

CITY OF OLNEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 28, 2017

AGENDA #1 “CALL TO ORDER” The August 28, 2017, 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. Ben Strode led the group in prayer.

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

AGENDA #4 “PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGENDA”

4-A “Approve Minutes of Council Meeting on August 14, 2017”

4-B “Approve and Authorize Payment of Accounts Payable August 29, 2017” Pooled Cash \$99,618.36, Manual Pooled Cash \$126,712.28, Tourism \$1,333.00, Utility Refunds \$1,818.97

4-C “Ordinance: Authorize Disposal of Items from City Clerk Department by Recycling (Epson DFX-9000 Dot Matrix Printer)” 2017-46

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 Councilwoman Fehrenbacher. 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 “Ordinance: Authorize Sale of 304 Lee Avenue Property Owned by the City of Olney” Mr. Barker explained that a public auction was held on Monday, August 21, 2017, at 4:00 p.m. in effort to sell the properties at 304 Lee Avenue and 539 S. Shields Street. There were no bidders for the property at 539 S. Shields Street. Two people were interested in the property at 304 Lee Avenue, but only one of the two placed a bid. The sole bidder was Arnold Steber in the amount of \$5,000.00. The City was also in receipt of a cashier’s check in the amount of \$500.00 from Mr. Steber.

Councilwoman Henton asked how much cost the City had incurred with the property at 304 Lee Avenue. Mr. Barker responded that approximately \$7,600.00 had been spent in total. The Councilwoman then wondered if the City should re-advertise to receive a higher bid. Mr. Barker reminded Councilwoman Henton that the City had gone out for sealed bids, and received zero. With the public auction, only two people were interested. The other potential bidder was not willing to pay \$5,000.00. Mr. Barker felt that the \$5,000.00 bid would be the best that the City could do at this time.

Councilwoman Fehrenbacher moved to approve Ordinance 2017-47, seconded by Councilman Harrison. A majority affirmative voice vote was received. The City Attorney will create the ordinance approving the sale.

8-B “Request: Class S Liquor License for Country Fest” The Council was provided with a Class S Liquor License Application from the VFW Post #4226. Al Zellmer of the White Squirrel Saddle Club, and James Fehrenbacher of the VFW were present to speak on the topic.

Mr. Zellmer told that the White Squirrel Saddle Club would again be hosting Country Fest at the East Fork Arena as a fundraiser for the Gaitway to Motion program. The Club had made several improvements to the Country Fest event, and were interested in also offering beer for sale. Mr. Zellmer continued that the VFW would handle the serving and monitoring of those sales. The Club and Sheriff’s Posse would be providing additional security measures.

Councilwoman Henton moved to approve a Class S Liquor License to the VFW Post #4226 for Country Fest on September 9, 2017, from 6:00 p.m. until 12:00 a.m., seconded by Councilman Harrison. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

8-C “Set Date for Trick or Treat 2017” City Clerk Sterchi recommended that the City Council set Trick or Treat Night on the traditional Halloween date of October 31, 2017, from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Councilwoman Henton moved to approve Trick or Treat Night for October 31, 2017, from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., seconded by Councilwoman Fehrenbacher. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

8-D “Resolution: Accept Quote for Taylor Drive Lift Station Renovation, Waive Formal Bidding Procedures, and Amend the 2017-2018 Budget” The Council was provided with a proposed resolution to accept a quote for renovation of the Taylor Drive lift station, to waive formal bidding procedures, and to amend the 2017-2018 budget. The Council was also provided with a copy of the quote received from Straeffer Pump & Supply, Inc., in the amount of \$21,125.00.

Mr. Barker told the Council that \$18,000.00 had been allocated in the 2017-2018 budget for this project. When estimates were sought during the budget preparation process, renovation of the pump base was not included. Based on the fact that the lift station is over 20 years old, it was recommended that the pump base also be replaced.

There was \$22,000.00 included in the 2017-2018 budget for maintenance of lift stations. Mr. Barker recommended transferring \$6,000.00 from that line item to the Taylor LS Rehab line item. The budget amendment would also include some extra money in the event that additional problems should arise with the lift station during renovation.

Councilman Harrison asked if the City had contracted with Straeffer Pump & Supply, Inc., in the past. Mr. Barker replied that the City had worked with the company before and was pleased with past experiences with them.

Councilwoman Henton moved to approve 2017-R-58, seconded by Councilman Harrison. Councilwomen Fehrenbacher, Henton, Councilman Harrison and Mayor Lambird voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried.

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. In addition to the report in front of the Council, Mr. Barker indicated that he and the City Engineer had been reviewing bridges due for repairs. A plan for bridge renovations should be ready to present to the Council within the next few months.

Mr. Barker went on to tell that he had been in contact with the management of Pacific Cycle regarding completion of the roof project, and he hoped to have information to share with the Council before long.

Lastly, Mr. Barker indicated that the contract with Republic Services for sanitary hauling services would be expiring in February of 2018.

Mayor Lambird asked if there was an estimated cost on the aforementioned bridge repairs. City Engineer Charleston was not certain at this time.

9-B “RCDC Report” RCDC Executive Director Courtney Yockey had nothing to report at this meeting.

9-C “Chamber of Commerce Report” Councilman McLaughlin was absent at this meeting, so there was no report.

9-D “Parks & Recreation Board Report” The August Parks & Recreation Board meeting had been canceled, so there was nothing to report.

9-E “Tourism Board Report” Councilwoman Henton had nothing to report.

Councilwoman Henton asked for an update on the Whittle Avenue project. Mr. Charleston told her that the project was moving along faster than expected. He anticipated that the road would start to be surfaced the first week of October.

AGENDA #10 “PUBLIC COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS”

10-A “Brian O’Neill” Mr. O’Neill told the Council that he would pass on speaking and “allow them to work for free.”

AGENDA #11 “CLOSED SESSION: SALE PRICE OF REAL PROPERTY; ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY; AND APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT AND PERFORMANCE OF SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES” Councilman Harrison moved to adjourn to closed session to discuss the sale price of real property, acquisition of real property, and appointment, employment, compensation, and performance of specific employees, seconded by Councilwoman Fehrenbacher. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

Councilman Harrison, Councilwomen Henton, Fehrenbacher, Mayor Lambird, City Attorney Zuber, City Treasurer Sanders and City Clerk Sterchi left the Council Chambers at 7:07 p.m.

AGENDA #12 “RECONVENE OPEN SESSION” Upon return of those who were in closed session to the Council Chambers, Councilwoman Henton moved to enter back into open session, seconded by Councilwoman Fehrenbacher. A majority affirmative voice vote was received. Open session resumed at 7:36 p.m.

12-A “Ordinance: Establish the Salaries of the Street Supervisor and the Water Distribution Supervisor of the City of Olney” The Council was provided with a proposed ordinance to establish the salary of the Street Department Supervisor at \$56,500.00 and the Water Distribution Supervisor at \$57,250.00.

Councilwoman Henton moved to approve Ordinance 2017-48, seconded by Councilman Harrison. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

Councilwoman Henton wanted to express her thanks to the Greater Wabash Regional Planning Condition for their recent meeting for newly elected and appointed officials.

Mayor Lambird commented that he had received a note from Dr. Don Abel complimenting the oil and chip work. The Mayor agreed that the crews had done an excellent job.

AGENDA #13 “ADJOURN” Councilwoman Henton moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Fehrenbacher. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Kelsie J. Sterchi
City Clerk

