrison then indicated that he had heard from the County’s Highway Commissioners that they are finding items dumped all over the county. He wondered if a City lot could be used for disposal. Councilwoman Henton suggested a location at the County Garage since most items were being dumped in the county.

While believing a clean up day could help out somewhat, Councilwoman Fehrenbacher noted that the people prone to dumping items such as televisions in the country would not be the type to take time to dispose of such property in a better way.

AGENDA #15 “ADJOURN” With no further business to discuss, Councilwoman Fehrenbacher moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilman McLaughlin. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Kelsie J. Sterchi
City Clerk

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