

CITY OF OLNEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 11, 2016

AGENDA #1 “CALL TO ORDER” The July 11, 2016, 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 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. Father Ron Weber led the group in prayer.

AGENDA #3 “ROLL CALL” The following Council members were present: Les Harrison, Belinda Henton, John McLaughlin, and Ray Vaughn. Bob Ferguson was absent. Also present were City Manager Allen Barker, City Attorney Bart Zuber, City Clerk Kelsie Sterchi, City Treasurer Chuck Sanders, Administrative Assistant Cindy Harlan, and City Engineer Roger Charleston.

AGENDA #4 “PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGENDA”

4-A “Approve Minutes of Council Meeting on June 27, 2016”

4-B “Approve and Authorize Payment of Accounts Payable July 12, 2016” Pooled Cash \$170,880.20, Manual Pooled Cash \$111,296.50, IMRF \$46,658.53, Policeman Pension \$830.27, Firefighters Pension \$429.43, 175th Anniversary \$1,542.55, Utility Refunds \$2,240.56, Petty Cash \$203.29

AGENDA #5 “REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM CONSENT AGENDA” No items were requested to be removed from the consent agenda.

AGENDA #6 “CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA” Councilman McLaughlin moved to approve the items on the consent agenda, seconded by Mayor Vaughn. 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: Accept MFT Oil & Chip Bid from Mt. Carmel Stabilization Group” The Council was provided with a bid tabulation from the MFT bid opening on June 27, 2016. At the last meeting, the Council was presented with an MFT bid in the amount of \$53,139.55 from Mt. Carmel Stabilization Group for oil and chip. This item was tabled to explore other options available for street maintenance. While continued effort is being made to consider options for various streets, it is recommended that the Council now approve the bid as presented.

Mayor Vaughn moved to approve the \$53,139.55 bid for oil and chip from Mt. Carmel Stabilization group for the 2016 MFT program, seconded by Councilman Harrison. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

8-B “Resolution: Amend 2016/2017 Budget in the Industrial Commission for RCDC Legal and Engineering Services” The Council was provided with a proposed resolution that would amend the current budget for the approved RCDC Legal and Engineering Services. At the last meeting, the Council authorized expenditures up to \$5,000 annually for legal services, and up to \$5,000 annually for engineering services for RCDC when working on projects involving the City of Olney.

Mr. Barker also asked for the Council’s blessing to have the expenses be reimbursable to RCDC.

Councilman Harrison moved to approve 2016-R-45, seconded by Mayor Vaughn. Councilmen McLaughlin, Harrison, Mayor Vaughn, and Councilwoman Henton 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. Mr. Barker told the Council that the Lathrop Street and W. Main Street, and Hall Street projects were moving along. Small problems have arisen, but the projects should be complete soon. After these projects are completed, bid specifications for the Whittle Avenue sewer and water line projects will be created.

There has been recent discussion on improvements in the City parks, and the City’s support of those projects. Mr. Barker had talked to the Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission to inquire on any available grants. None are available at this time.

City Engineer Charleston detailed a problem along the W. Main water main project. A leaking underground fuel storage tank had been discovered. It will take approximately one week to resolve that issue.

Mayor Vaughn commented that the State of Illinois now has a temporary budget. He wondered if the temporary budget had affected the City at all. City Treasurer Sanders responded that he had not yet seen any changes. Mr. Sanders did note that income tax allocations are very far behind compared to last year. Currently, the only payments that the State is behind on are the video gaming tax payments.

AGENDA #10 “PUBLIC COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS”

10-A “Brian O’Neill” Brian O’Neill told the Council of how staff at the courthouse wanted to go through his boxes. Mr. O’Neill explained that he made the staff look like fools, and told them they could not go through his boxes. Since then, signs had been posted that certain items are subject to being searched. Mr. O’Neill did not feel that others were being treated the same poor manner he was being treated by courthouse staff.

10-B “Bill Riggs” Bill Riggs told the Council that he had been exploring alternate sources of income for his liquor store. He was hopeful that the Council would consider amending the liquor code

to allow on premise liquor consumption at package stores so they could also implement some video gaming machines.

Mr. Riggs continued that a few other communities have such classes of liquor licenses available for this purpose. He had copies of other liquor codes to use as examples.

Mayor Vaughn told Mr. Riggs that over the past few years, there had been liquor license applications that had been denied to establishments wanting to focus on video gaming. The Mayor noted his objection to granting future liquor licenses simply for the implementation of video gaming.

Mr. Riggs commented that he has had customers asking why Marilyn's Liquor Cabinet does not have video gaming. Mr. Riggs can only reply that the City does not allow it. Mr. Riggs believed that if his customers do not belong to local fraternal organizations, locating a place to video game is difficult.

Councilwoman Henton asked if Marilyn's Liquor Cabinet was allowed to have any consumption on their premises. Mr. Riggs replied that they could conduct tastings, but only if the supplier comes in and does all of the serving.

Mayor Vaughn requested that Mr. Riggs provide additional information on the request so that the Council could review and discuss in the future. Information would be given to the City Clerk to pass along.

Before closing the topic, the Mayor wanted Mr. Riggs to be fully aware that such a request may be tough to get approved based on past history.

AGENDA #11 "CLOSED SESSION: SALE PRICE OF REAL PROPERTY; ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY; COLLECTIVE NEGOTIATING MATTERS; AND APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION, AND PERFORMANCE OF SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES"

Councilman Harrison moved to adjourn to closed session to discuss sale price of real property; acquisition of real property; collective negotiating matters; and appointment, employment, compensation, and performance of specific employees, seconded by Councilman McLaughlin. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

Councilmen Harrison, McLaughlin, Councilwoman Henton, Mayor Vaughn, City Manager Barker, City Attorney Zuber, City Clerk Sterchi, and Administrative Assistant Cindy Harlan left the Council Chambers at 7:21 p.m.

AGENDA #12 "RECONVENE OPEN SESSION" Upon return of those who were in closed session to the Council Chambers, Mayor Vaughn moved to enter back into open session, seconded by Councilwoman Henton. A majority affirmative voice vote was received. Open session resumed at 8:11 p.m.

Mr. Barker reminded the Council that no bids had been received for the sale of the property in the Industrial Park. From here, the City had the option to hire an auction company, list the property

with a real estate agent, or have a City employee hold an auction. Additional advertisements would need to be made no matter which option was chosen. A couple of people had since expressed potential interest in the property.

It was also noted that the new white squirrel costume had arrived.

The part time help from the Police Department on code enforcement issues was proving to be helpful. Positive responses had been received.

A part time employee had also been hired in the Code Enforcement Department. The new hire would begin review of the City Code as soon as possible, but would not start working in the position until September, and would assist with all code enforcement issues.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Kelsie J. Sterchi
City Clerk