

CITY OF OLNEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 23, 2015

AGENDA #1 “CALL TO ORDER” The February 23, 2015 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. April Dailey led the group in prayer.

AGENDA #3 “ROLL CALL” The following Council members were present: John McLaughlin,, Brad Brown, Bob Ferguson and Ray Vaughn. Barb Thomas was absent. Also present were City Manager/City Attorney Larry Taylor, City Treasurer Chuck Sanders, City Engineer Roger Charleston and City Clerk Kelsie Sterchi.

AGENDA #4 “PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGENDA”

- 4-A Approve Minutes of Council Meeting from February 9, 2015
- 4-B Approve and Authorize Payment of Accounts Payable February 24, 2015: Pooled Cash \$23,980.68, Manual Pooled Cash \$9,786.76
- 4-C Raffle License-Olney Elks
- 4-D Raffle License-OCC Collision Repair
- 4-E Raffle License-Rolling Thunder, Inc.
- 4-F Raffle License-Olney Lions Club

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 Councilman Brown. A majority affirmative voice vote was received to approve the consent agenda.

AGENDA #7 “CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA” No consideration was necessary since no items were removed from the consent agenda.

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

8-A “Authorize Purchase of Mobile Radar Speed Monitor from Stalker Radar Applied Concepts, Inc., Waive Formal Bidding Procedures, and Amend the 2014-2015 Budget” The Council was provided with a proposed resolution to accept a quote for a Stalker Speed

Awareness Monitor for the Police Department that would waive the formal bidding procedures, and amend the 2014-2015 budget. The Council was also provided with a copy of the quote. This item was presented at the February 9, 2015, meeting but failed due to a lack of a four-fifths vote.

Stalker Radar Applied Concepts, Inc., had quoted \$7,046.00 for the monitor and accessories. Shipping was estimated at \$375.00. The resolution was requested to again appear on the agenda by a couple of City Council members.

Councilman Ferguson moved to approve 2015-R-07, seconded by Councilman McLaughlin. Councilmen Brown, Ferguson, McLaughlin, and Mayor Vaughn voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried.

8-B "Discussion: Budget Timetable" City Manager Taylor told the Council that the Water/Sewer/Tourism budgets would be presented at the March 9, 2015, meeting. The General Fund budget would be presented at the March 23, 2015, meeting. The public hearing for the 2015-2016 budget will be set for April 13, 2015. The 2015-2016 budget would need to be approved on or before April 30, 2015.

Mayor Vaughn mentioned that he had received an e-mail from the Illinois Municipal League (IML) on Governor Rauner's proposed budget. The proposal included a 50% reduction in the amount the City would receive from the Local Government Distributive Fund. The proposed reduction would total an approximate \$450,000.00 loss to the City of Olney. Such a loss would greatly affect the City's budget(s).

City Treasurer Sanders intended to contact the author of the e-mail article in an effort to receive clarification on how the income was calculated. Once more information was received, a contingency plan could be constructed.

AGENDA #9 "REPORTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS."

9-A "City Manager - Status Report" The Council was provided with a Status Report from City Manager Taylor. Mr. Taylor commented that the winter weather over the past couple of weeks had greatly impacted the City. The continuous frigid weather made it more difficult to remove and melt snow. Earlier in the day, the Street Department struggled with available staff, and managing two water main breaks.

Mayor Vaughn wanted to extend his appreciation to the City workers that had been working diligently to combat the snow and ice.

9-B "Parks & Recreation Board - Update from February 18, 2015, Parks & Recreation Board Meeting Regarding Tennis and Pickleball" At the January 26, 2015 City Council meeting,

per the Parks & Recreation Board's recommendation, the Council had voted to allow the pickleball group to convert one of the City Park tennis courts into four pickleball courts on a temporary basis.

Councilman McLaughlin reported that at the Parks & Recreation Board meeting on February 18, 2015, the Richland County Community Tennis Association had brought up a few valid questions. The Parks & Recreation Board wished to recommend that before the pickleball group began work on the court, that a representative meet with some City and Tennis Association representatives on the specifics. Additionally, it seemed there could be a safety issue regarding the spots for net posts.

Mayor Vaughn included that the pickleball group was having second thoughts on which court they wanted to use.

Councilman McLaughlin moved to require the pickleball group to meet with City and Tennis Association representatives before working on the proposed court at the City Park, seconded by Mayor Vaughn. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

In 2008, the City had entered into a seven year exclusivity contract with Pepsi. The Parks & Recreation Board reviewed the contract and talked with the Olney Tigersharks. As a result, the Parks & Recreation Board voted to recommend not renewing the Pepsi contract. It seemed as if purchasing product through Pepsi was double the price that could be attained through other vendors. Mr. Taylor would also review the contract to see if there was anything that the City would affirmatively need to do. Councilman Brown mentioned that there were often some nice rewards and perks with choosing to contract with a company. He felt that contract details could be negotiated.

A rough draft of the comprehensive plan had been submitted to each Parks & Recreation Board member for review. The comprehensive plan would make its way to the Council shortly.

AGENDA #10 "PUBLIC COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS"

10-A"Illinois Vehicle Code Pursuant to 625ILCS5/11-1303. Stop...or Park a Vehicle on a Sidewalk; and Pedestrian with Disability Act Pursuant to 625ILCS60/10 (a) and (c) Provides for Class A Misdemeanor with Mandatory Minimum Fine of \$500 for Each Violation; as Well the Illinois White Cane Law Pursuant to 775ILCS30/3 and Sec. 4 Shall Be Guilty of Class A Misdemeanor, See Also Sec. 6 (d)" Brian O'Neill, 818 E. Main, told the Council that talking about reckless driving meant nothing if the law enforcement officers were not enforcing the laws. People had been lying to the police and making false phone calls. He wants to let people know that government laws will be enforced.

Before moving into closed session, an update was given regarding the housing surveys that had been mailed. About 250 surveys had been turned in to City Hall. Mayor Vaughn encouraged citizens to complete and return their surveys.

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

Councilmen McLaughlin, Brown, Ferguson, Mayor Vaughn, City Manager Taylor, City Treasurer Sanders and City Clerk Sterchi left the Council Chambers at 7:23 p.m.

AGENDA #12 “RECONVENE OPEN SESSION” Upon the return of those who were in closed session to the Council Chambers, Councilman Brown moved to enter back into open session, seconded by Councilman McLaughlin. A majority affirmative voice vote was received. Open session resumed at 8:42 p.m.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Kelsie J. Sterchi
City Clerk