

CITY OF OLNEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 23, 2012

AGENDA #1 “CALL TO ORDER” The July 23, 2012 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. Darrell 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 Larry Taylor, City Treasurer Chuck Sanders, City Engineer Roger Charleston and City Clerk Belinda Henton.

AGENDA #4 “PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGENDA”

4-A Approve Minutes of Council Meeting on July 9, 2012

4-B Approve and Authorize Payment of Accounts Payable July 24, 2012-Pooled Cash
\$91,198.05

4-C Raffle License-Fraternal Order of Eagles 2549

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 Councilman Foster. 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 “PUBLIC COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS”

8-A “Special Event Discussion” Brian O’Neill was not present to discuss this item he had placed on the agenda.

AGENDA #9 “PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, ETC.”

9-A “Discussion/Resolution: Purchase of Leaf Vacuum” Zac Scheetz from Key Equipment brought a used leaf vacuum for the inspection of the City Mechanic and Council. The mechanic found no problems with the equipment. The leaf vacuum can be purchased for \$7,500.

Councilman Foster moved to approve Resolution 2012-R-52.

Councilman Brown asked what was budgeted for the purchase of this equipment. Mr. Sanders answered \$10,000 was budgeted for the purchase of equipment and \$17,000 for personnel. Mr. Taylor explained there will be some additional cost to prepare a truck for leaf vacuuming.

Councilwoman Thomas seconded Councilman Foster's motion.

Mayor Lambird asked Mr. Scheetz how long will a leaf vacuum will last under normal use. Mr. Scheetz commented it would be hard to say depending on how well it is maintained. If well-maintained, it should last thousands of hours. This machine has 200 hours. There are several parts such as hoses and fan blades that need to be replaced every couple of years depending on use.

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

9-B "Request: Class S Liquor License-Knights of Columbus for Blues Festival" The Olney Columbus Club applied for a Class S liquor license for the annual Blues Festival which is planned for September 8, 2012. The 500 block of S. Whittle will be closed for this event.

Councilwoman Thomas moved to approve a Class S liquor license for the Knights of Columbus on September 8, 2012, seconded by Councilman Brown. Councilman Brown, Councilwoman Thomas and Councilman Foster voted yes. Mayor Lambird abstained. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried.

9-C "Resolution: Accept Bid for Materials for the Monroe Street Watermain Replacement Project" Three bids were received for the watermain materials for the Monroe Street project. The low bidder was Utility Pipe Sales Co. of Evansville, Indiana in the amount of \$64,458.35. The bid was within Tom Umfleet's estimate. There is \$150,000 budgeted for this project. Other costs included in the budgeted amount are for concrete, stone, sand, line stops and boring of service lines. Staff recommended that the low bid be approved.

Mayor Lambird questioned when this project is slated to begin and be finished. Mr. Taylor replied the project will start as soon as the materials are delivered.

Councilman Foster moved to approve Resolution 2012-R-53, seconded by Councilman Brown. Mayor Lambird, Councilwoman Thomas, Councilmen Foster and Brown voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried.

9-D "Resolution: Authorize Sale of 20 Acres of Farmland by Auction" In order to sell the 20 acres of farmland by auction, a resolution must be approved by the Council and published in the Olney Daily Mail. A proposed resolution was provided to the Council for consideration. The required appraisal must be available for inspection. The appraisal indicates a fair market value of \$110,000, but the resolution indicated that \$110,000 is the minimum bid, rather than 80% of fair market value which is the minimum established by state statute. The proposed

resolution sets the auction on Thursday, September 6, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. at the Olney City Hall. The successful bidder is required to submit a check in the amount of 10% of the bid within 24 hours. The sale is subject to some conditions and restrictions that are included in all deeds in the area of East Fork Lake. The proposed resolution also makes the sale subject to the annexation of the property prior to the closing. The City will also retain a flowage easement below elevation 480' mean sea level and will retain title to a small portion of the 20 acres that lies below normal pool level which is elevation 475'.

Hopefully, by the next meeting a proposed annexation plat will be available for East Fork Lake.

Councilman Brown confirmed that a 2/3 vote is required to sell property and questioned if the Council was in agreement to proceed with the sale.

Councilman Foster moved to approve Resolution 2012-R-54, seconded by Councilman Brown. Councilwoman Thomas, Councilmen Foster and Brown and Mayor Lambird voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried.

9-E “Resolution: MFT Supplemental Resolution for Maintenance of Streets for 2011” As a result of a recent MFT audit, it was determined that the City spent more money out of the MFT fund than was originally appropriated. The supplemental resolution adds \$27,100 for materials to the original appropriation. Staff recommends that the proposed resolution be approved. The only other alternative is for the General Fund to reimburse the Motor Fuel Tax Fund.

Councilman Brown moved to approve the 2nd Supplemental MFT Resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Thomas. Councilmen Foster and Brown, Mayor Lambird and Councilwoman Thomas voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried.

9-F “Resolution: Amend the Christmas Light Display Budget” Mayor Lambird explained over the past 12 months the Christmas Light Display Committee has been discussing ways to make the Christmas light display more attractive and efficient. The committee has chosen a computerized LED display which they think will add interest. The cost is approximately \$16,000. The proposed location of the new display will be north of the community building.

The Council was provided with a proposed resolution which will amend the Christmas Light Display budget by increasing Improvements from \$8,000 to \$16,000.

Councilman Brown moved to approve Resolution 2012-R-55, seconded by Councilman Foster. Councilman Brown, Mayor Lambird, Councilwoman Thomas and Councilman Foster voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried.

9-G “Ordinance: Authorize Referendum Regarding Electric Aggregation” An ordinance authorizing a referendum regarding electric aggregation must be approved by the Council and submitted to the Richland County Clerk no later than August 20, 2012, in order for the referendum to be on the November 6 ballot. A proposed ordinance was provided to the Council.

The Council will also need to consider a consultant in the very near future so that the consultant can assist in promoting the referendum, preparation of the Plan of Operation and Governance, and the preparation of request for proposals for the bidding process. Mr. Taylor is in the process of getting additional information regarding consultants. Hiring a consultant can be done at a later date.

Councilman Foster moved to pass Ordinance 2012-38, seconded by Councilman Brown. Councilman Brown, Mayor Lambird, Councilwoman Thomas and Councilman Foster voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried.

9-H “Resolution: Accept Quotation for Construction of Retaining Wall in City Park and Waive Formal Bidding Procedures” A quotation for the construction of a 150' long and 8' high retaining wall in the City Park along the ditch north of the tennis courts was received from K & A Lewis Construction, Inc. of Dietrich, Illinois in the amount of \$22,150. There was \$25,000 budgeted for this project. K & A Lewis Construction, Inc. constructed the bridge in the City Park several years ago. The staff recommends that the Council approve the proposed resolution accepting the quotation from K & A Lewis Construction, Inc. and waive the formal bidding procedures.

Councilwoman Thomas moved to approve Resolution 2012-R-56, seconded by Councilman Brown. Mayor Lambird, Councilwoman Thomas, Councilmen Foster and Brown voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried.

9-I “Discussion/Resolution: Purchase of 25¢ Coin and Dollar Bill Operation for Water Salesmen” The Council was provided with a proposed resolution authorizing the purchase of the necessary equipment to update the two water salesmen to accept quarters and bills. The resolution also waives the formal bidding procedures and amends the budget to provide \$10,000 which will allow for additional expenses for security and necessary fittings. The cost of the equipment is \$8,000, excluding any shipping costs.

Mr. Taylor also commented the proposed resolution does not include any consideration for increasing the water rates to compensate for the purchase of the equipment.

Mayor Lambird questioned when the new equipment can be installed. Mr. Taylor replied the equipment will be installed by the Water Distribution Department. They have been busy with water line breaks during the past several weeks so the water salesmen will be installed as time permits.

Councilman Foster asked if Tom Umfleet or Frank Bradley thought the proposed system will meet the needs. Mr. Taylor explained the proposed water salesmen are the same brand as used now.

Councilman Foster moved to approve Resolution 2012-R-57, seconded by Councilwoman Thomas. Councilwoman Thomas, Councilmen Foster, Brown and Mayor Lambird voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried.

9-J “Appointment: Tree Board” Mayor Lambird explained that Southern Illinois University in Carbondale is starting a Tree Commission Project which is aimed to help train local Tree Boards. Currently, there is a vacancy on the Tree Board. Mayor Lambird suggested appointing Brandy McKinney to that board.

Councilman Foster moved to approve the appointment of Brandy McKinney to the Tree Board, seconded by Councilman Brown. A majority voice vote was received.

Councilman Foster asked if there was a schedule or plan for planting trees on the south end of Musgrove Park. Councilman Brown agreed trees should be planted in that area of the park. Councilman Foster would like to see a plan for what to plant. City Clerk Henton believed SIUC will be a good resource to determine the appropriate type of trees for this area.

AGENDA #10 “REPORTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS”

10-A “City Manager - Status Report” Mr. Taylor reported there will be a site visit on July 27 from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources regarding the City’s playground grant application for the City Park. The site visit is just a part of the grant process.

The playground equipment at Borah Lake has now been installed. The Park Department will be installing drains and mulch to finish this project.

Work has been done on the back side of the East Fork lake dam to address some erosion problems.

Mayor Lambird reported that due to a lack of precipitation, East Fork Lake is 17" below normal pool. The lake is still in good shape to serve the water needs of Olney. During 2002 the lake was 3' below normal pool.

Mayor Lambird reported the new Rotary Park sign was recently vandalized. He thought something needed to be done. The Rotary clubs may be offering a reward. In the past the City has had no success with offering rewards.

Councilman Foster questioned the purchase of a string trimmer and chain saw from Scotty’s Lawn Equipment. He questioned if these purchases could have been made locally. Councilman Foster preferred that purchases be made locally if possible. Mr. Taylor will check into this situation.

Councilman Brown asked if there have been more swimmers at the pool this summer since the hours were extended. Mr. Taylor did not have a specific count, but understood the extended hours were not successful with increasing the number of swimmers at the pool. Mr. Taylor will obtain more specific information.

Councilman Foster moved to adjourn to closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, discipline or performance of specific employees and sale price of real property, seconded by Councilwoman Thomas. A majority voice vote was received.

Councilmen Foster, Brown, Councilwoman Thomas, Mayor Lambird, City Manager Taylor, City Treasurer Sanders and City Clerk Henton left the Council Chambers at 8:09 p.m.

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 8:59 p.m.

No action was taken as a result of the closed session.

AGENDA #11 “ADJOURN” Councilwoman Thomas moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Brown. A majority voice vote was received.

The meeting of the City Council adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Belinda C. Henton
City Clerk