

CITY OF OLNEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 11, 2011

AGENDA #1 “CALL TO ORDER” The July 11, 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. Derrell Brame led the group in a prayer.

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

AGENDA #4 “PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGENDA”

4-A Approve Minutes of Council Meeting on June 27, 2011

4-B Approve and Authorize Payment of Accounts Payable July 12, 2011-Pooled Cash \$108,187.18, Manual Pooled Cash \$107,781.49, Water Deposit Refunds \$2,579.89, Community Development Assistance Grant \$7,600.00 and Motor Fuel Tax \$8,699.77

4-C Resolution: Correcting Budget Clean Up-Resolution 2011-R-40

4-D Resolution: Authorizing Execution of Agreement for Use of Ball Fields-Richland County Babe Ruth-Resolution 2011-R-41

4-E Authorize Signatures for Illinois Youth Recreation Corps-Resolution 2011-R-42

4-F Raffle License Application-V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary

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

AGENDA #6 “CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA” Councilman Brown moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Councilwoman Thomas. A majority 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 reported that the June income tax receipts were \$73,000. Currently, the State is three payments behind. June receipts for MFT were \$630 less than the same period last year. This is a decrease of 3.5%. An additional payment of \$37,482 was received as a part of the Illinois Jobs Now. This is the second year this extra payment has been received. This extra payment was not budgeted.

The brick dust has been laid at the Musgrove Park ball diamond. City crews are getting ready to start laying footers and floor for the dug outs at Musgrove Park ball diamond. Bid specifications are being prepared for the dug outs.

Additional lap swim sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. have been added at the pool to accommodate the participants in the upcoming triathlon.

The culvert at the corner of Lincoln and Scott Street has been completed.

Mr. Bukas recently found out that the Route 130 bridge has been taken out of the state capital infrastructure budget due to a lack of funding for construction. Mr. Bukas has contacted State Representative David Reis' office concerning this project.

The LED traffic lights have arrived and will be installed this summer.

Word was received that the street sweeper is running ahead of schedule and delivery is expected by the end of July.

The Sarah Drive concrete project has been completed.

During June there were 18 building permits issued totaling \$39,500. One permit issued was for the demolition of Central School.

The Supreme Court ruled today that the Capital Infrastructure Law was constitutional which ties back into the Route 130 bridge project.

Mr. Bukas received a letter of resignation from City Treasurer Brad Yockey effective August 19, 2011. The Council should take formal action to accept this resignation. Councilman Foster requested that action be delayed until after the closed session.

Mr. Bukas has ranked the culvert replacement projects. Councilman Brown asked if the second ranked culvert will be replaced soon since the first was completed. Mr. Bukas explained S. East Street will be repaired first before more culvert work is completed.

Councilwoman Thomas asked if any culvert work is scheduled for Orchard Heights. Mr. Bukas reported some ditch work was done on Holly to improve drainage. She then indicated she had heard someone was having drainage problems on Dogwood, but she did not know the exact address.

8-B "City Manager - S. East Street Improvement Project" Mr. Bukas reported that letters have been mailed to the affected property owners on S. East Street asking for their input on this project.

S. East Street receives about 3,100 cars per day based on the 2008 IDOT traffic count. Mr. Bukas reviewed the options to consider when improving S. East Street. The first option would be to close S. East Street between Main Street and the alley north of Chestnut Street. If

City crews do the work, it would take approximately three weeks to complete the project. If a contractor was hired, it is estimated the project would take about a week, but IDOT would have to approve plan specifications and the project would have to go out for bids. Another alternative would be to do a hopscotch type of work by leaving some areas open while working on other areas. Traffic would be restricted to one-way traffic. The third alternative would be to divide the project in half. The first half of the project would close the north half from Main Street to approximately nine feet south of All American Hearing's property line. Both All American Hearing and Olney Computers would be accessed from the south by utilizing part of Olney Computer's property. The second half of the work would be to close the south half. R & R Plumbing would not be affected by this proposal. The fourth alternative would be to do the worst sections now and come back in a number of years and try to do other sections. This alternative would be an inconvenience to the property owners each time work is performed.

Mr. Bukas talked to an attorney that is working with one of the property owners. The attorney said the business could live with closing the street for one week, but not three. Mr. Bukas recommended doing the north half and then the south half and utilize a local contractor to break up the concrete with a wrecking ball and track hoe. City crews could haul away the broken concrete and then do the concrete work. Mr. Bukas expected the entire project to take seven to ten working days.

Councilman Foster asked if it had been determined if there are any service lines under S. East Street. Mr. Bukas did know there were sanitary sewer lines and water lines in this area. Councilman Foster was concerned that a wrecking ball could harm the lines under the street.

The local contractor will have to be contacted to see when he is available.

Councilman Brown questioned if the curbs will be improved. Mr. Bukas indicated the project does not include curbs. Councilman Brown received a request from Olney Computers to remove the curb in the middle of their driveway.

The Council agreed with completing the project by working on the north half and then the south half.

AGENDA #9 "NEW BUSINESS"

9-A "Request: Special Use Permit Class S Liquor License" Bill White requested a Class S liquor license for a special event he has planned on July 22 and July 23, 2011. This is the same event that he has conducted in the 200 block of S. Whittle for the last several years. He plans to block off the 200 block of S. Whittle at 3:00 p.m. on July 22 and reopen the street by 3:00 a.m. on July 24. The Fireside will be responsible for cleanup. Sidewalk access will be made available during the day for the businesses in the 200 block of S. Whittle.

Jessie Mack, representing The Fireside, stated the proposed event will be the same as the one they have had for the past four years, but no sand will be used. Customers will be allowed to enter the Gypsy without paying the Fireside's cover charge. There will be a band each night of the event, and the Fireside will be responsible for security.

Councilman Brown moved to approve the Class S liquor license for the Fireside for July 22 and July 23, 2011, seconded by Councilman Foster. A majority voice vote was received.

9-B “Resolution: Authorizing Execution to Terminate Grant Agreement for Convenience” Mayor Lambird received an agreement to terminate for convenience from the U.S. Economic Development Administration. Mr. Bukas has contacted Congressman John Shimkus’ office regarding the status of any intervention they can provide on the City’s behalf.

Congressman Shimkus has talked to EDA, and EDA will re-review the City’s expenses for the East Industrial Park project to see if there are any additional expenses that may be eligible for reimbursement. Mr. Bukas suggested holding off on signing the proposed agreement until a response is received from Congressman Shimkus’ office and EDA.

9-C “Ordinance: Annexation of 2105 & 2107 E. Hall Street-East Richland School District 3.51 Acres” Councilman Brown moved to pass Ordinance 2011-30, seconded by Councilwoman Thomas. Councilman Brown, Mayor Lambird, Councilwoman Thomas and Councilman Foster voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried.

9-D “Ordinance: Annexation of 2413 E. Main Street-East Richland School District 2.50 Acres” Councilman Brown moved to pass Ordinance 2011-31, seconded by Councilwoman Thomas. Mayor Lambird, Councilwoman Thomas, Councilmen Foster and Brown voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried.

9-E “Resolution: Reject Bid for S. Van Street/Lawless Improvements” Bid specifications were mailed to two asphalt companies for the S. Van Street/Lawless Improvements project, but only one bid was received. The bid was for \$65,958.12, and \$60,156 was budgeted for this project which included engineering fees. Two items included in the bid seemed to be excessive, traffic control and aggregate shoulder stone. Mr. Bukas recommended that the Council reject the bid and rebid the project for concrete instead of asphalt.

Mr. Charleston hoped to get the project completed before September. The City has no specific time frame the project has to be completed.

Councilman Foster moved to approve Resolution 2011-R-43, seconded by Councilman Brown. Mayor Lambird, Councilwoman Thomas, Councilmen Foster and Brown voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried.

AGENDA #10 “PUBLIC COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS”

10-A “Brian O’Neill-City-Wide Flooding” Brian O’Neill noted areas that experienced flooding during the last major rain storm.

Mayor Lambird asked Mr. O’Neill if anyone’s house got water in it. Mr. O’Neill answered no. Mayor Lambird explained before improvements were made water was getting into the houses. Mr. O’Neill insisted that the improvements were not done correctly.

Elizabeth Craig asked who is in charge of the community service workers. She expressed her concern for their efficiency. She was told the Richland County Probation Office was in charge of the community service workers. She had suggestions on how they could be more efficient.

Councilman Foster wondered if a list of areas that needed to be cleaned could be made and given to Jim Fehrenbacher for the community service workers.

AGENDA #11 “REPORT FROM THE MAYOR” Mayor Lambird thanked the RCDC Executive Director Brandi Stennett for applying for the Youth Corps grant. The City will receive up to \$18,000 to hire additional youth workers for recreational purposes in the City parks.

Mayor Lambird addressed the flooding problems near Boone and Morgan Street. Olney has received several torrential rains in the last few months. He understands that no water has been in any of these homes this year. He is certain that this time last year if the same type of rains had been received water would have been in at least two or three houses. He believes the City has definitely made some significant progress.

Mayor Lambird recently spoke to a woman about how the community looks. She had suggestions of things that could be done. Mayor Lambird suggested an ordinance sweep dealing with trash. He believed this was something that needed to be looked into. He wanted to make the staff aware and look into that possibility.

Councilman Brown agreed with the Mayor that maybe a program could be formed to work with the Police Department and Code Enforcement to dedicate more time to law enforcement and get a handle on some of the problems.

Mayor Lambird noted that the Richland County Triathlon will be coming up on July 30. It is astounding how many people will be brought into the community for this event. Karen Jameson has worked very hard on this event. Mayor Lambird wanted to thank her and the other people helping organize this event.

AGENDA #12 “REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS” Councilman Brown presented the City with a donation of \$1,000 from the Richland County Adult Softball for Musgrove Park.

Councilman Brown asked Mr. Charleston if he has looked into the sanitary sewer issue on Jonathan Drive. Mr. Charleston reported there is a problem near Orchard Drive. Mr. Charleston has been working with the Sewer Department and plans are ready. The old sewer line will be replaced with a larger line. Mr. Charleston hopes to receive a permit to start the work by August and be completed by September.

Mayor Lambird stopped by the Sewer Department last week and they were working on the gear box of the spur drive. They have saved the City \$10,000 by doing the work themselves. Mayor Lambird thanked the Sewer Department for taking the initiative to do the work themselves.

Councilman Foster questioned the need for a fence at the Boone Street culvert. Mr. Bukas received a cost estimate today for \$12,120. Mr. Bukas will provide a formal plan at the next meeting. The Council will need to determine if the fence should be installed and where the expenditure will come from since no money has been budgeted. A concern was expressed with water flow if debris blocks the fence. Councilman Foster suggested lifting the fence one foot off the ground. Mr. Charleston suggested a tension wire to stabilize the bottom of the fence, but did not suggest any more than one foot.

Mr. Bukas thought the Council needs to determine the purpose of the fence. There are no fences along other ditches. Councilman Foster was concerned with the steepness of the ditch. A barrier would keep someone from falling in.

Mr. Yockey suggested talking to IML concerning the distance the fence should be held off the ground.

AGENDA #13 “CLOSED SESSION: PERFORMANCE OF SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES”
Councilman Foster moved to adjourn to closed session to discuss the performance of specific employees, seconded by Councilwoman Thomas. A majority voice vote was received.

Councilmen Foster and Brown, Councilwoman Thomas, Mayor Lambird, City Manager Bukas, City Attorney Taylor and City Clerk Henton left the Council Chambers at 8:10 p.m.

AGENDA #14 “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 Councilman Brown. A majority voice vote was received. Open session resumed at 8:40 p.m.

AGENDA #15 “ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION” Councilman Foster moved to accept City Treasurer Brad Yockey’s resignation letter, seconded by Councilman Brown. Councilmen Brown and Foster voted yes. Mayor Lambird and Councilwoman Thomas voted no. The motion failed.

This matter will be brought back up at the next meeting.

AGENDA #16 “ADJOURN” Councilman Foster moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Brown. A majority voice vote was received.

The meeting of the City Council adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Belinda C. Henton
City Clerk