

CITY OF OLNEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 26, 2016

AGENDA #1 “CALL TO ORDER” The September 26, 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 Pro-Tem Bob Ferguson presiding.

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

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

AGENDA #4 “PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGENDA”

4-A “Approve Minutes of Council Meetings on September 12 2016 (Special & Regular Meetings)”

4-B “Approve and Authorize Payment of Accounts Payable September 27, 2016” Pooled Cash \$71,373.70, Manual Pooled Cash \$52,958.02, Utility Refunds \$2,782.23, 175th Anniversary 207.00

4-C “Ordinance: Amend Ordinance No. 80-8 and 77-44” 2016-30

4-D “Raffle License: Olney Elks”

AGENDA #5 “REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM CONSENT AGENDA”

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

AGENDA #7 “CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA” No items were requested for removal from the consent agenda.

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

8-A “Discussion/Resolution: Accept Quote for East Fork Lake Parking Lot, Waive Formal Bidding Procedures, and Amend the 2016/2017 Budget” The Council was provided with a proposed resolution to accept a quote for repairing the East Fork Lake parking lot, waiving formal bidding procedures, and amending the 2016/2017 budget. The Council was also provided with a copy of the estimated project cost, and a detail of proposed budget adjustments.

Mr. Barker told the Council that a quote in the amount of \$47,850.00 had been received from Mt. Carmel Stabilization Group to make repairs to the full parking lot at East Fork Lake. The work would involve tilling in three inches of crushed stone in the existing base, compacting, and shaping the parking lot. The lot would then be primed and sealed with two coats of seal oil and crushed gravel.

The City would provide the crushed stone at a cost of \$21,714.00. The total project cost was estimated at \$72,800.00, which included \$2,800.00 in engineering costs.

Councilman Ferguson asked if the work would be completed this Fall. City Engineer Charleston felt that the work would be completed by the end of October. If the temperatures get too cool for the oil and chip, the project may need to wait until next Spring.

Councilman McLaughlin moved to approve 2016-R-61, seconded by Councilwoman Henton. Councilwoman Henton, and Councilmen McLaughlin, Ferguson, and Harrison voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried.

8-B “Resolution: Accept Quote for 2016 Ford Interceptor Sedan AWD and Necessary Accessories for the Police Department, and Waive Formal Bidding Procedures” The Council was provided with a proposed resolution that would accept a quote for a 2016 Ford Interceptor Sedan AWD with necessary accessories for the Police Department and waive formal bidding procedures. The Council was also provided with a copy of the State bid from Morrow Brothers Ford, Inc.

Mr. Barker explained that Morrow Brothers Ford, Inc., of Greenfield, Illinois, had submitted a quote in the amount of \$31,830.00 for a 2016 Ford Interceptor Sedan AWD with necessary accessories. Morrow Brothers Ford has a contract with the State of Illinois for the purchase of police vehicles. An amount of \$32,500.00 had been budgeted for this purchase.

Councilman Harrison moved to approve 2016-R-62, seconded by Councilman Ferguson. Councilmen McLaughlin, Ferguson, Harrison, and Councilwoman Henton voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried.

8-C “Resolution: Accept Quote for a Snow Plow and Hydraulic System, Waive Formal Bidding Procedures, and Amend the 2016/2017 Budget” The Council was provided with a proposed resolution to accept a quote for a snow plow and hydraulic system, waive formal bidding procedures, and amend the 2016/2017 budget. The Council was also provided with a copy of a quote from BM Truck Equipment, a copy of a quote from Meyer Truck Equipment, and a listing of proposed budget adjustments.

The City Manager told the Council that two quotes had been received for a 10 foot snow plow and hydraulic system for use by the Street Department. Meyer Truck Equipment of Evansville, Indiana, quoted \$14,550.00, and BM Truck Equipment of Olney, Illinois, quoted \$14,638.00.

Mr. Barker recommended accepting the quote from BM Truck Equipment, even though the quote came in a bit higher than the other. Compared to transport fees related to the plow and hydraulic system, it would be more beneficial to go with BM Truck Equipment, and would also keep the business local.

Councilman Ferguson noted that funds would be taken out of the Striper line item for this purchase. Mr. Barker added that \$10,000.00 had been budgeted for these purchases, but he was proposing to also transfer \$4,638.00 from the Striper line item to cover the expense. All of the striping this past Summer was completed by using the old striping machine, so the purchase of a new striper can be pushed into the next fiscal year.

Councilwoman Henton moved to approve 2016-R-63, seconded by Councilman McLaughlin. Councilmen Ferguson, Harrison, McLaughlin, and Councilwoman Henton voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried.

8-D “Resolution: Accept Donation of Funds for Extra Swings at Musgrove Park” Councilman McLaughlin told the Council that \$10,000.00 had been donated from the Carrie Winters Trust, and an additional \$5,000.00 anonymously donated to RCRC for placement of another swingset at Musgrove Park. Before moving forward, Councilman McLaughlin wished to have the Council’s blessing. If the Council approved the request, RCRC would donate the funds to the City for that purpose.

The swingset would include one regular swing, two handicap accessible swings, and one expression swing. An expression swing is one where the parent sits on one side, and the infant/toddler sits on the other side, facing the parent. The Councilman indicated that the Park Department Supervisor and the Parks & Recreation Board were in favor of the addition.

The donation would cover the cost of the swingset itself, mulch, and possibly pour-in-place rubber. Any additional money would go towards future upkeep.

Councilman McLaughlin moved to approve acceptance of up to \$15,000.00 for a swingset at Musgrove Park, seconded by Councilwoman Henton. A majority affirmative voice vote was received. A formal resolution will be presented at the October 10, 2016, meeting to accept the donation, waive formal bidding procedures, and amend the 2016/2017 budget.

Councilman McLaughlin then commented that at a prior Council meeting he had mentioned that \$10,000.00 in extra funds from the Together We Play Park donations was expected to be put towards Musgrove Park restrooms. The Councilman was happy to report that extra funds available to go towards the restrooms were now expected to be higher. Work has already started for placement of the restrooms.

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 reported that the hose drying tower had been removed from City Hall. While the contractor was on site, Mr. Barker asked what it would take to repair the deteriorating blocks on the back side of the building, and a door that was in a bad state of repair. For an additional \$2,000.00, the contractor was able to repair the blocks, remove the door, and block in that area.

Going forward, Mr. Barker expressed interest in painting the exterior of City Hall with a sort of sealer paint. He hoped to have more information at the next Council meeting.

Councilman Ferguson felt that the City Hall parking lot should be repaired soon. The asphalt was coming up, and he recently tripped on a hole in the parking lot.

Mr. Barker continued that the audible traffic signals had been installed and Main and Fair Streets. The volume did need adjusting, but the signals were live and working.

The City Engineer reported that the full line had been laid on W. Main Street. If water tests come back sufficient, the contractor will finish up everything and repair the sidewalks. He expected that the full project would be complete by mid-October.

Councilman Ferguson asked about the removal of the underground storage tank. Mr. Charleston replied that a second tank was never found, but the incident had been upgraded to a L.U.S.T. incident (Leaking Underground Storage Tank), so the EPA had become involved. The contractor will satisfy the EPA requirements.

The City Treasurer told that the State was paying tax allocations on time. Several tax allocations were running behind compared to the prior year, but Use Tax and Video Gaming Tax were reporting ahead of last year.

City Clerk Sterchi told that she was still seeking volunteers for the upcoming Squirrel Count.

AGENDA #10 “PUBLIC COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS”

10-A “Brian O’Neill” Brian O’Neill, 818 E. Main Street, told the Council that while he has been out playing Pokemon Go, he has been able to hear the audible signals from as far away as McDonald’s. Mr. O’Neill felt that something else should be able to aid the visually impaired at that intersection. Mr. Barker replied that in addition to the chirping, the signals have a verbal command indicated when it is ok to cross the road. Mr. O’Neill then added that such signals should be placed at the intersection of Main and East Streets. More accessibility for wheelchairs on the sidewalks were also needed, he felt.

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 McLaughlin 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 Harrison. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

Councilmen Harrison, McLaughlin, Ferguson, Councilwoman Henton, City Manager Barker, City Treasurer Chuck Sanders, City Attorney Zuber, and City Clerk Sterchi left the Council Chambers at 7:16 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 Councilman McLaughlin. A majority affirmative voice vote was received. Open session resumed at 8:00 p.m.

Regarding the re-paving of S. Kitchell Avenue, Mr. Barker had a few recommendations. The area of S. Kitchell Avenue from Main Street to Market Street was proposed to be paved with concrete once the courthouse renovations are complete. The concrete work was budgeted for in this fiscal year’s budget, but would most likely not be done due to the continued courthouse work. The area from Chestnut Street to Elm Street was recommended to be paved with asphalt, and could possibly be completed this fiscal year instead.

Mr. Barker recommended moving forward with the asphaltting of S. Kitchell from Chestnut Street to Elm Street. The area of Main to Market Streets would, again, be completed after the courthouse renovations. Once the renovations and concrete work are complete, the section of S. Kitchell from Market Street to Chestnut Street would be asphalted and properly tied into the Chestnut Street/Elm Street area.

Mr. Barker also told the Council that he was also evaluating the area of S. Camp Avenue near Prairie Farms and felt that it needed attention. The work done on this roadway would need to be done with material of the correct consistency to hold up to the large trucks. Mr. Barker expected that such a project would cost \$45,000.00. Councilwoman Henton suggested that the project be placed in the budget for the next fiscal year.

The Council was in consensus to put the S. Kitchell Avenue project on the next agenda for action.

Councilman McLaughlin noted that he would be in favor of taking out a long term loan to help fund better roads. He also brought up the fact that for quite some time, he had been asking for a master listing of streets showing when they were last oiled and chipped, and when they would be due for maintenance again.

Mr. Barker noted that an additional \$2,000,000.00 could be generated, possibly for street work, just by increasing the fee for sanitary hauling by \$4.00. Councilman McLaughlin commented that he would not be in favor of an increase.

Councilman Harrison brought up a comment that he recently received regarding S. Whittle Avenue. From the overpass to the intersection of Route 130, the shoulder and aggregate have dropped off. This area needed attention. Mr. Barker replied that the area would be assessed.

Mr. Barker also updated the Council that Bergstrom Construction had not yet started work on the Kitchell Avenue curb and gutter. The project was set for completion by the end of September, but that now was not looking likely.

Moving on, Councilman McLaughlin recommending the hiring of a part-time Recreation Director to oversee any future concession stands and to schedule any and all recreation held on City property. He would like to discuss that possibility more this coming Fall and Winter. Mr. Barker replied that Frank Bradley appreciated being able to schedule the baseball tournaments at Musgrove Park to help with managing and scheduling of park maintenance.

Councilman Ferguson suggested a portable stand that could be taken to different events. The Council was in favor of that idea.

It was also brought up that perhaps the City should partner with OCC and RCHS for a Recreation Director.

Mr. Barker pointed out that the School Board was considering a \$0.01 increase in sales tax, possibly for a new recreation center with an indoor pool.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Kelsie J. Sterchi
City Clerk