

CITY OF OLNEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 24, 2011

AGENDA #1 “CALL TO ORDER” The January 24, 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. Paul Boostrom led the group in a prayer.

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

AGENDA #4 “PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGENDA”

- 4-A Approve Minutes of Council Meeting on January 10, 2011
- 4-B Approve and Authorize Payment of Accounts Payable January 25, 2011-Pooled Cash \$82,271.34
- 4-C Raffle License - White Squirrel Cruisers Car Club - May 14 2011-July 9, 2011
- 4-D Raffle License - White Squirrel Cruisers Car Club - August 13, 2011-September 10, 2011
- 4-E Raffle License - White Squirrel Cruisers Car Club - August 20, 2011-August 21, 2011
- 4-F Raffle License - Fraternal Order of Eagles
- 4-G Raffle License - Ready Family Benefit
- 4-H Raffle License - Richland County Girls Softball
- 4-I Raffle License - Olney Central College Cosmetology Club
- 4-J Raffle License - Olney Central College Athletic Department
- 4-K Ordinance: Sale of Surplus Property-Ordinance 2011-03
- 4-L Raffle License - Olney Center Shrine

AGENDA #5 “REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM CONSENT AGENDA” No items were requested for removal.

AGENDA #6 “CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA” Councilman Weber moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Councilman Brown. A unanimous voice vote was received.

AGENDA #7 “CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA” No consideration was necessary for items removed from the consent agenda.

AGENDA #8 “STAFF REPORTS”

8-A “City Manager - Status Report” Mr. Bukas reminded the Council about the Advance which is scheduled for January 31. Members were also asked to submit their five goals.

There were only three Workmen Compensation claims reported during 2010. These claims were not serious in nature. There is one claim still open from 2007.

Mr. Bukas attended a meeting on January 19 concerning the development of a mitigation plan for Richland County. Once a plan is developed and adopted by the County and City, the City will be eligible for FEMA grants to help with mitigation projects such as Boone Street.

During 2010 no city vehicles were involved in any accidents compared to four in 2009.

8-B “City Manager - Purchase of a Waste Oil Furnace” Mr. Bukas reviewed the quotes received for the purchase and installation of a waste oil furnace for the mechanic’s shop. There is \$7,500 budgeted for this purchase. By installing a waste oil furnace, the City can save approximately \$1,900 in gas costs and \$100-\$200 in hauling costs to get rid of the used oil. The furnace would pay for itself in four years. Staff recommended purchasing a 250,000 btu waste oil furnace from L & L Industrial Supply in Carmi, Illinois for \$8,560.00.

Councilman Foster asked how the shortfall will be funded. Mr. Bukas commented that staff will see how the rest of the budget goes, and money may have to be pulled out of reserves.

Councilman Ferguson asked if there were any local vendors. Mr. Bukas commented that L & L maintains furnaces locally and was referred by local people.

Councilman Ferguson moved to approve Resolution 2011-R-01, seconded by Councilman Foster. Councilmen Brown, Weber, Ferguson, Mayor Lambird and Councilman Foster voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried.

8-C “City Manager - Triathlon” Rob McClain, representing the Richland County Recreation Council, addressed the Council about the plans they are making to host a sprint triathlon on July 30, 2011 at Musgrove Park. He asked the Council’s permission to use the pool and park grounds from 6:00 a.m. until approximately 12 noon. The triathlon will consist of a 200-meter pool swim, 11.5 mile bike ride and 5 k run. Contact was made with the swim team and there are no conflicts with this event and their swim meets.

Councilman Brown moved to approve the request, seconded by Councilman Weber. A unanimous voice vote was received.

8-D “City Manager - Water Salesman” At the last meeting, Councilman Foster asked staff to check with Jasper County on how their water salesman station works to prevent customers from getting wet when filling tanks. Mr. Bukas reported that the Newton distribution system requires the users to provide their own hose. Newton does utilize a back flow preventer to protect its water system. Staff expressed concern with making changes to the distribution system. For the City to install back flow preventer valves, it would cost approximately \$3,000

per location. Due to the arrangement of the two stations, there is not enough room to install the valves. The Illinois EPA requires an air gap. EPA looks at the hose system that Newton uses as a potential cross connection which is not legal.

The two water salesmen generated \$5,024.40 in income during the 2009/2010 fiscal year. So far this fiscal year, they have generated \$4,553.65.

8-E "City Attorney - Regulating Trailer Parks" At the last meeting, Mr. Taylor brought to the Council's attention some information regarding regulations for mobile home parks. The City has statutory authority to license mobile home courts. The maximum licensing fee is \$50. One question raised was concerning what other communities do in respect to mobile home parks. Mr. Taylor has looked at a number of codes and found their codes do not indicate anything. They do not tie the local license to the state license. Mr. Taylor believed there were some things the City could do to update and clarify the code to make it more helpful in addressing mobile home park issues and enforcement. Initiating the licensing of mobile home parks would give the City the right to do inspections and allow for enforcement. The Council was agreeable with this proposal so Mr. Taylor will present a proposed ordinance at the next meeting.

8-F "City Treasurer - Financial Report" Mr. Yockey presented his monthly financial report. As of December 31, the total revenues minus expenses for General Corporate was \$51,981.11 compared to a year ago of \$92,299.69. The net difference of \$40,318.58 can be contributed to the costs associated with the recycling program. Revenue will not be generated from this program until January.

The total revenues minus expenses for the Water Fund was \$65,856.65 compared to a year ago of \$89,398.75. The net difference of \$23,542.10 was due to capital improvement purchases made early in the year.

The total revenues minus expenses for the Sewer Fund was \$88,106.21 compared to a year ago of \$63,851.57. The net difference of \$151,957.78 was due to grant money and expenses on the park lift station.

Mr. Yockey noted some items of interest. As of January 21, 2011, the total sales and use tax was \$1,203,576.13 as compared to the same time last year of \$1,152,0689.17. The sales and use tax budget is \$23,648.47 above budget for the year.

Income tax as of the same date was \$474,845.46 as compared to the same time last year of \$514,290.66. The income tax budget is \$48,430.71 below budget for this year. The state has made a total of eight installments for this year and is currently three payments behind.

As of January 21, 2011, the telecommunications tax was \$118,867.08 as compared to the same time last year of \$131,798.04 which is \$21,480.75 below budget for this year.

Crop revenue for 2010 was \$69,609.23 as compared to the same time last year of \$43,823.27 which is \$24,609.23 above budget for the year.

The Council also received a spreadsheet detailing General Corporate, Water and Sewer year to date revenues and expenses compared to last year.

AGENDA #9 “NEW BUSINESS”

9-A “Ordinance: Approving Right of Way License Agreement with Delta Communications, LLC” The Council was provided with a proposed ordinance approving a right of way license agreement with Delta Communications. Also known as Clearwave Communications, they are laying fiber optics in 17 counties in southern Illinois. Olney is one of the cities the fiber optics will be going through. The fiber optics will be made available to the Police Department, City Hall, Olney Public Library, the three East Richland schools and OCC. This is a major project funded through grants. Approving the right of way license is a part of the grant conditions.

Councilman Foster questioned the cost of using the fiber optics for internet service. Mr. Bukas responded that at this time the price is not known. Councilman Foster asked if this license agreement could be used to bargain the cost of service. Mr. Taylor discussed this matter with the Clearwave representative, and since grant funds are being used, they cannot bargain, but when the project is completed it may be possible.

Councilman Brown moved to pass Ordinance 2011-04, seconded by Councilman Weber. A unanimous voice vote was received.

9-B “Resolution: Establishing TIF Public Hearing - March 28, 2011” The Council was provided with a proposed resolution establishing the tax increment financing district public hearing for the State Route 130 project. It was recommended that the public hearing be held on March 28, 2011 at 7:15 p.m.

Councilman Ferguson moved to approve Resolution 2011-R-02, seconded by Councilman Weber. A unanimous voice vote was approved.

AGENDA #10 “OLD BUSINESS”

10-A “Resolution: Angel of Hope Children Garden Agreement” Mr. Taylor provided a proposed agreement to the Angel of Hope committee for approval. Some amendments were made to accommodate their concerns, but final approval has not been received from this group. This matter will be tabled until the next meeting. The Council was asked to direct any questions they have with the agreement to Mr. Taylor.

AGENDA #11 “Public Comments/Presentations”

11-A “Violation of Intergovernmental Animal Control Contract” Brian O’Neill was not present.

11-B “Richland County Athletic Association” Ed Cline addressed the Council concerning the organization of the Richland County Athletic Association. This association would organize the various athletic activities throughout the county. He has also investigated the possibility of establishing a YMCA. He requested the Council’s approval to advertise the association.

Councilman Ferguson asked Mr. Cline if he was familiar with the Richland County Recreation Council. Mr. Cline was not familiar with RCRC. Councilman Ferguson explained they have been actively involved in organizing a YMCA. He suggested that Mr. Cline talk to RCRC to avoid a duplication of services. He was in hopes they could work together in a partnership.

Mr. Cline questioned the insurance requirements for leagues. Mr. Taylor explained leagues are required to provide \$1,000,000 of liability insurance.

11-C “Spring Crash and Fireworks” Bill Jennings, representing the Richland County Fair Board, reported that the State continues to cut funding for the annual fair. In an effort to raise funds, the Richland County Fair Board is requesting approval to conduct a spring demolition derby on April 16.

Councilman Foster moved to approve the request, seconded by Councilman Ferguson. A unanimous voice vote was received.

Mr. Jennings reported the annual fair will be held on July 8-16, 2011.

Also due to funding cuts, the Fair Board has made a decision not to fund the fireworks display on July 4. They are asking for donations, but so far they have not had a good response. The Fair Board members are licensed to shoot the fireworks and are willing to maintain their certification.

Councilman Brown believed the fireworks are very important to the community and is willing to work with the Fair Board.

Mr. Jennings indicated the fireworks need to be ordered by May or the first part of June.

Councilman Foster did not have a problem with committing funds at the same level as in the past.

The Illinois Department of Agriculture has contacted the Richland County Fair Board concerning a list of facilities that could be used during a disaster. A database will be created with this information. Mr. Jennings wanted to make sure the City was not submitting the same information. Mr. Bukas indicated he has not received a similar request. Mr. Jennings indicated he would will supply a copy of the information submitted to the City when completed.

Last year the fair expanded their commercial exhibits. Mr. Jennings has received a request for exhibiting the wineries in the county. He questioned if wine tasting would be allowed. Mr. Jennings will contact the City Manager in the future to discuss this matter.

AGENDA #12 “REPORT FROM THE MAYOR” Mayor Lambird had nothing further to report.

AGENDA #13 “REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS” Mr. Bukas provided the Council with a memo concerning his meeting with Illinois Department of Natural Resources fish biologist Mike Hooe. Councilman Brown asked if there is anything the City needs to do differently. Mr. Bukas reported that Mr. Hooe advised the bass population at East Fork Lake has improved slightly. He suggested that the City continue with the same fishing tournament guidelines another year, but suggested no fishing tournament reservations be taken until January. This will allow him time to compile the data from his fish survey and make further recommendations before the next fishing season.

Councilman Foster asked about the boat dock work which was anticipated last year. Mr. Bukas reported this project is still being planned for the fall of 2011.

Councilman Weber advised that Knox County in Indiana pre-treats its roads in the winter with a solution they make themselves. The cost is one-third that of commercially prepared treatments. He asked that the City check into this possibility.

In the past the City has kept track of water treated versus water sold. Councilman Ferguson requested an updated report.

AGENDA #14 “ADJOURN” Councilman Weber moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Brown. A unanimous voice vote was received.

The meeting of the City Council adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Belinda C. Henton
City Clerk