

CITY OF OLNEY  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 9, 2015

AGENDA #1 “CALL TO ORDER” The January 26, 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.

AGENDA #3 “ROLL CALL” The following Council members were present: Barb Thomas, Brad Brown, Bob Ferguson and Ray Vaughn. John McLaughlin 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 January 26, 2015 and Special City Council Meeting on January 22, 2015

4-B Approve and Authorize Payment of Accounts Payable February 10, 2015: Petty Cash \$281.38, Pooled Cash \$95,137.62, Manual Pooled Cash \$115,071.05, Utility Refunds \$1,272.54, E. Main Water Main Grant \$55,587.70, MFT \$18,059.25, IMRF \$32,430.95, Liability Insurance \$1,160.00, Tourism \$2,126.50

4-C Raffle License-Knights of Columbus

4-D Ordinance: Sale of Personal Property to Scrap Daddy, Inc. - Park Department (2015-08)

4-E Ordinance: Recycling of Personal Property at Wilson Metals - Sewer Department (2015-09)

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 Thomas 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 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., and Waive Formal Bidding Procedures” 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 formal bidding procedures and amend the 2014-2015 budget. The quote would be valid until April 7, 2015.

The quote from Stalker Radar Applied Concepts, Inc. came in at \$7,046.00 with an approximate shipping charge of \$375.00. The speed monitor would also come with software that could be used to conduct traffic studies.

Police Chief Paddock felt that the speed awareness monitor would be beneficial for public awareness. The equipment’s traffic study software would help the Police Department determine if there was a true traffic problem in a certain area.

The 2014-2015 budget had \$7,000.00 designated for a mobile radar speed monitor. Extra funds were available in the Police Vehicles line item that could be transferred to the Mobile Radar Speed Monitor line item to total \$7,500.00.

Councilman Ferguson moved to approve the quote for a Stalker speed awareness monitor for the Police Department, to waive formal bidding procedures, and to amend the 2014-2015 budget, seconded by Councilman Brown. A majority affirmative voice vote was received with Councilwoman Thomas voting no. Because the resolution proposed to amend the budget, a four fifths vote was needed to pass the resolution. The motion failed.

8-B “Resolution: Amende 2014-2015 Budget to Rebuild RAS Pumps in the Sewer Department” The Council was provided with a proposed resolution to amend the 2014-2015 budget in order to rebuild two Return Activated Sludge (RAS) pumps in the Sewer Department. One pump had failed, and the other is leaking oil.

New RAS pumps are priced over \$18,000.00 each. Rebuilding the pumps could be done for about \$10,000.00 for each pump. Extra funds are available in the Emergency Pump Park LS line item that could be transferred to a created Rebuild RAS Pumps (2) line item.

The \$20,000.00 would cover all parts and 12 hours of labor. The re-builders will pick up and deliver the pumps. City crews would re-install the pumps once repaired.

Mayor Vaughn moved to approve 2015-R-06, seconded by Councilwoman Thomas. Councilmen Ferguson, Brown, Mayor Vaughn and Councilwoman Thomas voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried.

8-C “Ordinance: Amend Chapter 2.56 (Personnel Rules and Regulation)” The Council was provided with a proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 2.56 (Personnel Rules and Regulations) of the Olney Municipal Code.

City Manager Taylor explained that many items were changed or removed that referred to items covered under collective bargaining within the Fire and Police Departments. There were also portions that were very outdated and no longer applicable.

Additionally, Mr. Taylor proposed a change on sick leave buy back. Currently, if an employee has between nine and twelve sick leave days accumulated, that employee is eligible to sell back one half of the time. The other half would be lost. If an employee has between six and nine sick leave days accumulated, that employee can sell back one third of that time. If an employee has less than six sick leave days accumulated, the employee is unable to sell back any time.

Mr. Taylor proposed changing the policy to reflect that no matter how many sick days an employee has accumulated, they be eligible to sell back one half. If not wanting to sell back time for compensation, an employee could accumulate up to 90 sick days.

Another main change was to Section 2.56.100 (Retirement). Already in the section were provisions for non-bargaining unit IMRF employees eligible for retirement. Such an employee may give notice of intent to retire 48 months before their planned retirement. By giving such notice, the employee would be entitled to an immediate additional 2% wage increase. Should the employee receive another salary increase, the 2% increase would still only be based off of the salary the employee was making at the time their intent was submitted. Another paragraph was added declaring the same information, but for Fire and Police Pension employees.

To clarify, Mr. Taylor explained that if a non-bargaining employee hired after 1990 was set to retire with 90 accumulated sick days, the employee would be able to use the days to earn five months of additional credit towards their retirement, however the employee would not be compensated for the time.

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

8-D “Discussion: DCEO Housing Rehab Grant Application through Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission” Mr. Taylor told the Council that he was contacted by Sarah Mann from the Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission. Mrs. Mann indicated that there was still time to proceed with the DCEO Housing Rehab Grant. To begin the process, a City-wide survey would need to be conducted, requiring a 15% response rate.

The City would be responsible for fees related to the survey. The Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission would handle the rest. Up to \$400,000.00 could be available through the grant. The repairs to these owner-occupied homes would be in effort to bring the homes up to code.

Mayor Vaughn moved to approve the start of the DCEO Housing Rehab Grant process, seconded by Councilman Brown. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

8-E “Appointment: Board of Fire and Police Commissioners” Mayor Vaughn was notified by Chris Hursta that he wanted to resign from his position on the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners. By recommendation of a few officers, Mayor Vaughn wished to appoint retired police officer Larry Knowlton. Mayor Vaughn moved to appoint Larry Knowlton to the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, seconded by Councilwoman Thomas. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

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 updated the Council that since the last meeting, additional information had been presented on the proposed service line warranty program. A representative would be at the March 23, 2015 meeting to make a presentation to the Council and answer any questions.

City Treasurer Sanders indicated that the sales and use taxes continue to run favorable compared to last year. Income tax was still unfavorable. Other allocations were also running behind.

AGENDA #10 “PUBLIC COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS”

10-A “Public Sidewalk Construction and Wheelchair Ramps at Specific Areas Non Compliance with American Disability Act of 1990 (ADA) White Cane Law Other Statutes and City Ordinance Prohibiting Illegal Vehicle Parking on and Across Public Sidewalks Not Very Enforced by Elected Officials and Law Enforcement Officers” Brian O’Neill, 818 E. Main, told the Council that the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 required any new construction on sidewalks to include wheelchair ramps. Mr. O’Neill had been documenting areas that needed such ramps. Eleven areas total were part of his recommendation for update. Seven of those

areas could wait for the update until after extension of a water line from Highway 130 to Walnut Street.

Mr. O'Neill also expressed his continuous concern with vehicles being parked over sidewalks.

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 Brown 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 Brown, Ferguson, Councilwoman Thomas, Mayor Vaughn, City Manager Taylor, City Treasurer Sanders and City Clerk Sterchi left the Council Chambers at 7:30 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 Ferguson. A majority affirmative voice vote was received. Open session resumed at 9:31 p.m.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Kelsie J. Sterchi  
City Clerk