

**CITY OF OLNEY
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2014**

1. Call to Order - The August 11, 2014 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.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag - Prayer - Council members and visitors joined in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. John Monroe led the group in a prayer.

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 Larry Taylor, City Treasurer Chuck Sanders, City Engineer Roger Charleston and Deputy City Clerk Cindy Harlan.

4. Presentation of Consent Agenda

4-A Approve Minutes of Council Meeting on July 28, 2014

4-B Approve and Authorize Payment of Accounts Payable August 12, 2014 - Pooled Cash \$146,934.20, Manual Pooled Cash \$104,265.83, W. North Lift Station \$151,246.31, and Petty Cash \$303.61.

4-C Resolution: Authorize Purchase of Road Salt from Midwest Salt and Waive Formal Bidding Procedures (Resolution No. 2014-R-45)

4-D Raffle License - St. Joseph Church

5. Removal of Items from Consent Agenda - No items were requested for removal from the consent 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.

7. Consideration of Items Removed From Consent Agenda - No consideration was necessary since no items were removed from the consent agenda.

8. Presentation of Ordinances, Resolutions, Etc.

Mayor Vaughn reported there may be a change of status on the liquor license application that was presented at the last meeting. It appears that the sale of the property may be an issue as was reported in an article in the Olney Daily Mail. The City Council approved an ordinance increasing the number of Class A liquor licenses from three to four at the July 28th meeting. This created a license for which Doug Dillard could apply. The Council has the authority to control the number of licenses available for each classification, however, the Mayor as Liquor Control Commissioner issues the licenses for each outstanding classification as long as all property

requirements are met. All of the discussion at the last meeting was for a license at a particular location.

City Manager Taylor stated that at the next meeting, the Council may want to consider reducing the number of Class A liquor licenses from four to three. In the past, the Council has maintained just the right number of licenses for the establishments that have applied for a license and have been approved. This allows for more control over the location of the establishments.

Mayor Vaughn wanted it to be on record that even though there is a Class A license available at this time, he will not grant it to the person or the location that was discussed at the last meeting. If there are changes to the application, he will bring it back to the City Council for discussion.

8-A Ordinance: Rezone 401 N. East St. from R-2 (Single-Family Residence District) to C-1 (Neighborhood Shopping District) Mayor Vaughn reported that the petitioner, Shawn Taylor, withdrew his request to rezone the property at 401 N. East St. The Plan Commission approved the request, however, the Board of Appeals denied the request for a setback variance. As a result, there was no action taken on this agenda item.

8-B Resolution: Accept Bid for Shoreline Riprap & Bedding Material Placement at Rotary Park Area of East Fork Lake - City Manager Taylor reported the bid opening was today for this project and that one bid was received from Doll's Inc. in the amount of \$33,426. There is \$40,000 budgeted for this project which is the amount of the grant from the Illinois EPA through the Watershed Implementation Program. It was recommended to the Council to approve the prepared resolution accepting Doll's bid. The anticipated start date for this project is after Labor Day.

Councilman Ferguson moved to approve Resolution No. 2014-R-46 as presented, seconded by Mayor Vaughn. A majority affirmative voice vote was received. The motion carried.

8-C Request: Permission to Use Fireworks at High School Football Games - Mike Lambird was not able to attend the meeting, so this request will be discussed at the next Council meeting.

9. Reports from Elected and Appointed Officials

9-A City Manager - Status Report - City Manager Taylor reported there was quite a bit of oiling and chipping completed last week. The company will return on August 20th to complete the remaining work. Starting last Saturday, City staff is attempting to take a poll on the use of the brush dump such as residential use versus non-residential use and the amount of landscape waste being dumped. Information is still being sought on audible signals for a total cost in relationship to the age and wiring of the current traffic signals.

Mayor Vaughn reported the traffic signals at East and Main were working to which Mr. Taylor replied an electrical contractor had been contacted to repair.

In response to a question from Councilman Brown, Mr. Taylor reported that the work on the bike path on East Street to Miller's Grove should get started in the near future. Easements have been acquired to construct the path to Miller's Grove.

Councilman McLaughlin inquired about the section of Holly Road north of Hall Street. Apparently, there are still potholes in this area even though it was recently oiled and chipped. City Engineer Charleston replied that this 100' section of road was prepared by the City and that this issue will be addressed when the contractor returns on August 20th. Striping of the lanes in front of the elementary school was briefly discussed.

Some of the dirt has been removed from the dirt piles at Musgrove Park as a result of the construction of the multi-purpose field. It is not known whether Olney Township has used the dirt they had requested last week.

10. Public Comments/Presentations

10-A Mayor Vaughn admitted City Council will approve pot plantation on State of Illinois Hookah Application being granted, etc. - Brian James O'Neill II said that when the Council says they are exploring the possibility of pot it means they are moving forward on an application for medical purposes. He still insists if medical marijuana is legal, government issued money will be used to purchase it. He suggested making Mexico the 51st state and let this state supply all the marijuana since they are already doing it.

Mayor Vaughn reported that RCDC Director Courtney Yockey is ill so it was decided a closed session was not needed.

City Treasurer Sanders reported that year to date revenue is down, but one of the primary reasons is that at this time last year the City had received the first distribution of its tax levies. Sales and use tax made a nice recovery as combined income is \$13,000 ahead of what had been received at this time last year. Income tax is running behind, but the next payment will reduce that shortfall.

11. Closed Session: Sale Price of Real Property - There was no closed session.

12. Reconvene Open Session

13. Adjourn - Councilwoman Thomas moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilman McLaughlin. A majority affirmative voice vote was received. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Cindy L. Harlan
Deputy City Clerk