

CITY OF OLNEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 9, 2015

AGENDA #1 “CALL TO ORDER” The March 9, 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: John McLaughlin, Barb Thomas, Brad Brown, Bob Ferguson and Ray Vaughn. 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 23, 2015

4-B Approve and Authorize Payment of Accounts Payable March 10, 2015: Pooled Cash \$91,167.69, Manual Pooled Cash \$121,392.31, Utility Deposit Refunds \$1,211.94, IMRF \$36,279.45

4-C Raffle License-First National Bank in Olney

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 “Ordinance: Rezoning Wabash Valley Service Co. Property on S. Baltimore Street from R-5 (Trailer or Mobilehome District) to M-2 (Heavy Industrial District)” The Council was provided with a proposed ordinance to re-zone the west portion of the property assigned Property Index Number 11-03-350-002 from R-5 (Trailer or Mobilehome District) to M-2 (Heavy Industrial District), and a copy of the minutes from the Plan Commission meeting on March 2,

2015. The proposed ordinance would classify the entire property as M-2 (Heavy Industrial District).

City Manager Taylor explained that the Plan Commission had heard the re-zoning request from Ben Anderson of Wabash Valley Service Co. The Plan Commission had unanimously voted to recommend the re-zoning. Mr. Anderson was present to answer any questions. No one from the public had any objections to the request.

Mayor Vaughn asked Mr. Anderson how the land could be affected by any potential chemical use by Wabash Service Co. Mr. Anderson replied that the immediate need for the re-zoning would have no involvement with chemical use or storage. The potential re-zoning was needed to construct a shop where Wabash Valley Service Co. could work on equipment. Wabash Valley Service Co. was entertaining a thought for the future about constructing a warehouse to store certain herbicides for seed. Even then, the Department of Agriculture would require Wabash Valley Service Co. to follow strict guidelines in regard to any chemical use.

Councilman Brown moved to approve Ordinance 2015-10, seconded by Councilman McLaughlin. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

8-B “Resolution: Approval of Final Plat of Re-Plat of Lots 61-86 in South Cove Subdivision” The Council was provided with a proposed resolution to approve the final plat of the re-plat of Lots 61-86 in South Cove Subdivision, copies of the proposed final plat of the re-plat, and a copy of the minutes from the Plan Commission meeting on March 2, 2015. The Plan Commission unanimously voted to recommend approval of the final plat of the re-plat. Brad Doll, of Doll Real Estate, LLC, was present to answer any questions.

Mayor Vaughn asked if there was a sewer main that would be tapped into for the subdivision. Mr. Doll explained that there was a sewer main along Cypress Road. A line branched out towards the east in anticipation of this subdivision. Sewer Department Supervisor Tony Steber would be placing a camera into the manhole to be sure it was on grade. Mr. Doll planned to connect at that location and continue to run the line east to service the lots along the proposed Blackberry Lane.

Mayor Vaughn moved to approve 2015-R-08, seconded by Councilman Brown. Councilmen Brown, Ferguson, Mayor Vaughn, and Councilwoman Thomas voted yes. Councilman McLaughlin abstained. The motion carried.

8-C “Ordinance: Undertaking in Lieu of Completion Bond South Cove Subdivision, Lots 61-86”The Council was provided with a proposed ordinance to authorize the execution of an Undertaking in Lieu of Completion Bond between the City and Doll Real Estate, LLC.

City Manager Taylor told the Council that such a document had been used in the past when subdivisions were developed. While there are many ways to guarantee completion of the public infrastructure, an Undertaking in Lieu of Completion Bond was the least costly and least demanding. Lots can be released at any time by approval of the Council.

Councilman Brown moved to approve Ordinance 2015-11, seconded by Mayor Vaughn. Councilmen Ferguson, Brown, Mayor Vaughn and Councilwoman Thomas voted yes. Councilman McLaughlin abstained. The motion carried.

8-D “Resolution: Accept Bid from Robert Simmons, LLC, for Demolition of Swimming Pool Filter Building” The Council was provided with a proposed resolution to award the low bid of \$3,800.00 from Robert Simmons, LLC, of Mason, Illinois, for the demolition of the pool filter building at 510 White Squirrel Circle, and a memo from Park Department Supervisor Frank Bradley recommending the acceptance of the bid to Robert Simmons, LLC.

Other bids received for the project were \$8,600.00 from Resurgence Demolition & Environmental of Carrollton, Georgia, \$11,500.00 from Doll’s, Inc, of Olney, Illinois, and \$14,999.99 from Hayes Contracting, Inc, of Collinsville, Illinois.

Councilman McLaughlin asked Mr. Bradley if he was concerned in Robert Simmons, LLC.’s bid being so low in comparison to the others. Mr. Bradley replied that he checked two of the contractor’s references. Both references gave great recommendations.

Councilman McLaughlin moved to approve 2015-R-09, seconded by Councilwoman Thomas. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

8-E “Ordinance: Amending Chapter 5.12 (Liquor Control) - Updates, Clarifications, Renewals and Powers of Liquor Control Commissioner” The Council was provided with a proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 5.12 (Liquor Control) of the City of Olney Municipal Code.

Mr. Taylor indicated that there were a few reasons for the suggested changes. The first reason was to make the chapter conform with provisions found in the State Liquor Code such as definitions and the section detailing persons ineligible for license.

Mr. Taylor also proposed to eliminate the \$500.00 bond requirement. The City did require that the licensee hold appropriate insurance, but over the years, Mr. Taylor had not seen good reason to require the bond. Should there be failure to perform, the best remedy would be suspension or revocation of the license.

In regard to renewals, Mr. Taylor proposed a change in language to include requiring evidence of a valid State liquor license and evidence that the establishment was open and operating as a licensed establishment.

Dram shop insurance requirements change annually. Mr. Taylor felt it simpler to generalize the language. Additionally, the minimum coverage amount was proposed to be changed to \$1,000,000.00.

It was also noted that “Clubs,” as defined in the Code, were required to file with the Mayor at the time of its application for a license, two copies of a list of names and residences of its members. Additionally, “Clubs” would need to file within 10 days of the election of any additional member, his or her name and address. Both the State of Illinois’ and the City’s codes outlined this requirement.

Councilwoman Thomas moved to approve Ordinance 2015-12, seconded by Mayor Vaughn. Councilmen McLaughlin, Brown, Ferguson, Councilwoman Thomas and Mayor Vaughn voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried.

8-F “Appointment: Parks & Recreation Board” The Council was provided with a list of tentative appointments. Mayor Vaughn had received a letter of resignation from Parks & Recreation Board member, Angel Padilla. Mayor Vaughn recommended the appointment of Lisa Bruner to continue Mr. Padilla’s term.

Councilman McLaughlin moved to approve the appointment of Lisa Bruner to the Parks & Recreation Board, seconded by Councilman Brown. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

8-G “Appointment: Board of Appeals Chairman” The Council was provided with a list of tentative appointments. City Manager Taylor had advised Mayor Vaughn that the Mayor was to appoint the chairman of the Board of Appeals. To comply with the ordinance, Mayor Vaughn asked for the Council’s approval to name Tony Zuber the chairman for the Board of Appeals.

Councilman McLaughlin moved to name Tony Zuber the chairman of the Board of Appeals, 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 with information on the bid letting for the Safe Routes to School project. There were five bidders in total. The low bid came from Kieffer

Brothers Construction of Mt. Carmel, Illinois, in the amount of \$248,400.00. City Engineer Charleston had estimated the project's construction portion to come in at about \$299,815.00.

Assuming there would be no change orders to the grant amount of \$250,000.00, the grant would cover the full cost of construction. The City would be responsible for engineering fees.

This item would be placed on the agenda for March 23, 2015, for formal action. Mr. Taylor did indicate that the State would like some sort of indication from this evening's meeting on the City's willingness to proceed with the project.

Councilman McLaughlin asked if the City was already in possession of the grant money. Mr. Taylor replied that the City will never have the grant money in-hand. The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) would administer the funds and make payments as necessary.

Mayor Vaughn wondered if there was a possibility that the State could back out of the project. City Engineer Charleston did not believe so. The State would be entering into a contract agreement with the contractor.

The Council was in consensus that they wished to move forward with the Safe Routes to School project.

Mr. Taylor also told the Council that he had reviewed the expiring Pepsi contract. The contract would terminate in June with no automatic renewal.

The Illinois Department of Public Health had sent a letter to Water Plant Supervisor Frank Bradley regarding perfect compliance in 2014 in accordance with regulations having to do with community water fluoridation requirements.

The Sewer Plant had also been nominated for the Group 1 Plant of the Year Award from the Illinois Association of Water Pollution Control Operators. The award winners would be announced on April 15, 2015, during a ceremony at the Crowne Plaza in Springfield, Illinois.

The City had an agreement with the two Rotary clubs regarding Rotary Park. Mr. Taylor reminded the Council that the agreement was now 10 years old. Since the origination of the agreement, the Parks & Recreation Board was actively working on a comprehensive plan.

Because the current agreement spelled out certain responsibilities of both the City and the Rotary clubs, he wanted to bring it to the Council and the Parks & Recreation Board's attention. Mr. Taylor then handed a copy of the agreement to the Council. Councilwoman Thomas felt that

the agreement should be updated. The agreement would also be presented to the Parks & Recreation Board at their next meeting on March 18, 2015.

Councilman Ferguson asked if a listing was available of those communities that had submitted Enterprise Zone applications. Mr. Taylor indicated that there was a listing.

9-B “Parks & Recreation Board & Tree Board Recommendation for Tree Planting at Musgrove Park” The Council was provided with a memo from City Clerk/Tree Board member Kelsie Sterchi regarding recommendations for tree planting at Musgrove Park. Tree Board member Brandy McKinney was also present to help answer any questions the Council might have.

City Clerk Sterchi explained that the Tree Board had been working on, and ultimately created a plan to propose in regard to the planting of trees at Musgrove Park. The Tree Board wanted to suggest planting 20 Sugar Maple trees along Silver Street beginning in the southwest corner of the park moving north. The trees would be planted 50 feet apart. Additionally, the Tree Board suggested planting up to 16 Bald Cypress trees in the two detention pond areas in the south portion of the park.

Earlier in 2014, the Tree Board received a \$2,500.00 grant from Ameren for tree planting. The grant money would go toward purchasing as many of the suggested trees as possible. The Tree Board would also take on the task of planting the trees. Planting could be done in the spring.

Park Department Supervisor Frank Bradley, Street Department Supervisor Tom Umfleet, City Engineer Charleston and City Manager Taylor had all been consulted on the recommendations. The recommendations then went to the Parks & Recreation Board to be sure they would fit into their comprehensive plan. The Parks & Recreation Board unanimously voted to support the two tree planting recommendations. As both Boards are strictly advisory, the recommendations were brought before the Council for their blessing.

Mr. Bradley stood to comment. He had done more research on the Bald Cypress trees and did have a concern. Bald Cypress trees planted in low-lying areas had the potential to develop knees. If that were the case, mowing would be an issue in that area. Mr. Bradley would recommend the planting of the Bald Cypress trees if they were in another area.

Mayor Vaughn wondered if the Sugar Maples would interfere with the multi-purpose field. City Engineer Charleston did not believe so. The playing area was about 50 feet from where the trees would be planted.

Councilman McLaughlin moved to approve the planting of 20 Sugar Maple trees along Silver Street at Musgrove Park by the Tree Board, seconded by Mayor Vaughn. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

Mrs. McKinney is also involved with Citizens for a Greener Olney. Mayor Vaughn asked when the community-wide clean up day would be this year. Mrs. McKinney replied that the event was scheduled for April 25, 2015, from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Mrs. McKinney should be contacted by anyone interested in receiving a route. The first 150 participants to meet at Musgrove Park during that day and time frame would receive a free pecan tree. Details would be posted on the City's website.

AGENDA #10 "PUBLIC COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS"

10-A "Mayor Ray Vaughn, Entire Olney City Council, Olney Police of Chief, O.P.D. Law Enforcement Officers, Olney City Manager Larry Tailor, Richland County States Attorney David Hyde All Continue to Commit Official Misconduct in Violation OF THE Illinois Compiled Statute 720 ILCS 5/33-3(1) (a) and (2). Refusing to Perform Their Duties and Allowing High Crimes to Occur, Etc." Brian O'Neill, 818 E. Main, told the Council that it was illegal for an employee or public officer to not perform their duties. When duties are ignored, the consequence is a Class 3 felony.

Mr. O'Neill also reminded the Council that he had the right to yell in commercial areas where no noise ordinance existed. Additionally, he had the right to stand on any sidewalk he wanted.

Mr. O'Neill then mentioned that because he continuously video records his encounters, he would have the State's Attorney's bar license taken away.

AGENDA #11 "2015/2016 BUDGET DISCUSSIONS"

11-A "Water Fund" The Council was provided with a proposed 2015/2016 budget spreadsheet for the Water Fund.

City Treasurer Sanders began with the Water Plant. The largest revenue for the Water Plant came from utility income. Budgeted utility income for 2015/2016 was listed at \$1,511,000.00. The number was forecasted based off of 2014's consumption multiplied by the May 1, 2015, rate increases. The calculation included the \$1.06 administrative fee, but did not include the debt service/capital improvement fees. Other fees that tallied into Utility Income included items such as late fees and other charges.

Total projected revenue for 2014/2015 is at \$1,748,875.00. The big difference between the two years' revenues is due to the E. Main Water Main Grant.

Under the Expenditures portion, Mr. Sanders continued to explain that the Personnel expenses were forecasted to increase \$21,845.00 due to estimated increases for salaries, wages and benefits.

Councilman Ferguson asked if the City had received any more information in regard to health insurance. Mr. Sanders replied that he had received very preliminary information that could change quite a bit. The proposed budget included a 7% increase for health insurance.

Contractual Services increased from the 2014/2015 projected \$185,529.00 to an estimated \$204,678.00 for 2015/2016. Mr. Sanders noted that electric rates were expected to increase by 13%.

For Supplies, there would be a proposed \$5,458.00 increase due to price increases on necessary chemicals.

No Capital Outlay was budgeted for the 2014/2015 year. The 2015/2016 budget showed a need for \$78,000.00 in capital improvements for carbon replacement and painting of clarifiers. Carbon needed to be replaced every five years at a cost of about \$65,000.00. Rental of a vacuum truck to remove current material, haul off, and disposal are estimated at a cost of \$5,000.00. Aside from some welding that will be needed, all of the labor would be provided by City employees.

In Water Distribution, overall Personnel costs were down. Permanent employee salaries were expected to increase. The total Personnel cost would be (\$3,475.00) less than 2014/2015.

Contractual Services was forecasted to increase by \$16,897.00. Supplies forecasted an increase of \$10,857.00. A large portion of that increase was \$7,747.00 for necessary valves.

In Capital Outlay, 2014/2015 projections listed \$651,491.00 for the E. Main Street Water Main. A few payments would need to be made in the next fiscal year in the amount of \$70,900.00.

An amount of \$100,000.00 was proposed for the 2015/2016 budget for the W. Main Water Main replacement. That amount would include some preparation and engineering work. Mr. Taylor added that the City was also applying for a loan for the project through the EPA. Mr. Taylor hoped that the contract could be awarded in January of 2016 with construction beginning in April of 2016.

The loader and dump truck items in the Water Distribution Capital Outlay would have cost splits with the Street Department. Mr. Taylor mentioned that the proposed loader would be

a used loader. However, the departments had discussion on possibly renting a loader. Rental for eight weeks would be \$13,500.00. The loader is mainly used while operating the zipper during street maintenance.

Painting of the Washington Street water tower was listed in the 2015/2016 budget at \$325,000.00. A Capital Improvement Fund had about \$300,000.00 set aside for this particular project that would be transferred. If the Council approved, the proposed extra \$25,000.00 could be provided in the 2015/2016 budget.

Prior discussion had taken place regarding the Hall Street Water Line. The 2015/2016 budget listed \$60,000.00 for that line. With all capital improvements considered, the 2015/2016 budget for such items was proposed to be (\$115,324.00) less than the prior fiscal year.

Councilman McLaughlin noticed that there had been many recent water line breaks. He wondered if this year had seen more breaks than normal. Water Distribution Supervisor Tom Umfleet replied that the breaks this year were not atypical. When temperatures vary in such short amounts of time, breaks were bound to happen. Councilman McLaughlin then asked if the water line breaks affected Mr. Umfleet's overtime expenses. Mr. Umfleet indicated that was all dependent upon what time of day the water lines broke.

To recap the Water Fund, revenue under expenditures was estimated at (\$474,428.00). Mr. Sanders reminded the Council that \$300,000.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund would be transferred for the painting of the Washington Street water tower. Start up costs for the W. Main Street water main replacement would be \$100,000.00. Also, there was the \$70,900.00 carry-over into the next fiscal year for the E. Main Street water main replacement. Those three projects totaled \$495,900.00.

A utility rate increase was implemented on May 1, 2014, that would have a continuous increase through 2016. The purpose of the increase was to have extra money to reinvest on infrastructure. Mayor Vaughn wondered if Mr. Sanders and Mr. Taylor were able to yet give the Council an idea if the increase was performing as expected. Mr. Sanders replied that he had been able to take a preliminary look at the numbers. He believed that the Water and Sewer Departments would be somewhat more unfavorable than where expected to be at the end of the three years. After another year's time, Mr. Sanders would have more firm numbers.

11-B "Sewer Fund" The Council was provided with a proposed 2015/2016 budget spreadsheet for the Sewer Fund.

Mr. Sanders explained that the proposed budget for 2015/2016 showed revenue coming in (\$458,848.00) less than the prior fiscal year. This was mostly due to receiving less proceeds

from the North Street lift station loan. The City had also received a grant during the prior fiscal year for frequency drives. The single largest form of revenue came from utility income.

Councilman McLaughlin asked why utility income had such a drastic amount change from 2013/2014 to the 2014/2015 year. Mr. Sanders replied that Sewer Department income is primarily based off of water consumption. The 2013/2014 year was very dry. Water consumption was high and as a result, sewer numbers increased. The 2014/2015 year was more wet, so water consumption was down.

Councilman McLaughlin also wondered if general funds were used to reimburse the Sewer Department employees for maintenance of sidewalks. Mr. Taylor indicated that the Reimbursement of Interdepartmental Labor line item reflected money that would be paid to the Sewer Department for expenses of permanent employees who worked on such maintenance. Part-time employees were not included.

Looking at the Personnel Expenditures, the 2015/2016 budget was forecasted to be \$10,635.00 more than the 2014/2015 year. However, the Personnel Expenditures were still not at the amounts they were in the 2012/2013 or 2013/2014 years. The Sewer Department had not been fully staffed for quite some time.

Mr. Sanders reminded the Council that the electrical utilities would increase over all departments. All but two of the other Contractual Services line items were expecting increases. Total Contractual Services was set to increase by \$51,372.00 compared to the prior year.

Councilman Ferguson noticed that the Maintenance Lines line item was greatly increased. Sewer Department Supervisor Tony Steber explained that this was due to two line items being combined.

Capital Outlay was set to decrease from \$668,880.00 to \$220,062.00 for the 2015/2016 year. The W. North Street lift station would only need to have \$58,562.00 budgeted in 2015/2016 to complete that project. Doe Run and Cypress Road lift station renovations were again proposed. Additionally, replacement of sludge pumps and a garage extension were requested. The garage extension would increase the length of the garage to allow more equipment to be stored inside instead of outside subject to the weather.

The Debt Service portion included \$36,580.00 for principal payments on a 0% EPA loan, and anticipated interest and principal payments on the North Street lift station.

To recap, the Sewer Department was set to be favorable \$94,443.00 in the 2015/2016 budget.

Mayor Vaughn asked Mr. Bradley, Mr. Umfleet and Mr. Steber if the 2015/2016 budget gave them the amounts necessary to perform their jobs adequately. Mr. Bradley replied that his budget would. Mr. Umfleet felt that his department could perform, but so much infrastructure work was needed that additional funds could be useful. Mr. Steber felt that his proposed budget was definitely workable.

While Mayor Vaughn understood the concern with raising rates, he was also concerned with the quality of infrastructure. The needs of the infrastructure and Water and Sewer Plants were of high necessity. If the implemented increases were only allowing the utilities to break even, he felt that rates should continue to increase so that the improvements could be made.

11-C “Tourism Fund” The Council was provided with a proposed 2015/2016 budget spreadsheet for the Tourism Fund.

Mr. Sanders wanted the Council to take note that the Olney 175th Anniversary line item in both the Revenue and Expenditures portions, under 2014/2015 projected and 2015/2016 budget, was added as a special ledger with its own separate bank account. Expected revenue between the two years was estimated to be \$80,605.00.

The other source of revenue was listed in the Hotel/Motel Tax line item. Mr. Sanders believed it was reasonable to budget a flat \$41,500.00 revenue for 2015/2016. The City is currently charging the maximum 5% on hotel/motel tax. Hotel/motel tax had recently trended downward in receipts, but made a nice recovery in February 2015.

Mayor Vaughn asked why the Tourism Convention Bureau line item increased from the 2014/2015 projected amount of \$12,467.00 to \$16,000.00 in the 2015/2016 budget. City Clerk Sterchi replied that the 175th anniversary coming up in 2016 would be important for tourism. The celebration would be the biggest draw in 25 years to have people come into town, and stay in the City’s hotels/motels.

Most of the Tourism Convention Bureau fees were expected to stay the same. Advertisements in the 2016 Visitors Guide should be increased to draw attention to the celebration year. A full page advertisement was priced at \$1,900.00. The advertisement would show up in over 100,000 copies of the 2016 Visitors Guide. The guides were not only distributed in the Southern Illinois region, but also to surrounding states. Additionally, anyone from anywhere could request a free Visitors Guide to be sent to them.

The Tourism Bureau also produced quarterly publications called the Tourism Times. The advertisement in the spring/summer edition of the Tourism Times should also have an advertisement increase as the spring/summer would be the time of year where most of the

celebration would occur. A half page ad was proposed for \$1,343.00. The Tourism Times advertisement would be featured in between 40,000 and 60,000 copies of the publication.

The Tourism Board members, Belinda Henton and Karen Bell, had suggested providing some give-a-ways that the ILLINOISouth Tourism Bureau could take with them during various conventions that the Bureau participated in. Some give-a-way suggestions were air fresheners or magnets. An approximate estimate for such an item would be around \$2,300.00.

Councilman McLaughlin asked about the increase to \$6,500.00 on the Website line item. City Clerk Sterchi explained that about every three to four years, websites generally go through a revamp to keep current. Mrs. Sterchi felt that a cleaner presentation could be given to distinguish City and governmental information from visitor/tourist information. The increase to \$6,500.00 would not be a permanent increase, and should decrease to around the standard \$1,300.00 beginning in fiscal year 2016/2017.

Pricing was looked at between Civic Plus and the current provider, Revize. Due to already using Revize, the City would be able to receive better pricing as it would not be a “ground up” type of project. In addition to what the website currently offered, Revize had new features that could be available such as a Citizens Request Center, FAQ Center, language translator and the ability to be compatible for use on mobile devices.

Councilwoman Thomas asked Mr. Sanders if the 2015/2016 Tourism budget would be less (\$29,115.00) as presented on the spreadsheet. Mr. Sanders clarified that as the Olney/Richland County 175th Anniversary was essentially its own entity, it may be better to look at the numbers as if the line items were taken out of the equation. In doing so, the 2014/2015 projected revenue would come in at \$42,066.00 and the 2015/2016 budget would list \$42,100.00. Taking out the anniversary line item in Expenditures would show \$34,707.00 in the 2014/2015 projected with \$44,465.00 in the 2015/2016 budget. That would then leave the fund favorable for \$7,352.00 projected for 2014/2015 and less (\$2,365.00) for the 2015/2016 budget.

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 Councilwoman Thomas. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

Councilmen McLaughlin, Brown, Ferguson, Councilwoman Thomas, Mayor Vaughn, City Manager Taylor, City Treasurer Sanders and City Clerk Sterchi left the Council Chambers at 8:26 p.m.

AGENDA #12 “RECONVENE OPEN SESSION” Upon the return of those who were in closed session to the Council Chambers, Councilman McLaughlin moved to enter back into open session, seconded by Mayor Vaughn. A majority affirmative voice vote was received. Open session resumed at 9:32 p.m.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Kelsie J. Sterchi
City Clerk