

CITY OF OLNEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 22, 2011

AGENDA #1 “CALL TO ORDER” The August 22, 2011 meeting of the Olney City Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Olney City Hall located at 300 S. Whittle Avenue, Olney, Illinois, with Mayor Mark Lambird presiding.

AGENDA #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.

AGENDA #3 “ROLL CALL” The following Council members were present: Barb Thomas, Gary Foster, Brad Brown, Bob Ferguson and Mark Lambird. Also present were City Attorney Larry Taylor, City Engineer Roger Charleston and City Clerk Belinda Henton.

AGENDA #4 “PUBLIC HEARING: DOLL’S ANNEXATION AGREEMENT” This item was deleted from the agenda.

AGENDA #5 “PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGENDA”

5-A Approve Minutes of Council Meeting on August 8, 2011

5-B Approve and Authorize Payment of Accounts Payable August 23, 2011-Pooled Cash \$51,962.19

5-C Raffle License Application-St. Joseph Church

5-D Raffle License Application-Homemakers Education Association

AGENDA #6 “REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM CONSENT AGENDA” No items were requested for removal.

AGENDA #7 “CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA” Councilman Ferguson moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Councilwoman Thomas. A majority voice vote was received.

AGENDA #8 “CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA” No consideration was necessary for items removed from the consent agenda.

AGENDA #9 “STAFF REPORTS”

9-A “City Manager - Project Update” Mr. Taylor reported that the Musgrove Aquatic Center is being used this week by the East Richland Middle School and High School for physical education classes. The pool will be closed after this week.

City street crews have begun patching and preparing streets for the annual oil and chip program. The contractor will be applying oil and chip on September 11 and 12.

City crews continue to work on the Woodlawn, Catherine and Butler watermain replacement project.

The TIGER fund deadline is October 3. TIGER is a federally funded street improvements program. Consideration is being given to submit an application through TIGER for the widening of Whittle Avenue. Criteria for this program still has not been announced, but City Engineer Charleston continues checking for updates through IDOT.

Mr. Taylor questioned if there were other projects the Council was interested in making application for TIGER funds. Councilman Brown questioned the small section of N. East Street near the Main Street intersection. Mr. Charleston indicated TIGER funds were intended for large projects. Councilman Ferguson mentioned the widening of Walnut Street. The Council was in favor of widening Whittle Avenue.

Mr. Taylor reported that the Council has approved agreements regarding the use of ball fields for Babe Ruth and Richland County Men's Softball, but there are several other leagues that have not submitted their agreements. The junior league flag football league has just started practicing, but no agreement has been received. Mr. Taylor will try and get this agreement by the next City Council meeting.

9-B "City Manager - FEMA Grant" The Council was provided with a memo from Fire Chief Rusty Holmes regarding a FEMA grant that the Fire Department has been exploring. Mr. Taylor explained the Fire Department is interested in making application for a grant that would enable the Fire Department to purchase a piece of equipment that would replace the snorkel. Chief Holmes' memo discussed the costs and advantages of the proposed equipment and the maintenance costs. Chief Holmes was requesting input from the Council prior to submitting the grant application.

Chief Holmes explained he would like to apply for a grant for the purchase of a 75' quint (aerial ladder), 40 complete sets of turnout gear, a turnout gear extractor (washer) and turnout gear dryer. The quint would replace the snorkel truck which is 43 years old. The estimated price of the items included in the grant would be \$803,500. The grant would be a 95%/5% match. If the entire grant is awarded, the City would pay \$40,175.

The Council was in agreement to apply for the grant.

AGENDA #10 "NEW BUSINESS"

10-A "Discussion: Eastgate Subdivision Street Improvements" Mayor Lambird has been speaking with residents in the Eastgate Subdivision concerning street problems in their subdivision. Mr. Charleston prepared cost estimates.

The Council was provided with a letter and petition from the residents in the Eastgate Subdivision expressing their concern with the various problems in the subdivision.

Mr. Charleston addressed the intersection of Doll Street and Eastgate Street. The bump at that intersection can be eliminated with the installation of a storm sewer at the cost of \$15,000

for materials and City crews could provide the labor. Mr. Charleston indicated storm sewer improvements need to be done before continuing with the road work.

Mr. Charleston explained the existing streets are constructed with a gravel base and oil and chip surface. The most feasible way to make improvements is with cement stabilization. If cement stabilization was used on Eastgate, Scott, Doll, Shipley, Watson and Kennedy Streets the estimated cost would be \$336,000. Another option, which would not be as permanent as cement stabilization, would be to add 3" of CA-6 crushed stone and oil and chip. The cost would be approximately \$107,000.

Mr. Charleston also suggested looking at the storm sewer for the whole subdivision before street improvements are made. Storm water from this area will move across Van Street and into the existing ditch. The school district needs to be contacted regarding storm water detention.

Councilman Foster believed the storm sewer at Doll and Eastgate should be completed and questioned if it could be completed this fall. Public Works Supervisor Frank Bradley commented that City crews have enough concrete street repairs to last the rest of this year, but if the Council wants this job done, priorities will be changed. Councilman Foster believed the residents of Eastgate Subdivision have been put off long enough. Councilman Brown commented the only problem is that other people have been promised that their projects would be completed by this fall.

Mr. Bradley estimated city crews have 350 cubic yards of concrete scheduled to be finished by the end of the year.

Mr. Charleston estimated it would take approximately one week to complete the Eastgate storm sewer if there are no unexpected complications. If the job were contracted, it would take a while to prepare plans, go out for bids, award the bid and complete the project.

Mr. Bradley indicated some of the concrete jobs to be completed yet this year are in Sterchi Subdivision, Meadowview Subdivision, Jonathan Drive and N. Walnut. He commented they may not be able to complete all of this work. Councilman Foster commented since there are already projects planned for completion, the Eastgate project should be placed on the list.

The concrete work planned for 2011 was approved for MFT appropriations. What cannot be done this year will have to be put back into the program next year with a new appropriations resolution.

Mayor Lambird questioned if the Sewer Department could complete the storm sewer work. Mr. Bradley indicated they would be flushing and televising lines and basically focused on the Sewer Plant operations, but they have the ability to lay the pipe.

Councilman Brown believed the Eastgate storm sewer should be put on the list and work with Mr. Bradley and Mr. Taylor to get the list in the best order.

Mayor Lambird pointed out the City received an additional \$37,000 of MFT funds which have not been slated for use. Mr. Charleston commented these funds can be used for materials, but the City would have to pass a supplemental resolution to appropriate the funds.

Councilman Brown suggested that a MFT supplemental resolution be prepared for the next meeting and get a better idea where the City stands on jobs to be completed.

Darlene Beaulieu, 1806 Eastgate, reminded Councilman Brown that he told her when she moved there that she did not have good streets, but he did. Ms. Beaulieu has damaged two cars on Doll Street. She insisted that this project could not wait. She also noted that water lays in front of her house, and she was not sure a storm sewer would solve that problem. Mr. Charleston explained the proposed storm sewer will be larger.

Mr. Charleston explained when this subdivision was built, the City did not have a subdivision ordinance and curb and guttering were not required.

Joyce Slunaker expressed concerned for the safety of the children in her neighborhood. She begged the Council not to put off this project.

Lee Laughlin believed the ideas presented sound great and hoped it can be done soon, but realized it will take time. She appreciated the Council looking into the problems.

Councilwoman Thomas asked if there was any way to put the Eastgate project ahead of other streets that are not in as much need. Mr. Charleston explained the MFT appropriations resolution which was passed indicated a quantity of concrete and the cost, but the specific streets can be changed.

Councilman Foster moved to put Eastgate Subdivision on the list to be completed this fall and if other street cannot be completed this year, they will be put on next year's MFT projects. Also, investigate whether the Sewer Department can do this project, seconded by Councilman Ferguson.

Gary Laughlin, 707 Doll, suggested that the people that want to delay this project should hit this bump at 15 miles per hour to find out what the residents are putting up with.

Mrs. Slunaker remarked that she has been told nothing could be done. She did not believe something could not be done because the United States of America got to the moon.

Brian O'Neill expressed his concern for flooding.

Councilmen Foster, Brown, Ferguson, Mayor Lambird and Councilwoman Thomas voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried.

Councilman Ferguson questioned the status of the storm water detention project on the school district's property. Mr. Taylor reported that a proposed easement and plans have been

sent to the school district for approval. Councilman Ferguson believed a storm water detention area needs to be created before anything can be done in Eastgate Subdivision. He wanted Mr. Taylor to follow up with the school district.

10-B “Discussion: Ludlow Communications Building” The Council was provided with a copy of the bid received from Illini Builders for the Ludlow Street communications tower building. Only one bid was received in the amount of \$31,888. This matter came up after the budget was established so nothing has been budgeted for this project. There may be other possibilities beside a concrete block building that might work and be cheaper. In addition to the cost of the building, there will also be costs associated with the purchase of a generator and the relocation of equipment from the old building to the new. Mr. Taylor suggested that the bid be rejected and proceed with investigating other options.

Councilman Ferguson moved to reject the bid for the Ludlow Street communications tower building, seconded by Councilman Brown. Councilmen Brown, Ferguson, Mayor Lambird, Councilwoman Thomas and Councilman Foster voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried. Resolution 2011-R-46 will be prepared.

Mayor Lambird asked if Mr. Charleston has checked into using shipping containers. Mr. Charleston has made contact and is waiting for a response. Mayor Lambird also asked Mr. Charleston to look into concrete storm shelters as an alternative.

10-C “Discussion: Police Department Lobby Remodel” The Council was provided with a copy of the bid for the Police Department lobby remodeling project. Only one bid was received which was from Illini Builders in the amount of \$6,835. Mr. Taylor indicated that project was not in the budget, but there is \$3,200 available in the maintenance of building line item, but there may be other expenses using this line item before the end of the fiscal year. If the bid is accepted, Mr. Taylor suggested the budget be amended using contingencies or reserves.

Police Chief Chaplin pointed out \$13,000 should have been included in capital improvements for this project. Mr. Taylor did not find this expense included in capital improvements.

Councilman Foster suggested that the award of this bid be postponed until it is known what the County FOP is going to do on their contract. The rest of the Council agreed.

10-D “Ordinance: Annexation of Property Owned by Doll’s, Inc.” The Council was provided with a proposed annexation ordinance which would annex 1.47 acres owned by Doll’s Inc. on the west side of S. Whittle near Route 130. At the August 8, 2011 Council meeting the Council approved an annexation agreement for the same property.

Councilman Ferguson moved to pass Ordinance 2011-38, seconded by Councilman Foster. A majority voice vote was received.

10-E “Resolution: Tax Abatement for Property Owned by Doll’s, Inc.” Mr. Taylor explained one of the provisions in the Doll’s Inc. annexation agreement was the abatement of the City’s real estate tax for ten years.

Councilman Foster moved to approved Resolution 2011-R-47, seconded by Councilman Brown. Mayor Lambird, Councilwoman Thomas, Councilmen Foster, Brown and Ferguson voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried.

10-F “Ordinance: Parking Agreement 202 E. Main” The Council was provided with a proposed parking ordinance and agreement between the City and Tom Fehrenbacher for the parking lot at 202 E Main. Parking will not be allowed between 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. Monday through Saturday and no parking on Sunday.

Councilman Foster moved to pass Ordinance 2011-39, seconded by Councilman Brown. A majority voice vote was received.

10-G “Discussion: Bryant Stops for Shields” and 10-H “Discussion: Bryant Stops for Wilson” Councilman Brown received a request from a citizen for stop signs at Shields and Wilson. Police Chief Chaplin was asked to investigate these intersections. All residents that Chief Chaplin spoke to were in favor of placing stops sings at both intersections. Chief Chaplin recommended that Bryant stop for Shields and Wilson.

Councilman Ferguson moved to require Bryant to stop for Shields and Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Thomas. A majority voice vote was received. Ordinance 2011-40 will be prepared.

Councilwoman Thomas moved to recess, seconded by Councilman Brown. A majority voice vote was received. The Council recessed at 8:13 p.m. and returned into open session at 8:18 p.m.

AGENDA #11 “OLD BUSINESS”

11-A “Discussion: Musgrove Sports Complex Development” Mayor Lambird summarized the proposed Musgrove Sports Complex Development. A proposal has been laid out which includes funding mechanisms. The City would be responsible for providing \$275,000 and a match of funds raised by the community along with a significant amount of work from citizens of donated time. The proposal was to fund this project through the sale of property and the sale of the southern portion of the City Park to the Richland County Fair Board.

Councilman Foster was not in favor of selling a portion of the City Park nor the farm ground. He believed funding should come from reserves because income from the farm ground is making more interest than on reserves. If this project goes forth, Councilman Foster’s heart tells him to vote for the ball diamonds, but his conscience tells him to go a little slower. He would like to see the money appropriated and put in the bank before the project proceeds. He believes people have good intentions when they pledge money, but sometimes the money is not forthcoming. He wants to make sure everything is designed and figured out the way it needs to

be before continuing. He felt it was a worthwhile project and understands it will bring people into town for tournaments, but he does not want to be caught in the middle with the City paying for the entire project. He stated funds need to be collected before the project is started.

Councilman Ferguson asked for clarification for the funding of this project. There was discussion that the City's portion would be \$275,000 and another \$275,000 would be raised. RCRC has been designated as the group to do the fund raising.

John McLaughlin addressed this question. He stated the community's portion would be \$275,000 with the \$50,000 received from the sale of the City Park going toward that total leaving the community to raise \$225,000. Councilman Ferguson commented with this arrangement the City's portion would be \$325,000.

Councilman Ferguson agreed with Councilman Foster. He also commented the City is fortunate to have money in reserves, but these reserves are held against the City when writing grants. He has no problem with spending some of the reserves. Our past City Treasurer believed \$1,500,000 was more appropriate to have in reserves. As far as the sale of the park, he would prefer to have the citizens vote whether they want to sell a portion of the City Park.

Councilman Ferguson proposed sending out a questionnaire to the citizens asking if they support selling the park to the Richland County Fair Board.

Councilman Ferguson had a problem with selling the farm ground near Pacific Cycle. The City received the Pacific Cycle building, farm ground and approximately \$1,200,000 left over from the environmental escrow account. The City is now responsible for maintaining the roof at Pacific Cycle. So far approximately \$500,000 has been spent on roof repairs. The funds set aside for roof repairs are dwindling. He suggested the farm acreage should be set aside to fund future building maintenance. When funds are not sufficient to maintain the building, tax payer dollars will have to be used. Since the City is the landlord for this property, the property must be maintained to retain the tenant.

Tom Fehrenbacher echoed what Councilman Ferguson said about the selling of the industrial area. Some day Illinois will become more inviting for jobs, but until then Olney must survive with the jobs that are available. Currently, Pacific Cycle employs 200 people. Mr. Fehrenbacher questioned what the City would give to get 200 jobs.

Mr. Fehrenbacher asked if the new eight ball diamonds will look like the one that was started three years ago and never finished.

Mr. Fehrenbacher pointed out that jobs are critical now. He felt the City messed up when they lost the \$1,800,000 from the federal grant because it was not pursued. If a company would come along and want a large acreage, he questioned how it would be funded.

Mr. Fehrenbacher asked the Council not to sell the industrial land which is being farmed because some day in the future there will be an opportunity to have industry. If the community works together, does not get in a hurry, lives within the budget and does not lose any more federal grants, Olney will make it.

Councilwoman Thomas asked Mr. Fehrenbacher if the \$1,800,000 federal grant he was referring to was for the East Industrial Park. Mr. Fehrenbacher indicated that was correct. Councilwoman Thomas understood the reason the City lost the grant was due to poor planning because the City kept changing the scope of the project. All Mr. Fehrenbacher knew was the project was ready for a signature when he was Mayor. He did not know what happened after that.

Brian O'Neill agreed the industrial land should not be sold.

Mayor Lambird stated progress comes in many different shapes and sizes. Progress can be more jobs, infrastructure, additions to the hospital or better schools. He did not believe anyone wanted to live in a community where they only concentrate on one aspect of the community. These types of communities are doomed to failure.

Mayor Lambird commented there is some momentum behind this project. He read the Musgrove agreement and it talked about building a pool in one to two years and make the rest of the park a recreational area within a reasonable amount of time. That was 14 to 15 years ago. He did not believe that was a reasonable amount of time. Mayor Lambird believed there was a reasonably easy question before the Council, either the City spends \$275,000 at the old park and continue to have old ball diamonds that cannot be utilized to their fullest ability or spend \$275,000 for a new facility. He guaranteed an economic impact with the new ball diamonds.

As to the farm land, Mayor Lambird explained the City has two other industrial sites that are far superior. They are located on the highway with easy access. He preferred a new industry be on the highway. Currently, land prices are high, but no one knows how long they will stay that way. Questionnaires could be sent out to every citizen in Olney, at a cost Mayor Lambird estimated to be about \$3,000, but he only expected about 250 responses. He could not support that proposal because it would be a waste of time and not a good representation. In his opinion it would be fine to go door to door and ask every single citizen because then a good estimate could be received. He stated the Council was elected to be a representative body to represent the citizens of Olney. The Council was elected to make these decisions. Mayor Lambird felt it was irresponsible to take funds out of reserves for this project unless some type of repayment can be made.

Mayor Lambird commented he thought this plan solves a lot of problems that are between softball, baseball and the Fair Board. The project can build a better community. There are people calling constantly saying they will help, companies volunteering to donate time, money, products and services because they believe in it. He went on to say there are many things that can be done in this community, but many of the things that can be done the community will not match what the city spends. Tonight the Council can either tell the people that want to be a part of the community project thanks or no thanks because the project is moving too fast.

Councilman Brown asked if anything has changed in the basic plan. Mr. Doll indicated there are some minor changes concerning the traffic flow and parking based on comments that were heard at the last meeting. These changes will not change the cost.

George Hostettler asked how many extra events the Fair Board would host if they received title to the land. Mr. Jennings did not know if there would be a tremendous change in the number of events, it will depend if they can work in conjunction with other community organizations such as RCRC, the Olney Arts Council and the White Squirrel Cruisers. Apparently, there is no trust with the Fair Board because they have asked for title to the ground and offered to do the maintenance and give the ground back if a fair ceases to exist. Mr. Jennings estimated within the next five years it will cost the Fair Board approximately \$25,000 for the clean up and maintenance of this property.

Councilman Foster thinks the City can still work with the Fair Board on events and once the ball diamonds have been moved, they can still hold events with the City owning the land. Mr. Jennings agreed, but in the past 40 years no one has ever asked the Fair Board when things have been added to the ball diamond area that may have affected the Fair Board. If this purchase of property does not happen, the Fair Board will save their \$75,000.

Councilman Foster did not feel the Council has the right to sell the property without the citizens' input.

Connie Buss questioned Mr. Doll about parking. Mr. Doll explained the parking plan. She believed more parking needs to be planned for the north and east areas of the park. She also asked if there was a plan for the rest of the park. Councilman Ferguson pointed out the original plan is on display along with Mr. Doll's plan.

Councilman Ferguson point out the original plan was prepared in conjunction with the Musgroves. The south one-third was planned for passive recreation with picnic areas and trees as a buffer between the ball diamonds and the neighbors.

Ms. Buss did not have a problem with the development of the ball parks, but she was concerned with the north side not being finished because it still does not have water and restrooms.

Phil McGrady commented that when the ball diamonds get moved, the Fair Board can have more events.

Dave Weiler suggested using the area which was originally designated for the indoor swimming pool for additional parking.

Ed Cline asked if the men's softball league would be guaranteed a place to play if all the fields were moved to Musgrove Park. Mr. Doll has talked to Ray Schneider who is involved

with men's softball and he thought it would be acceptable to use the Babe Ruth field at Musgrove Park after the Babe Ruth season has been completed.

Mr. Cline also wanted to know if men's flag football league are guaranteed to have a place to play this season. Councilman Brown did not believe any plans would have to be changed.

Mr. O'Neill pointed out Musgrove Park is a public park and not just a Little League park.

Councilman Brown moved to pass a resolution to 1) approve the basic plan for Musgrove Park Ball Diamond Complex as prepared by Brad Doll, 2) amend the fiscal year 2011-2012 annual budget for the City of Olney by adding a line item entitled Musgrove Park Ball Diamond Complex in the amount of \$300,000, 3) authorize the expenditure of funds from the Musgrove Park Ball Diamond Complex line item after the Richland County Recreation Council has raised money and signed pledges in the amount of \$168,750 (75% of \$225,000), 4) allow the clearing, excavating, dirt work and planting of grass for the Musgrove Park Ball Diamond Complex to begin immediately and 5) authorize the use of the remaining funds in the capital expenditure line items entitled City Park and Musgrove Park for the Musgrove Park Ball Diamond Complex up to \$25,000, seconded by Councilman Ferguson.

Mayor Lambird and Councilwoman Thomas voted yes.

Councilman Foster asked where the \$300,000 is coming from. Mr. Taylor explained the budget will be amended and a line item added for \$300,000, but a funding source has not been designated.

Councilmen Foster, Brown and Ferguson voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried. Resolution 2011-R-48 will be prepared.

Councilman Brown recommended that a public forum be scheduled for Wednesday, August 24, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Brad Doll has agreed to be available to discuss the proposed plan with the general public.

Mayor Lambird moved to investigate the sale of the Brownfield acreage located north of Pacific Cycle to finance the Musgrove Sports Complex project, seconded by Councilman Brown.

Councilman Ferguson questioned what property he intends to investigate for sale. Mayor Lambird indicated the 77 acres north of Pacific Cycle. Councilman Ferguson questioned what he means by investigate. Mayor Lambird explained he wants preparations made to possibly go to public auction for that land. Councilman Brown asked if bids can be rejected at a public auction. Mr. Taylor explained the property would have to be appraised, a notice published in the newspaper and the property would have to be sold for at least 80% of the fair market value. Mayor Lambird stated he believes this is an important part of the project because of the funding mechanism.

Councilwoman Thomas, Councilmen Brown and Mayor Lambird voted yes. Councilmen Foster and Ferguson voted no. The motion carried.

Mr. Taylor suggested that the first thing that needs to be done is to have the property surveyed for an accurate legal description. The firefighter training area will be excluded from the sale.

Mayor Lambird moved to investigate the sale of a portion of the City Park south of White Squirrel Drive in the City Park or any part thereof by sealed bid, seconded by Councilman Brown. Councilmen Foster and Ferguson voted no. Councilman Brown, Mayor Lambird and Councilwoman Thomas voted yes. The motion carried.

Councilman Ferguson moved to come up with a way to survey the citizens of Olney to see if they would be in favor of selling any portion of the City Park to the Richland County Fair Board, seconded by Councilman Foster. Councilmen Brown, Ferguson, Mayor Lambird, Councilwoman Thomas and Councilman Foster voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried.

11-B “Discussion: Combined Dispatch” Mr. Taylor reported there was a meeting regarding the proposed agreement between the County and the County FOP bargaining unit last Friday. The FOP approved the language with two stipulations, one is the base pay for City employees does not include premium pay which is shift differential and there will be some sort of trigger date for the consolidation to occur. If the County approves the agreement, the Sheriff will be in a position to offer employment to the City dispatchers.

The City’s involvement with the agreement has to do with the issue of the lead agency and if the City were to be designated as the lead agency, the City would be bound by the same terms of the bargaining agreement. Mr. Taylor did not see anything else in the agreement that affects the JEDS Board other than language that states the union is the bargaining unit and sole employer.

Mayor Lambird stated things are continuing to work with joint dispatch.

11-C “Discussion: Van Street Improvements” At the last meeting the Council was provided with information concerning bids for improvements to Van Street for \$63,302. Since that time, Mr. Taylor has talked to Dave Lawless and his main concern is the entrance off of Main Street. He is wanting a wider entrance and a change in the radiuses and extending Van Street to at least the front of the building. Mr. Charleston and Brad Doll have looked at the situation. With a change order the cost could be reduced to \$27,440 if the concrete does not go all the way to Chestnut Street. Mr. Taylor recommended awarding the contract to Doll’s Inc. and then approving a resolution authorizing a change order to reduce the amount.

Councilman Ferguson moved to approve the bid of \$63,302 submitted by Doll’s Inc. for the Van Street Improvements, seconded by Councilman Brown. Councilman Ferguson, Mayor

Lambird, Councilwoman Thomas, Councilmen Foster and Brown voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried. Resolution 2011-R-49 will be prepared.

Councilman Ferguson moved to authorize a change order for the Van Street Improvements to reduce the amount from \$63,302 to \$27,440, seconded Councilman Foster. Mayor Lambird, Councilwoman Thomas, Councilmen Foster, Brown and Ferguson voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried. Resolution 2011-R-50 will be prepared.

AGENDA #12 “Public Comments/Presentations” Brian O’Neill supported the baseball thing, but questioned how the City will get the money for the project. The Fair Board has agreed to pay \$50,000 over 5 years, but since the money is not being paid up front not all the money will be available when needed.

AGENDA #13 “REPORT FROM THE MAYOR”

13-A “Discussion: Cemetery Committee” Mayor Lambird wants to create a cemetery committee and appoint Steve Patterson, Rick Elliott, Steve Wingert, Barb Thomas and Dan Hovey to this committee. This committee will look at what is currently being done at the cemeteries and look at what other places do. Mayor Lambird did not think the City is doing things as good as can be done. Recommendations will be brought back to the Council by the first meeting in November along with budgetary implications for next year.

Councilman Ferguson moved to approve the proposed appointments to the cemetery committee, seconded by Councilman Brown. A majority voice vote was received.

Mayor Lambird reported that the City received \$294,000 from the State of Illinois for a grant for the Boone Street storm water project which will go from Boone Street to Ludlow Street. Mr. Taylor commented that \$75,000 was budgeted for this project, but the match for the grant is \$92,000. This project will be slated for next spring.

Mayor Lambird congratulated the White Squirrel Cruisers Car Club for another successful car show this past weekend.

Mayor Lambird thanked Brian O’Neill for pulling weeds along the curbs in Olney. This work was appreciated.

AGENDA #14 “REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS” The Council had nothing further to report.

AGENDA #15 “CLOSED SESSION: APPOINTMENT AND COMPENSATION OF SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES AND SALE PRICE OF REAL PROPERTY” Councilman Foster moved to adjourn to closed session to discuss appointment and compensation of specific employees and sale price of real property, seconded by Councilman Brown. A majority voice vote was received.

Councilmen Foster, Brown and Ferguson, Councilwoman Thomas, Mayor Lambird, City Attorney Taylor and City Clerk Henton left the Council Chambers at 9:21 p.m.

AGENDA #16 “RECONVENE OPEN SESSION” Upon the return of those who were in closed session to the Council Chambers, Councilman Foster moved to enter back into open session, seconded by Councilwoman Thomas. A majority voice vote was received. Open session resumed at 10:30 p.m.

AGENDA #17 “ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION” Councilman Foster moved to appoint Peggy Eimer as temporary Treasurer, second by Councilman Ferguson. A majority voice vote was received. Resolution 2011-R-51 will be prepared.

Councilman Ferguson moved to explore the possibility of selling the 20 acres owned by the City north of East Fork Lake and the 22.6 acres south of the Orion building in the industrial park, seconded by Councilwoman Thomas. A majority voice vote was received.

AGENDA #18 “ADJOURN” Councilman Foster moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Brown. A majority voice vote was received.

The meeting of the City Council adjourned at 10:32 p.m.

Belinda C. Henton
City Clerk