

CITY OF OLNEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 25, 2016

AGENDA #1 “CALL TO ORDER” The January 25, 2016, meeting of the Olney City Council was called to order by 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.

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 Engineer Roger Charleston and City Treasurer Chuck Sanders.

AGENDA #4 “PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGENDA”

4-A “Approve Minutes of Council Meeting on January 11, 2016, and January 21, 2016”

4-B “Approve and Authorize Payment of Accounts Payable on January 26, 2016” Pooled Cash \$74,442.86, Manual Pooled Cash \$29,460.48, Utility Refunds \$1,352.36, Unemployment \$1,204.50, 175th Anniversary \$87.40, Christmas Light Display \$ 302.40

4-C “Raffle License-Olney Little League, Inc.”

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 Harrison. 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 “Request: Class B Liquor License-Casey’s General Stores, Inc.” The Council was provided with information from Casey’s General Stores, Inc., that included a cover letter, a Class B liquor license application, a list of officers and their Board of Directors, an estimated inventory listing, a certificate of liquor liability insurance, and a listing of suspensions for sale of beer or cigarettes to minors.

Cindy Waters was present to speak on behalf of the request. Ms. Waters is a Casey’s General Stores, Inc., area manager. Ms. Waters indicated that the license request was to inform the Council of their interest in selling beer and wine.

Councilman Ferguson told Ms. Waters that the Council had also received a similar request from WalMart for a Class B liquor license in October of 2015. The Council had taken no action on that request.

From the audience, Bill Riggs wished to address the Council. Mr. Riggs and his wife own Marilyn's Liquor Cabinet in Olney.

Mr. Riggs began by reminding the Council that Casey's is very close to the high school with children in the store before school, at lunch, and after school. He did not like the idea of alcohol being sold in such proximity to the school.

Mr. Riggs also felt that the City would not see any increase in tax revenue, mainly because of his belief that convenience stores sell for pennies on the dollar. In addition to lack of increased tax revenue, Mr. Riggs did not believe that there was any room available for the sale of package liquor in Olney without consequence to other license holders. If the Council did grant this request, he was not confident that the other convenience stores would hold back from making the same request.

Councilman McLaughlin asked if Casey's would always want to only sell beer and wine. Ms. Waters replied that if the stores were to sell liquor, locked glass cabinets are installed that can only be unlocked by a clerk.

Brian O'Neill then addressed the Council with his opinion that Casey's did not have an adequate area for alcohol sales. He also echoed Mr. Riggs' concern with being so close to the high school. Mr. O'Neill also felt that if Casey's was granted a liquor license, WalMart would be able to file a lawsuit.

Councilman Ferguson noted that no Class B liquor licenses were available. Before a liquor license request could be granted, the Council would need to express interest in increasing the number of liquor licenses available. He asked if anyone on the Council had interest in increasing the amount of available liquor licenses. No one from the Council indicated a wish to increase the available amount of liquor licenses.

Councilwoman Henton moved to not change the number of available liquor licenses. The motion failed due to lack of a second.

The Council took no action on the Class B liquor license request from Casey's General Stores, Inc.

8-B "Resolution: Amend the 2015/2016 Budget in the Industrial Commission and Administrative Departments for the Enterprise Zone Consultant" The Council was provided with a resolution to amend the 2015/2016 budget for the Enterprise Zone Consultant, and a copy of item 8-A from the minutes of the City Council meeting on September 28, 2015.

City Manager Barker told the Council how the original expected amount of Moran Economic Development's fee was to be \$6,000.00. Due to a few miscellaneous fees, the total came to \$6,362.00. The extra money would be taken from the Contingencies line item.

Councilman Harrison moved to approve 2016-R-05, seconded by Councilman McLaughlin.

From the audience, Dr. David Eckiss asked if the Enterprise Zone had changed in regard to what type of businesses were included. Councilman Ferguson replied that the current Enterprise Zone had not made any changes and would be effective through 2017.

The new proposed Enterprise Zone would include commercial and industrial businesses.

Councilman McLaughlin, Ferguson, Harrison, and Councilwoman Henton voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried.

8-C "Resolution: Accept Quote for a 2015 Ford Interceptor Sedan AWD for the Police Department from Morrow Brothers Ford, Inc., of Greenfield, Illinois, and Waive Formal Bidding Procedures" The Council was provided with a proposed resolution to accept the State bid through Morrow Brothers Ford, Inc., for the purchase of a 2015 Ford Interceptor Sedan AWD for the Police Department in the amount of \$31,830.00, and a copy of the quote from Morrow Brothers Ford, Inc.

Councilman McLaughlin moved to approve 2016-R-06, seconded by Councilman Harrison. Councilmen Ferguson, Harrison, McLaughlin, and Councilwoman Henton voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried.

8-D "Resolution: Accept Bid for Demolition of a Single-Family Residence and Unattached Metal Storage Building Located at 331 W. Butler Street" The Council was provided with a proposed resolution to award the demolition bid of a single-family residence and unattached metal storage garage at 331 W. Butler Street to Wilson Farms Excavating & Rock Hauling in the amount of \$4,110.00.

Mr. Barker told the Council that the other bids received were \$5,750.00 from Doll's Inc., and \$5,875.00 from Robert Simmons, LLC. Mr. Barker recommended awarding the bid to Wilson Farms Excavating & Rock Hauling.

Councilman Ferguson moved to approve 2016-R-07, seconded by Councilwoman Henton. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

8-E "Resolution: Accept Quotes for Community Building Project and Waive Formal Bidding Procedures" Mr. Barker handed the Council a listing of received proposals for various Community Building repairs.

Mr. Barker began by telling the Council that the current bathrooms in the Community Building had hanging overhead heaters that were in bad shape. The options would be to either replace the hanging heaters or replace the heaters with a central unit. The central unit would most likely be the least expensive option. Mr. Barker also wondered if the Council wished to consider air conditioning for the bathrooms as well.

Royse's Plumbing bid \$6,000.00 for a heating unit, and MSC Mechanical bid \$4,875.00. If adding air, MSC Mechanical's bid would only increase to \$7,400.00.

For plumbing work, Royse's Plumbing bid \$14,000.00 with Och's Plumbing bidding \$9,100.00. Initial bids for plumbing came in at \$20,000.00 and \$15,000.00, respectively. It had been determined that the City could take the plumbing from the building out to the manhole, saving \$6,000.00 in costs.

Bathroom construction bids came in with Scheutz Companies at \$31,500.00 and Blank Construction at \$18,500.00.

Councilman McLaughlin recalled that \$20,000.00 had been budgeted in 2015/2016 for Community Building repairs. He wondered where the rest of the funds would be found. Mr. Barker replied that \$50,000.00 had also been budgeted for City Hall renovations. That amount would not be spent this year and could be supplemented to Community Building repairs.

Councilman Ferguson asked if the Community Building restrooms were open in the summer. It was determined that they were not. In that case, the Councilman felt the bathrooms should also be air conditioned. According to his figures, the total for the bathroom work would come in at \$35,000.00. The restrooms would be handicap accessible and meet A.D.A requirements.

Councilwoman Henton asked what would happen with the other projects as the flooring and cabinets had been removed. Mr. Barker replied that the floor would most likely be replaced with tile because other options gave no guarantee of working better. If the tile experiences problems in the future, the problematic tile should be removed, the floor sanded, and tile replaced at that time.

Councilman Ferguson asked what the bathroom construction bid from Blank Construction would entail. The City Manager answered that it would include the relocation of stools and partitions.

Councilman Ferguson wanted to be sure that the walls and ceilings would match the upgrades made to the restrooms. Mr. Barker indicated that the walls would be painted and tile would be placed in the restrooms.

Councilman Harrison asked if the central unit's ductwork would be exposed. Mr. Barker said that the ductwork would be placed in the plumbing chase.

Councilman Harrison then asked about the plan for better guttering and directing water drainage away from the building. Mr. Barker indicated that plans were still being discussed, but most likely the spouts would be going into a four inch line going away from the building.

Dr. Eckiss asked if the Community Building repair cost was a better option than completely replacing the building. The Council replied that the total renovation cost was expected to be around \$100,000.00, and that a new building would cost over \$600,000.00.

Councilman McLaughlin moved to approve 2016-R-08, seconded by Councilman Harrison. Councilmen Harrison, McLaughlin, Ferguson, and Councilwoman Henton voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried.

The resolution would award the heating and air conditioning bid to MSC Mechanical in the amount of \$7,400.00, the plumbing bid to Och's plumbing in the amount of \$9,100.00, and the bathroom construction bid to Blank Construction in the amount of \$18,500.00. Resolution 2016-R-08 will be prepared.

8-F "Resolution: Amend the 2015/2016 Budget in the Sidewalks, Signs/Painting Department to Remove the Striper Line Item (\$12,000) and Replace With Concrete Saw Line Item (\$12,000)" The Council was provided with a proposed resolution that would amend the 2015/2016 budget by eliminated the Striper line item and replacing it with a Concrete Saw line item for \$12,000.00, and a memo from Tom Umfleet.

Mr. Barker told the Council that the striper replacement can wait another year or so, but the concrete saw unexpectedly went bad and needs replaced immediately.

Councilman Harrison moved to approve 2016-R-09, seconded by Councilman Ferguson. Councilwoman Henton, Councilmen McLaughlin, Ferguson, and Harrison voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried.

AGENDA #9 "REPORTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS"

9-A "Status Report-City Manager" Mr. Barker reported that he was working on organizing training sessions for all employees that would take place once per month. This would hopefully prevent accidents and look good for insurance purposes.

The City Manager also stated that the backordered leaf vacuum machine had finally arrived.

On Wednesday, January 27, Mr. Barker would be meeting with Lions Club representative Danny Holslaw and a representative from a traffic light company to talk about audible traffic signals on Fair and Main Streets.

Olney had just received the first accumulating snow of the season. Mr. Barker was pleased with the snow removal. Pre-treating the roads seemed to greatly help.

Councilman Ferguson noted the 4-H's recent decision to discontinue their recycling program, and he wanted to be sure that residents were aware of the curbside recycling program that the City offers.

AGENDA #10 "PUBLIC COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS"

10-A "Brian O'Neill" Brian O'Neill, 818 E. Main Street, felt that efforts should be made to persuade people to come into this community to stay. He would also like to see a transportation company add a location in Olney to help improve transportation for those who cannot drive, and to improve the rate of visitors to Olney.

Councilman McLaughlin exited the meeting at 7:30 p.m. and returned at 7:31 p.m.

AGENDA #11 "CLOSED SESSION: SALE PRICE OF REAL PROPERTY; ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY; AND APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT AND PERFORMICE OF SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES" It was determined that no closed session was necessary. This item was removed from the agenda.

AGENDA #12 "RECONVENE OPEN SESSION" No closed session occurred. This item was removed from the agenda.

AGENDA #13 "ADJOURN" Councilwoman Henton moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilman McLaughlin. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Kelsie J. Sterchi
City Clerk