

CITY OF OLNEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 22, 2015

AGENDA #1 “CALL TO ORDER” The June 22, 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: Belinda Henton, John McLaughlin, Bob Ferguson, and Ray Vaughn. Les Harrison was absent. Also present were City Manager Larry Taylor, City Attorney Bart Zuber, City Treasurer Chuck Sanders, City Clerk Kelsie Sterchi, and City Engineer Charleston.

AGENDA #4 “PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGENDA”

4-A Approve Minutes of Council Meeting on June 8, 2015

4-B Approve and Authorize Payment of Account Payable June 23, 2015: Pooled Cash \$150,131.26, Manual Pooled Cash \$7,639.64, MFT \$4,512.28, Tourism \$3,050.00, 175th Anniversary \$15,000.00

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 Henton moved to approve the items on the consent agenda, seconded by Councilman McLaughlin. 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 “PUBLIC HEARING: AMENDMENT TO ANNEXATION AGREEMENT WITH WILLIAM F. BARBER AND ANNA MAE BARBER” City Manager Taylor explained that the Illinois State Statute required the Council to hold a public hearing for the tentative amendment to the annexation agreement with William F. Barber and Anna Mae Barber. The purpose of the hearing would be to allow the public to express their opinions and to ask questions regarding the amendment. The City Manager then addressed the audience by asking if anyone had comments concerning the proposed amendment. There were no questions or comments from the audience. The public hearing was closed.

AGENDA #9 “PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, ETC.”

9-A “Ordinance: Authorize Amendment to Annexation Agreement for Territory Owned by William R. Barber and Anna Mae Barber” The Council was provided with a proposed ordinance to authorize the execution of an amendment to the annexation agreement for territory owned by William R. and Anna Mae Barber, a copy of the proposed amendment to the annexation agreement, and an Exhibit 4a (proposed Tax Abatement Resolution). Illinois State Statute would require a four-fifths vote to approve.

City Manager Taylor explained that the amendment would allow a 10 year extension on the annexation agreement unless the Barbers were connected to City water and sewer before the end of the 10 years. Should the ordinance be approved and the amendment executed and recorded, the Exhibit 4a would be presented at the Council meeting on July 13, 2015.

Councilman Ferguson moved to approve Ordinance 2015-29, seconded by Councilman McLaughlin. Councilwoman Henton, Councilmen McLaughlin, Ferguson, and Mayor Vaughn voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried.

9-B “Request: Class W License for Fox Creek Vineyards” The Council was provided with a Class W liquor license application and a certificate of liability insurance from Fox Creek Vineyards. Mr. Taylor told the Council that the request was in conjunction with an event to be held on July 6, 2015, during the Richland County Fair. If approved, the license would allow for sales of wine and wine tasting to be held during the event.

Mayor Vaughn noticed that the hours listed were different between Fox Creek Vineyards’ and Berryville Vineyards’ applications. Richland County Fair Board President Mark Doris clarified that the hours should be listed as 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Mayor Vaughn moved to approve a one-day Class W liquor license for Fox Creek Vineyards for July 6, 2015, from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., seconded by Councilman McLaughlin. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

9-C “Request: Class W License for Berryville Vineyards” The Council was provided with a Class W liquor license application from Berryville Vineyards. The application was also for an event to be held on July 6, 2015, in conjunction with the Richland County Fair.

Mayor Vaughn moved to approve a one-day Class W liquor license for Berryville Vineyards for July 6, 2015, from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., seconded by Councilman McLaughlin. A majority affirmative voice vote was received. Berryville Vineyards’ license will not be issued until proper proof of insurance is supplied.

9-D “Resolution: Accept Bid for Repainting of the Washington Street Elevated Tank”

The Council was provided with a proposed resolution to accept a bid for the repainting of the Washington Street elevated tank, and a bid tabulation provided by City Engineer Charleston.

Mr. Taylor explained that the project went out for bids offering two options. Option 1 would have the project completed in 2015, and Option 2 would have the project completed in 2016. Accepting the low bid in the amount of \$386,780.00 from Hanfland Painting Contractors, LLC., of Sigel, Illinois, would mean that the project would be completed in 2016. The project would be a complete refurbishing of the elevated tank. No logo pricing was included with the bids. City Engineer Charleston thought the project could begin in April or May of 2016.

Councilman Ferguson moved to approve 2015-R-31, seconded by Councilman McLaughlin. Mayor Vaughn, Councilwoman Henton, and Councilmen McLaughlin and Ferguson voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried.

9-E “Ordinance: Repeal Designation of Olney Industry Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area, Provide for Payment of Outstanding Monetary Obligation, Declare Surplus Revenue, Authorize Payment to Affected Taxing Districts on Pro Rata Basis, and Provide for Dissolution of Special Tax Allocation Fund” The Council was provided with a proposed ordinance to repeal the Olney Industry Tax Increment Financing (TIF) redevelopment project area, provide for the payment of outstanding monetary obligation, declare surplus revenue, authorize payment to affected taxing districts on a pro rata basis, and provide for the dissolution of the special tax allocation fund for the Olney Industry redevelopment project area.

Mr. Taylor told the Council that the Olney Industry TIF redevelopment project area was for the area at the intersection of Highways 130 and 50. Illinois State Statute indicated that since there had been no activity within the past seven years, the area needed to be terminated. The ordinance did state that the City would be reimbursed \$36,523.00 for costs incurred. Mr. Taylor also noted a typo on the second page. The \$38,022.61 should be changed to \$39,022.61.

Mayor Vaughn moved to approve Ordinance 2015-30, seconded by Councilman Ferguson. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

9-F “Ordinance: Repeal Designation of East Industrial Park Intermodal Terminal Facility Area and East Industrial Park Redevelopment Project Area, Provide for Payment of Outstanding Monetary Obligation, and Provide for Dissolution of Special Tax Allocation Fund” The Council was provided with a proposed ordinance to repeal the East Industrial Park Intermodal Terminal Facility Area and the East Industrial Park redevelopment project area, provide for the payment of outstanding monetary obligation, and provide for the dissolution of the special tax allocation fund.

Mr. Taylor noted that the fund for this particular area did not have enough money to reimburse the City for its total cost, so there would not be a surplus in the fund to be distributed to the taxing districts.

Councilman Ferguson moved to approve Ordinance 2015-31, seconded by Mayor Vaughn. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

9-G “Council Resolution: Support for the Housing Grant” The Council was provided with a proposed resolution of support for the pending housing grant.

City Manager Taylor told the Council that a public hearing was held earlier in the day regarding the housing grant. The resolution would authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute all documents and provide additional information for the grant. The resolution was necessary in order to proceed with the grant application.

Mayor Vaughn extended his gratitude, on behalf of the City, to the Greater Wabash Planning Commission and Build Community for their help in the grant process.

Mayor Vaughn moved to approve 2015-R-32, seconded by Councilwoman Henton. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

9-H “Resolution: Commit Local Funds (\$10,000) Toward the Housing Grant” The Council was provided with a proposed resolution to commit \$10,000.00 of local funds towards the housing grant. If the City were to commit the funds, those funds would be used first, and then the grant funds would be used. If approved, the \$10,000.00 could be taken from the contingency fund, and the budget would then be amended.

If the grant was awarded to the City, Councilman Ferguson wondered when the housing work would begin. Mr. Taylor replied that work could begin later this year.

Councilman Ferguson moved to approve 2015-R-33, seconded by Councilwoman Henton. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

9-I “Resolution: Authorize Agreement for Professional Services with Charleston Engineering, Inc., for the West Main Street Watermain Replacement Project” The Council was provided with a proposed resolution to authorize the execution of an engineering agreement between the City and Charleston Engineering for the West Main Street watermain replacement project, and a copy of the proposed engineering agreement. The resolution is necessary in order to proceed with the application process for the IEPA loan. The project should be ready to bid by the end of 2015.

Mayor Vaughn moved to approve 2015-R-34, seconded by Councilman McLaughlin. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

9-J “Resolution: Support and Commitment of Funds for the West Elm Street Watermain Replacement Project CDAP Grant” The Council was provided with a proposed resolution of support and commitment of funds for the West Elm Street watermain replacement project CDAP grant.

Mr. Taylor told the Council that a public hearing for the West Elm Street watermain project CDAP grant had also been held earlier in the day. Funds from the Water Fund would be used in conjunction with the CDAP funds. The City’s match was set to be \$89,250.00. Total estimated cost on the project were projected at \$375,742.00. The amount did include engineering costs.

Councilman Ferguson asked for the scope of the project. Mr. Taylor replied that an eight inch main would be placed from Highway 130 to Fair Street. City Engineer Charleston thought that the project could begin late in the Summer of 2016.

Councilman McLaughlin moved to approve 2015-R-35, seconded by Councilman Ferguson. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

9-K “Discussion: Olney Township Fire Protection District Contract Update” The City Manager reported that he had been contacted by the Fire Protection District’s attorney. A meeting had been set for July 2, 2015. Should either party wish to terminate the agreement, notice must be given on or before November 1 of any year for termination effective February 1 of the following year. If either party wished to make changes, notice must be given on October 1 and November 1 of any year with negotiated changes effective February 1 of the following year.

AGENDA #10 “REPORTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS”

10-A “City Manager - Status Report” The Council was provided with a Status Report from City Manager Taylor. Mr. Taylor told the Council that he had received a letter from the DCEO that indicated the City’s Enterprise Zone application had been reviewed. Initial requirements had been satisfied, and the application would be moving for to review by the Enterprise Zone Board.

The final payment had also been made on a fire truck loan. Additionally, the auditors from Kemper CPA would arrive on June 23, 2015, to begin the annual audit.

Mayor Vaughn asked for an update on the Safe Routes to School project. City Engineer Charleston told the Mayor that quite a bit of work had been completed despite the rainy weather.

Jonathan Drive and the entrance to the middle school would be completed at the end of the week. Hall Street work would follow.

Councilman McLaughlin asked for an update regarding the sidewalk project that would extend sidewalk from Musgrove Park to Millers Grove. Mr. Taylor said that due to current understaffing, the best way to complete the project would be to have it contracted. The Councilman recommended that Mr. Taylor contact RCRC to give them an update.

Mayor Vaughn pointed out that there was some erosion on the surface of one of the pipes leading to a detention pond at Musgrove Park. City Engineer Charleston and Park Department Supervisor Frank Bradley would handle the problem.

Councilman Ferguson asked if any significant flooding had been reported as a result of the heavy rains that fell over the weekend. Mr. Taylor indicated that there was some flooding on Wayne Street west of Highway 130, and some flooded areas outside of City limits. The Boone Street area handled the rainfall well.

10-B “Parks & Recreation Board - Recommendation for Sound System, Umbrellas and Parking Stops at Musgrove Aquatic Center” Parks & Recreation Board Member Drew Holdren provided the Council with a project evaluation checklist for umbrellas and a sound system for Musgrove Aquatic Center, and a project evaluation checklist for Musgrove Aquatic Center parking lot parking stops.

Mr. Holdren explained that the projects were expected to be of no significant cost to the City. The only cost to be incurred would be from labor by the Park Department in order to drill five holes for the umbrellas. For the sound system, the head unit would be the only part to be replaced. The Tiger Sharks would be purchasing the umbrellas and head unit through donations.

The second recommendation for the parking stops would also be paid for by donations. The Tiger Sharks wished to have Doll’s, Inc. deliver and install 58 parking stops. City Engineer Charleston would verify the placements at no cost. The parking stops would organize the area more efficiently allowing for about 17 additional spots available for parking.

Mayor Vaughn strongly supported the recommendations, and extended his thanks to the Tiger Sharks for their willingness. He also thanked the Parks & Recreation Board for their efforts. Councilwoman Henton thought it would be a good idea to keep the project evaluation checklists in a folder to keep track of the projects.

Councilman McLaughlin moved to approve both recommendations as presented from the Parks & Recreation Board, seconded by Councilman Ferguson. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

AGENDA #11 “PUBLIC COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS”

11-A “Brian O’Neill” Brian O’Neill, 818 E. Main Street, told the Council how he had proved America a fool for over 30 years. Voting foolishly put money in his pockets by allowing him to stay on government assistance. He challenged the Olney Daily Mail to prove that he had ever received a paycheck from employment. If they found any evidence, he would give them a dollar. Mr. O’Neill felt that people such as himself should be working, but that the government wanted him to stay on assistance. He told the Council that he was the “man for the plan” as a democratic presidential candidate.

AGENDA #12 “CLOSED SESSION: DISCUSSION OF CITY MANAGER APPLICANTS; 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 City Manager applicants, sale price of real property, acquisition of real property, appointment, employment and performance of specific employees, and collective negotiating matters, seconded by Councilwoman Henton. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

Councilmen McLaughlin, Ferguson, Councilwoman Henton, Mayor Vaughn, City Manager Taylor, City Attorney Zuber, City Treasurer Sanders and City Clerk Sterchi left the Council Chambers at 7:32 p.m.

AGENDA #13 “RECONVENE OPEN SESSION” Upon the return of those who were in closed session to the Council Chambers, Councilwoman Henton moved to enter back into open session, seconded by Mayor Vaughn. A majority affirmative voice vote was received. Open session resumed at 9:56 p.m.

13-A “Resolution: Release Closed Session Minutes” The Council was provided with a proposed resolution to release some minutes of closed sessions. Councilwoman Henton wished to recommend releasing full versions of 8:00 p.m. session from July 22, 2013, and September 23, 2013, instead of the proposed partial releases.

With those corrections, Councilwoman Henton moved to approve 2015-R-36, seconded by Councilman McLaughlin. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

13-B “Resolution: Authorize Destruction of Audio Recordings of Closed Session Minutes” The Council was provided with a proposed resolution to destroy audio recordings of closed sessions that were at least 18 months old.

Councilwoman Henton moved to approve 2015-R-37, seconded by Councilman McLaughlin. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

13-C “Resolution: Authorize Agreement for Retirement of Dana Berry” City Manager Taylor provided the Council with a proposed resolution to authorize the execution of an agreement for retirement of Dana S. Berry from the Police Department.

Mayor Vaughn moved to approve 2015-R-38, seconded by Councilwoman Henton. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

13-D “Resolution: Authorize Employment Agreement for City Manager” Mayor Vaughn mentioned that the Council wished to draft an employment contract between the City of Olney and L. Allen Barker for the City Manager position. Terms would be disclosed once the contract was signed.

Councilwoman Henton moved to approve 2015-R-39, seconded by Councilman McLaughlin. A majority affirmative voice vote was received. Mr. Taylor would prepare the resolution, and City Attorney Zuber would prepare the agreement.

AGENDA #14 “ADJOURN” Councilman McLaughlin moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Ferguson. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

The meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

Kelsie J. Sterchi
City Clerk