

CITY OF OLNEY  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JULY 22, 2019

AGENDA #1 “CALL TO ORDER” The July 22, 2019, 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. Steve Wingert led the group in prayer.

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

AGENDA #4 “PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGENDA”

4-A “Approve Minutes of Council Meeting on July 8, 2019”

4-B “Approve and Authorize Payment of Accounts Payable July 23, 2019” Pooled Cash \$87,816.37, Manual Pooled Cash \$4,867.03, Fire Pension \$414.48, Police Pension \$986.38, MFT \$5,288.57, Unemployment Insurance \$2,421.01, Tourism \$12.00

4-C “Amend Special Event Request: Closure of Whittle Avenue from Market Street to Chestnut Street from 5:00 P.M. on July 27, 2019, to 9:00 P.M. on July 28, 2019 for the Whittlefest Concert & Cornhole Tournament”

4-D “Raffle License: Richland County HEA”

4-E “Raffle License: Quilts of Valor Foundation”

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

AGENDA #6 “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 #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 “Tourism Grant Request: Fireside Cornhole Tournament – Whittlefest on July 27 & 28, 2019” The Council was provided with a Tourism Grant Application from the Center Shrine Club for The Fireside Cornhole Tournament & Whittlefest on July 27 and 28, 2019. Center Shrine Club requested a Tourism Grant of \$1,000.00.

No one from the Center Shrine Club attended this meeting.

Councilwoman Fehrenbacher recalled that the amount budgeted in the current fiscal year to be used towards Tourism Grants had already been allocated. Councilwoman Henton added that the event on the application was set to take place in five days, and the Tourism Grant Application states that applications should be received at least 90 days in advance of the event.

Councilwoman Henton moved to deny the Tourism Grant request from Center Shrine Club for The Fireside Cornhole Tournament & Whittlefest on July 27 and 28, 2019, seconded by Councilman Eyer. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

8-B "Tourism Grant Request: National Barrel Horse Association Event on September 20-22, 2019" The Council was provided with a Tourism Grant Application from the White Squirrel Saddle Club (WSSC) for the National Barrel Horse Association (NBHA) event on September 20-22, 2019. The WSSC requested a Tourism Grant of \$2,000.00. Pam Reid was present to speak on the request.

Mrs. Reid told the Council that the NBHA event would be bringing in business to the community in the form of gas, food, and beverage purchases. She felt it was an appropriate event for a Tourism Grant.

Councilwoman Henton asked if the NBHA event would become an annual event in Olney. Mrs. Reid was not certain, but indicated it was possible. The success of this particular event would be a factor on future events.

Councilwoman Henton then asked why the WSSC was not advertising for the event. Mrs. Reid replied that there would be advertising, but the Club would need to know first whether or not the Tourism Grant request would be approved. If added money was able to be advertised, that would lead to a larger crowd. After this meeting, Mrs. Reid stated that a show bill would be created, and advertisements would be placed on the radio, in the newspaper, and on social media. Additionally, the NBHA has a website where interested participants go to view such events.

From the audience, Dr. David Eckiss asked if this NBHA event would give participants points for the national finals. Mrs. Reid indicated so. Dr. Eckiss believed that fact would draw a wide range of participants from across the country.

Councilwoman Henton then asked if additional funding sources had been sought. Mrs. Reid replied that there were other donors, and that the NBHA and WSSC would also be adding their own money.

Mayor Lambird asked if the event would generate overnight stays in hotels and motels. Mrs. Reid believed that some rooms would be booked. It was also a popular event for camping.

Dr. Eckiss suggested that the Fair Board could be contacted about having horses and trailers kept on the Fairgrounds while individuals stayed at the new Best Western Plus.

Councilwoman Fehrenbacher asked how much had originally been budgeted for such Tourism Grants in the fiscal year. City Treasurer Guinn replied that \$3,000.00 had been budgeted. Up until 2016, more funds had been budgeted in that line item, but Tourism Grant requests were not coming in, so the budgeted amount was lowered due to that.

Councilwoman Fehrenbacher did not feel that the current process of awarding Tourism Grants seemed fair. As it was, it seemed as if it was first come, first serve without being able to predict what other events would apply.

Mayor Lambird asked how Tourism revenue was trending compared to the past fiscal year. City Treasurer Guinn replied that to date, Tourism revenue was \$7,000.00 higher than the prior fiscal year. At that rate, Mayor Lambird expected that Tourism revenue could be anywhere between \$40,000.00 and \$50,000.00 higher by the end of the fiscal year.

Councilman McLaughlin moved to approve the \$2,000.00 Tourism Grant request from the WSSC for the NBHA event on September 20-22, 2019, seconded by Mayor Lambird. Councilwoman Henton, Councilman McLaughlin, and Mayor Lambird voted yes. Councilman Eyer and Councilwoman Fehrenbacher voted no. The motion carried.

Councilwoman Fehrenbacher believed that a revamp of the Tourism Grant Application should take place. She clarified that she believed the NBHA event was appropriate, but there were not enough budgeted funds to accommodate the request.

Councilman McLaughlin recalled that there had been previous discussions on revamping the Tourism Grant Application. As it stood, the Council did not always follow the evaluation criteria. Councilwoman Henton felt that the evaluation criteria should simply be followed.

Councilwoman Fehrenbacher felt that Tourism Grant requests should be reviewed bi-annually, similar to the Carrie Winter grants. Councilwoman Henton and Councilman McLaughlin felt that a Tourism Committee would also be helpful.

From the audience, Anthony Booth stated that he was part of Flora's Tourism Committee. The Committee members were appointed by the mayor, and the Committee awarded grants to appropriate applicants. They could grant up to \$2,000.00 per event, and budget \$20,000.00 for the purpose. The Tourism Committee made the final decisions. No such requests were heard by Flora's Council.

The Council considered making a budget amendment but did not do so because such an item was not listed for action on the agenda. The City Treasurer indicated after the meeting that a formal budget amendment would not be needed in that category.

8-C "Request: Class V Liquor License for Sally's" The Council was provided with a Class V liquor license application for Sally's. Anthony Booth was present to speak on the request.

Mr. Booth told the Council that he was wanting to place a gaming parlor at 510 S. West Street. He hoped to employ five to eight people. The establishment would have a very limited food menu, and Mr. Booth would be hiring a local manager.

Mr. Booth estimated that Sally's would generate \$70,000.00 worth of wages in Olney and would increase tax revenue by \$20,000.00. Mr. Booth would be occupying an empty building and would also use City facilities.

Councilman Eyer asked if Mr. Booth was a resident of Flora. Mr. Booth confirmed, adding that he also had an 11 year old business in Flora called Anthony's. Video gaming was a part of that establishment for the past 6 years.

Councilman Eyer asked if any of the gaming machines required any type of skill or knowledge, or if they would only be games of chance. Mr. Booth replied that it would all be gambling. If approved, Mr. Booth hoped to open within two months.

Councilman Eyer moved to deny the Class V liquor license request for Sally's. The motion died due to lack of a second.

Councilwoman Henton moved to approve a Class V liquor license request for Sally's, contingent upon an appropriate manager's application in accordance with City ordinance, seconded by Councilwoman Fehrenbacher. Mayor Lambird, and Councilwomen Fehrenbacher and Henton voted yes. Councilmen Eyer and McLaughlin voted no. The motion carried.

Because Olney was growing and bringing in different types of businesses, Mayor Lambird requested that the City's liquor ordinance be cleaned up a bit.

8-D "Possible Ordinance: Amend Section 5.12.070 (Restriction on Number of Licenses Authorized) of the City of Olney Municipal Code" The Council was provided with a proposed ordinance that would amend Section 5.12.070 (Restriction on Number of Licenses Authorized) of the City of Olney Municipal Code.

Mr. Barker explained that since the Council had approved the liquor license for Sally's, the ordinance would need to be amended to increase the number of available Class V liquor licenses from two to three.

Councilwoman Henton moved to approve Ordinance 2019-23, seconded by Councilwoman Fehrenbacher. A majority affirmative voice vote was received with Councilman Eyer voting no.

8-E "Resolution: Amend the Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 for an Influent Flow Monitor" The Council was provided with a proposed resolution that would amend the 2019-2020 budget for an influent flow monitor.

Mr. Barker stated that the Sewer Plant needed to replace an influent flow monitor as required by the EPA. Enough funds remained in the Lamp Light LS Rehab line item to accommodate a budget amendment for this purpose.

Councilwoman Henton moved to approve 2019-R-53, seconded by Councilman McLaughlin. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

8-F “Ordinance: Authorize Sale or Disposal of Items of Personal Property from the Fire Department – Miscellaneous Lighting” The Council was provided with a proposed ordinance that would authorize the sale or disposal of miscellaneous lighting from the Fire Department, and a memo from Fire Chief Hill.

Chief Hill told the Council that LED upgrades had been made at the Fire Department. No one else within the City needed the old lighting. The Chief requested to try and sell the items on GovDeals.com first. If not successful, the Chief requested that the lighting be discarded.

Councilman McLaughlin moved to approve Ordinance 2019-24, seconded by Councilman Eyer. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

8-G “Resolution: Accept Quote for SCBA Cylinders for the Fire Department, Waive Formal Bidding Procedures, & Authorize Expenditure for SCBA Cylinders” The Council was provided with a proposed resolution that would accept a quote for SCBAs, waive formal bidding procedures, and authorize the expenditure for SCBAs. The Council was also provided with a memo from Fire Chief Hill.

Chief Hill clarified that this would be for SCBAs only. Such a purchase was included in the current fiscal year budget, but the Council would need to authorize the expenditure of \$56,300.34. Additionally, Sentinel Emergency Solutions was the sole dealer for this area, so formal bidding procedures would also need to be waived.

The purchase was coming in under the budgeted \$70,000.00 because of successful negotiations and choosing to not integrate thermal imaging cameras.

Councilwoman Henton moved to approve 2019-R-54, seconded by Councilwoman Fehrenbacher. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

8-H “Ordinance: Authorize the Disposal of Items of Personal Property Owned by the City of Olney – Donation of SCBA Cylinders” The Council was provided with a proposed ordinance that would authorize the donation of SCBAs to the Claremont/Bonpas and Noble/Wakefield Fire Departments, and a memo from Fire Chief Hill.

Chief Hill again clarified the request was for SCBAs themselves. As new SCBAs were being purchased, the outdated equipment was no longer needed. Chief Hill had asked about trade in value for these SCBAs, but there is currently no market. Claremont/Bonpas and Noble/Wakefield Fire Departments had expressed interest in receiving the outdated SCBAs. If

approved, Chief Hill requested that the City Attorney draw up a Hold Harmless Agreement for the departments to sign.

Councilman McLaughlin moved to approve Ordinance 2019-25, seconded by Councilwoman Fehrenbacher. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

8-I “Resolution: Amend Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget for Fire Department Thermal Imaging Cameras” The Council was provided with a proposed resolution that would amend the 2019-2020 budget for the purchase of thermal imaging cameras, and a memo from Fire Chief Hill.

Chief Hill explained that due to cost savings on the purchase of new SCBAs, he recommended taking the leftover funds and amending the budget to include a line item to allow for the purchase of handheld thermal imaging cameras.

Councilman McLaughlin moved to approve 2019-R-55, seconded by Councilwoman Fehrenbacher. Councilmen Eyer, McLaughlin, Councilwomen Fehrenbacher, Henton, and Mayor Lambird voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried.

8-J “Resolution: Support OSLAD Grant Application for Improvements at the Olney City Park” The Council was provided with a proposed resolution that would support an OSLAD grant application from the City for improvements at the Olney City Park.

Mr. Barker had met with City Treasurer Guinn, City Engineer Bridges, and a representative of the GWRPC on July 15, 2019, to discuss the proposed application for an OSLAD grant. Currently, the plans would include a walking/bike trail, pavilion roofs, roadway paving, and new restroom facilities at the City Park.

Councilman McLaughlin moved to approve 2019-R-56, seconded by Councilman Eyer. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

8-K “Set Date for Trick-or-Treat” In 2018, the Council decided to set the date for Trick-or-Treat on the Saturday before Halloween from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. As different organizations were setting their Fall calendars, Councilman McLaughlin had been asked to have the Council set the Trick-or-Treat night for 2019. He stated that he had several people tell him they appreciated having Trick-or-Treat on a weekend. This year, Halloween would fall on a Thursday.

Councilwoman Fehrenbacher was not in favor of a three-hour time frame for Trick-or-Treat. In the past, the time was usually set from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Councilman Eyer stated that he was a traditionalist and liked to have events on the day of the holiday, but he understood concerns from parents on a weeknight.

Councilman McLaughlin was concerned with interfering with the Oblong Halloween Parade. Councilwoman Henton felt that may be a good reason to keep people in Olney.

Councilwoman Henton moved to permanently set Olney's Trick-or-Treat night for the Saturday before Halloween from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., seconded by Mayor Lambird. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

This will be the set date and time for Trick-or-Treat for each year unless the Council decides to make future changes.

8-L "Discussion: Section 6.04.040 (Disturbing the Quiet) of the City of Olney Municipal Code" Councilman McLaughlin had received a complaint from a citizen who had received a ticket from Animal Control on a barking dog during the daytime hours. He told the citizen he would bring it up during the Council meeting. The citizen did not feel he should have been ticketed for this because of the hour it occurred.

Councilwoman Fehrenbacher felt that if her neighbor had a dog barking non-stop for 30 minutes or more, even during the daytime, that would be bothersome. Councilwoman Henton agreed.

Councilman Eyer wondered if any wording in the ordinance could be changed to clarify what would constitute a nuisance. The City Attorney did not believe so. Even if someone did receive a ticket, Mr. Zuber pointed out that the individual could contest the ticket in court if they did not wish to go ahead and make the payment.

Mr. Zuber then clarified that Animal Control was governed by the County even though it followed the City's ordinances. Because of this, the State's Attorney would be the one prosecuting those violations.

Mayor Lambird believed the citizen was concerned about receiving such a ticket after living there for several years without a problem. It seemed that problems were only occurring now that the Animal Control Officer moved in next door. Councilwoman Fehrenbacher offered that neighbors could very well have been bothered for a long time but not made a formal complaint.

Councilman McLaughlin said that after this meeting, he would leave the issue in the hands of the City Manager. Mr. Zuber again stated that the remedy for the person receiving the complaint should be to plead their case to the judge and not the City Manager.

8-M "Discussion/Possible Action: City of Olney Tourism Fund Choice of Mural Topic" City Clerk Sterchi reminded the Council that the City of Olney Tourism Fund had contributed as an Alpha Dog sponsor for next year's Walldogs event. Under this level of sponsorship, the City could choose its favorite from the mural topic list. Doing so would allow the City's logo to be painted under the mural indicating the level of sponsorship. City Clerk Sterchi had e-mailed a full listing of mural topics a couple of weeks prior so the Council could have time to consider.

Councilwoman Henton moved to select "Life is Better at the Lakes" for the City of Olney Tourism Fund's mural, seconded by Councilman McLaughlin. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

8-N “Resolution: Accept Quote for Replacement Pump at the Polk Lift Station & Waive Formal Bidding Procedures” The Council was provided with a proposed resolution to accept a quote for a replacement pump at the Polk Lift Station and waive formal bidding procedures.

Mr. Barker told the Council that the pump at the Polk Lift Station had failed and was not repairable. Straeffler Pump & Supply, Inc., of Chandler, Indiana, quoted \$12,379.00. Cardinal Pump of St. Louis, Missouri, quoted \$13,245.00. It was recommended to accept the low quote from Straeffler Pump & Supply, Inc.

Councilman McLaughlin moved to approve 2019-R-57, seconded by Councilwoman Fehrenbacher. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

AGENDA #9 “REPORTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS”

9-A “Status Report-City Manager” Mr. Barker reported that work was continuing on the CDBG and OSLAD grants.

9-B “RCDC Report” RCDC Executive Director Courtney Yockey told that the Best Western Plus ribbon cutting was a success.

9-C “Chamber of Commerce Report” Councilwoman Fehrenbacher told the Council that the Chamber was gearing up for its golf outing and Bicycle Classic.

9-D “Parks & Recreation Board Report” The Parks & Recreation Board had not met this month, so there was no report.

9-E “Tourism Board Report” Councilwoman Henton said that the Fall edition of the Tourism Times were being delivered, and she would have her next Tourism Board meeting on July 24, 2019.

AGENDA #10 “PUBLIC COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS” No one from the public wished to speak.

AGENDA #11 “ADJOURN” With no further business to discuss, Councilman McLaughlin moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Fehrenbacher.

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Kelsie J. Sterchi  
City Clerk