

CITY OF OLNEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 24, 2013

AGENDA #1 “CALL TO ORDER” The June 24, 2013 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.

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: 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 City Clerk Belinda Henton.

AGENDA #4 “PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGENDA”

4-A Approve Minutes of Council Meeting on June 10, 2013

4-B Approve and Authorize Payment of Accounts Payable June 25, 2013-Pooled Cash \$71,871.86, MFT \$24,809.65, Levied Insurance \$45.00 and Tourism \$6,150.00

4-C Raffle License-Petroleum Club of Olney

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

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.

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

AGENDA #8 “PUBLIC COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS”

8-A “Local Liquor Commission Enforcement of Liquor Laws and Related Problems” Brian O’Neill talked about the Olney Daily Mail giving each Mayoral candidate an opportunity to answer various questions. According to Mr. O’Neill one of the issues was liquor, gambling and all kinds of stuff that affect the community. Mr. O’Neill then talked about before the election and when people were outside the Fireside urinating on the sidewalk and fighting.

Mayor Vaughn asked Mr. O’Neill to get to the point. Mr. O’Neill told him not to interrupt his speech. That was his right. Mayor Vaughn asked him what was the issue. His issue has to do with liquor violation and related problems. He complained the Police

Department was allowing people to drink and fight on the sidewalk. According to Mr. O'Neill if the Police Chief cannot do his job, the City Manager and City Council need to remove that Police Chief. Otherwise "yous" is not doing your job. Mr. O'Neill believed there needed to be a liquor commission. He stated it was time these liquor laws are enforced.

8-B "Comments on Sunday Liquor Sales" Samuel Jenkins thanked the Council for the privilege to address them. He commented on the Sunday liquor sales and asked if the Council was concerned with people buying liquor in Olney and then driving somewhere else. Mr. Jenkins said Sunday is a religious day and alcohol is a religious issue. He questioned if we are better off with the lottery and the availability of liquor.

AGENDA #9 "PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES. RESOLUTIONS. ETC."

9-A "Ordinance: Driving and Parking Regulations at Musgrove Park" The Council was provided with a proposed ordinance regulating the driving and parking of vehicles in the Alvin Musgrove Park on the grass or other vegetation.

Councilman Brown commented the ordinance does have a provision for special events or designated temporary parking areas. He asked who makes the call for a special event and the location of the temporary parking areas. Mr. Taylor commented in many cases the call will be made by the Park Supervisor or the Council may authorize parking for a special event. Temporary parking areas will depend on weather conditions.

Councilman McLaughlin clarified that other vegetation would include alfalfa. He talked to Brad Doll today, and Mr. Doll would like to talk to the City this fall about putting in another parking lot. Little League is interested in financially helping with the construction of another parking lot. According to Councilman McLaughlin Mr. Doll would be willing to do the work.

Councilman Brown asked Mr. Sanders to explain the lease on the alfalfa field. Mr. Sanders understands there is no lease agreement. The farmer basically is growing the alfalfa as a service for mowing. Councilman Brown did not want to get into a situation with the farmer when they get ready to build another parking lot. Mr. Sanders has informed the farmer there has been some discussion about expanding the parking lots.

Mayor Vaughn clarified the proposed ordinance gives enforcement ability to keep people from parking and driving anywhere but designated areas.

Mayor Vaughn moved to approve the proposed ordinance.

Councilman Brown questioned the penalty of \$60 to \$750 for violating the proposed ordinance. He believed the fee should be less since it is a parking violation. Mr. Taylor indicated the minimum fee can be established by the Council. Councilman Brown believed a fee range of \$50 to \$200 would be more appropriate.

Mayor Vaughn withdrew his original motion and moved to pass Ordinance 2013-23 with the penalty of \$50 to \$200, seconded by Councilman Brown. Councilwoman Thomas, Councilmen Brown, Ferguson, Mayor Vaughn and Councilman McLaughlin voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried.

9-B “Resolution: Accept Quote for the Purchase of a Radio Communications System for the Water Towers” The Council was provided with a proposed resolution, a memo from Water Plant Supervisor Frank Bradley and supporting documents regarding the purchase and installation of radios at the three water towers to transmit information back to the Water Plant. Mr. Bradley requested quotes from five different vendors, but received quotes from three. Two of the quotes were for equipment only and one quote was for equipment and installation. Currently, communications are done through dedicated circuits through Frontier. This current system was purchased in the 1960's. Data is communicated on a regular basis concerning the water tower elevations. The installation of the radios will replace the outdated system and save approximately \$2,775.00 per year. It was recommended that the quote from VEI Communications of Vincennes, Indiana in the amount of \$13,839.55 which includes the radios and related equipment and installation be accepted. There was \$17,500 budgeted for this purchase. The cost would be recovered in six years or less and have a more reliable system.

Councilman Ferguson questioned the life expectancy of the proposed system. This information was unknown at this time.

Councilman McLaughlin questioned the warranty on the recommended quote. Mr. Taylor commented the warranty from VEI was not indicated by Mr. Bradley.

Mayor Vaughn asked if the Water Plant is experiencing any difficulties with the existing system. Mr. Taylor was not aware of any particular problems, other than it is becoming outdated and parts are getting harder to find.

Mayor Vaughn asked if the water tower attracts lightning. Mr. Charleston was not aware of any problems with lightning. Many water towers have a lot of communications equipment installed on them.

Mayor Vaughn wanted a clarification on the warranty before a decision to purchase is made. This matter was tabled pending warranty information.

9-C “Resolution: Approve Bid for MFT Annual Maintenance Program” The Council was provided with a bid tabulation for the materials for the annual oil and chip program. The engineer's estimate was \$32,262. Only one bid was received which was from Mt. Carmel Stabilization in the amount of \$31,513.70.

Councilman Ferguson moved to accept the bid from Mt. Carmel Stabilization in the amount of \$31,513.70 for the annual oil and chip program, seconded by Councilman McLaughlin. Councilmen Brown, Ferguson, Mayor Vaughn, Councilman McLaughlin and Councilwoman Thomas voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried.

9-D “Resolution: Accept Quote for Purchase of 2013 Ford Police Interceptor Sedan”

The Council was provided with a resolution and quotation from Morrow Brothers. Morrow Brothers has the state bid for the 2013 Ford police interceptor sedan. The total amount including all the standard equipment and vehicle warning equipment is \$30,475.

Mayor Vaughn questioned if this vehicle will replace the 2005 Crown Victoria. Police Chief Paddock answered the new vehicle will replace Sergeant Berry’s Chevrolet Impala. The Impala will be used by Lake Patrol and the Lake Patrol car will be sold.

Councilman Ferguson asked if there are any other costs associated with the vehicles such as decals. Chief Paddock explained decals will have to be purchased for approximately \$500 and will be installed by the City Mechanic.

Councilman McLaughlin moved to approve Resolution 2013-R-34, seconded by Councilwoman Thomas. Councilman Ferguson, Mayor Vaughn, Councilman McLaughlin, Councilwoman Thomas and Councilman Brown voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried.

9-E “Resolution: Accept Quote for Purchase of Tasers” The Council was provided with a proposed resolution for the purchase of 12 tasers, 12 holsters and 25 cartridges from Ray O’Herron Co. for a total of \$10,895.65 plus freight. During last fiscal year two grants were received totaling \$4,600 for the purchase of the tasers.

Councilman Brown questioned the plan for taser training. Police Chief Paddock expects to spend \$1,500 to \$2,000 to have the officers trained. Officers will be re-certified every year. One officer was recently involved in a fight and received a broken nose. This incident would not have happened with tasers. One incident like this will pay for the tasers.

Councilman McLaughlin moved to approve Resolution 2013-R-35, seconded by Councilwoman Thomas. Mayor Vaughn, Councilman McLaughlin, Councilwoman Thomas, Councilmen Brown and Ferguson voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried.

9-F “Resolution: Accept Quote for Purchase of a Used 2013 Chevrolet Impala LS Fleet 4 Door Sedan” The Council was provided with a resolution authorizing the purchase of a used 2013 Chevrolet Impala LS Fleet 4 Door Sedan from Eagleson Automotive Center, Inc. in the amount of \$15,420. Originally, there was \$15,000 budgeted in Department 20 for a school car. The resolution proposes a budget adjustment of \$420 which was left over from leveling the field north of Pacific Cycle to be used for the school car. This vehicle will be used by the Police Chief and his Buick Century will then be used as the school car.

Councilman McLaughlin questioned if additional equipment like lights and sirens will be needed for this car. Chief Paddock explained all the needed equipment will be taken off of Sergeant Berry’s old car.

Councilman McLaughlin moved to approve Resolution 2013-R-36, seconded by Councilwoman Thomas. Councilman McLaughlin, Councilwoman Thomas, Councilmen Brown, Ferguson and Mayor Vaughn voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried.

9-G “Resolution: Accept Quote for Purchase and Planting of 50, 6-7 Foot White Pine Trees at Musgrove Park” The Council was provided with a resolution authorizing the purchase and planting of 50, 6-7 foot white pines at Musgrove Park. The quotation is from Lemeran Landscape of Bridgeport, Illinois in the amount of \$6,000. The City has been offered a donation for 6,000 for the purchase and planting of the trees. The planting will not occur until September or October. Before the trees are planted, the City is looking at doing some storm water detention work in Musgrove Park. The proposed resolution authorizes and approves the quote and amends the budget to provide for a \$6,000 donation and increases the Drives and Grounds budget by \$6,000.

Mayor Vaughn clarified that it is critical that the storm water issues be resolved before the trees are planted.

Mayor Vaughn asked Mr. Charleston about the time frame for having a storm water detention plan for Musgrove Park. Mr. Charleston commented he will have a plan in order and ready for the next meeting.

Councilman Brown asked about the basic plan for the trees. Mr. Taylor commented that these particular trees will be planted in a straight line to make a barrier for the houses south of the park. Councilman Brown asked if there was a plan for later that will add trees randomly. Mr. Taylor said the placement of additional trees will depend on the placement of the detention area. He believed it would be wise to plant other types of trees for shade.

Councilwoman Thomas moved to approve Resolution 2013-R-37, seconded by Councilman Brown. Councilwoman Thomas, Councilmen Brown, Ferguson, Mayor Vaughn and Councilman McLaughlin voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried.

AGENDA #10 “REPORTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS”

10-A “City Manager - Status Report” Previously, Mr. Taylor advised that the East Fork boat ramps would be closed on June 25 and 26, but because of a delay in getting the contractor here, the ramps will now be closed on June 27 and 28. Preparation work will take place on June 27 and the installation of the concrete cloth will take place on June 28. The ramps will reopen on June 29.

Bids will be opened on July 3 for the materials for the Morgan Street watermain project. This project has been budgeted this year. A construction permit has already been received.

Also a bid opening has been scheduled for July 18 for blower line project at the Sewer Plant.

Mr. Taylor received information from the Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission concerning a fracking seminar on July 30 at Rend Lake College. There will be several different state agencies and other entities presenting information.

Councilman Brown asked about the status of the City Park playground equipment. Mr. Taylor commented that Mr. Bradley is getting ready to put together information to authorize the purchase of additional playground equipment. Mr. Taylor will consult Mr. Bradley concerning the installation of the new playground equipment.

Councilman Brown also questioned the status of the sidewalk to Doenges Subdivision. Mr. Taylor commented that Mr. Steber needed to do some maintenance work at Sewer Plant prior to an EPA inspection last week. Next week they will be installing culverts needed in the sidewalk area. Basically, everything is ready for construction.

10-B “Mayor Vaughn-Appointment to Chamber of Commerce Board” Mayor Vaughn wished to table this issue.

AGENDA #11 “CLOSED SESSION: ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY AND APPOINTMENT AND EMPLOYMENT OF SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES” Councilman McLaughlin moved to adjourn to closed session to discuss the acquisition of real property and appointment and employment of specific employees, seconded by Councilwoman Thomas. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

Councilmen McLaughlin, Brown, Ferguson, Councilwoman Thomas, Mayor Vaughn, City Manager Taylor, City Treasurer Sanders and City Clerk Henton left the Council Chambers at 7:47 p.m.

AGENDA #12 “RECONVENE OPEN SESSION” Upon the return of those who were in closed session to the Council Chambers, Councilwoman Thomas moved to enter back into open session, seconded by Councilman Brown. A majority affirmative voice vote was received. Open session resumed at 8:27 p.m.

AGENDA #13 “ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION” No action was taken as a result of the closed session.

Councilman Brown asked if the City plans to take any action concerning the Cooley/Tice water issue. Mr. Taylor explained Mr. Charleston’s opinion as the best option is to drain the storm water through a pipe that is already on the north side of the Tice house if that would be acceptable with the Tices. Water cannot be routed north or east. Flowing the water west would be best and it would only affect one property owner. Councilman Brown commented a decision needs to be made so the respective parties do what needs to be done. Mr. Taylor wants Mr. Charleston to verify what needs to be done.

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

The meeting of the City Council adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Belinda C. Henton
City Clerk