

CITY OF OLNEY  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 26, 2012

AGENDA #1 “CALL TO ORDER” The March 26, 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. 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 Attorney/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 the Council Meeting on March 12, 2012

4-B Approve and Authorize Payment of Accounts Payable March 27, 2012-Pooled Cash \$62,812.15 and Manual Pooled Cash \$24,087.08

4-C Application for Permit to Sell Merchandise in City Park-Farmers Market

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 - Project Update” The City is being offered an engraved brick to be placed at Musgrove Ball Diamond Complex along with other donors to the project. Mr. Taylor asked the Council if they wanted a brick and what should be engraved on the brick. The Council suggested “On Behalf of the Citizens of Olney.”

Mr. Taylor reported that a guardrail was damaged at the East Fork Lake dam, but it has now been repaired.

Park Department Supervisor Frank Bradley has looked into purchasing dog litter bag dispensers. The dispenser, post and sign cost \$150. Mr. Bradley proposed buying eight dispensers; four for the City Park and four for Musgrove Park. Trash cans have been placed near

the east/west sidewalk on the south end of the park. There is nothing left in this year's budget for this expense. The 2012/2013 budget may need to be used if the Council wants to make this purchase.

Councilman Foster suggested posting signs asking people to pick up after their dogs before going to the expense of purchasing dispensers. He was concerned with people wasting the bags in the dispensers. The Council agreed with his suggestion of signs.

#### AGENDA #9 "NEW BUSINESS"

9-A "Status Update: Musgrove Ball Diamond Complex" Brad Doll addressed the Council concerning the progress of the Musgrove Ball Diamond Complex. Mr. Doll reported they had an excellent winter to work on the project. The boys' and girls' diamonds will be ready for opening day on April 28 for the girls and May 5 for boys. They also intend to have the concession stand and restrooms ready.

As of today the lights are completely installed and functional. Infield grass is growing. Outfield fences need to be put up. The fence contractor will be hanging wire on the backstops tomorrow. The concession stand and restroom building is complete except for some trim. The restrooms are functional, but stall partitions need to be put up. The concession stand is complete. The concessionaire is ready to move in equipment. The concrete is poured around the concession stand. There are several hundred feet of sidewalk to complete, most of which will be completed by opening day. There will be some things that will not be ready such as batting cages. Bleachers and scoreboards will be moved from the old ball diamonds to the new by opening day. There are a few cleanup items like sidewalk cuts that will be patched and repaired within the next month.

The Babe Ruth season does not start until June 1. As a part of this project, they intend to provide dugouts, concrete pads, lights and bleachers will be moved from the old diamond. The lights and poles have arrived. Mr. Doll intends to have that diamond functional by June 1. Babe Ruth will probably have to practice at the old facility until the new field is ready. There are no plans for an announcer's booth at the Babe Ruth diamond. That is something the Babe Ruth League can plan for in the future if they desire.

USA Signs is working on signs for the sponsored fields and signs to label the fields. There are 13 sponsored benches ordered along with sponsored bricks. It may take a few extra weeks for these items to be installed because Mr. Doll's emphasis is to make the diamonds ready for play by opening day. For now the parking lots will be rock. In the future maybe they can be improved. There will be sidewalks from the parking lots to the diamonds.

Originally, Mr. Doll estimated this project would cost \$550,000. Mr. Doll stated it will certainly be completed for \$550,000 or less. The fund raising committee met their goal. Most of the pledged money has been collected. Enough has been received to proceed to get the park open. Donors have until June 30 to submit their money. As of today \$328,000 has been spent

on the project. Mr. Doll estimated the retail cost of the work done so far is \$560,000. Mr. Doll was overwhelmed by the donations of material, equipment and labor.

Ed Cline asked what will happen to the old Babe Ruth diamond. Mr. Doll understood the City is working on a lease with the Fair Board for the property inside the track. It will be up to the Fair Board what they wish to do with the old diamonds. According to Mr. Doll, the Fair Board has no plans to do anything with the diamonds until after the fair.

9-B “Discussion: First Financial Bank Advertising Agreement” Mr. Taylor received a copy of a proposed advertising agreement between the City of Olney and First Financial Bank. The advertising agreement was prepared by First Financial Bank. They are giving \$15,000 for advertising on one of the small diamonds at the Musgrove Park Ball Diamond Complex. RCRC is collecting money from various institutions and individuals to supplement the money budgeted by the City to build the ball diamond complex. The \$15,000 from First Financial is part of that funding.

The proposed agreement provides for the money to go to the City. It also obligates the City to purchase and install the sign and banners required by the agreement and to maintain the sign and banners in a state of good and clean repair and to replace, repair, repaint or otherwise revitalize the sign and banners if they become damaged or worn. The term of the agreement is 20 years.

Mr. Taylor has not been asked to review any other advertising agreement on behalf of the City nor has the Council approved any other agreements.

Councilman Foster questioned the size and positioning of the requested signs. Mayor Lambird suggested that all advertising agreements with the banks read exactly the same. The Council agreed and directed Mr. Taylor to prepare the agreements.

9-C “Request: \$600 for Sponsorship of Baseball and Softball on WVLN-WSEI” The City has received a request from WVLN/WSEI for the City to sponsor baseball and softball programming this spring. The cost would be \$600. The City has not been participating in this type of sponsorship for several years, but sponsored similar programming when former City Manager Dave Berry was involved in broadcasting the games.

Councilman Brown questioned why high school baseball and not other teams such as OCC or Little League.

It was Mayor Lambird’s opinion that the radio station is a good partner when the City needs to get information to the public. The City does not spend any money with the radio station, but they spend money with other media.

Councilman Foster asked what line items would be used for this expense. Mr. Taylor suggested Public Relations. Councilman Foster asked if the high school is donating as well. He would like to see them participate and share in the cost. Councilman Brown asked about setting

aside money to sponsor Little League programming this summer. Currently, there is \$2,100 left in the Public Relations line item.

Councilwoman Thomas suggested that the City spend \$300 on high school programming if the school district was willing to spend \$300, and then the City could also spend \$300 for Little League programming. Councilman Foster commented that maybe the County would want to kick in to help cosponsor programming and each entity could pay \$200.

9-D “Resolution: Award Chemical Bids for Water Plant” The Council was provided with a summary of bids, Mr. Bradley’s recommendations and a proposed resolution accepting bids for the Water Plant chemicals.

Mr. Taylor pointed out that there were two exceptions. One bid did not meet specifications and the other chemical did not perform as well as the products specified.

Councilman Foster moved to approve Resolution 2012-R-14, seconded by Councilman Brown. Councilmen Foster, Brown, Mayor Lambird and Councilwoman Thomas voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried.

9-E “Resolution: Award Chemical Bids for Swimming Pool” Councilwoman Thomas moved to approve Resolution 2012-R-15, seconded by Councilman Brown. Councilman Brown, Mayor Lambird, Councilwoman Thomas and Councilman Foster voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried.

9-F “Resolution: Award LED Retrofit Kits for Street Lights” Mr. Taylor reported that two LED retrofit kits have been installed on the south side of Main Street on the east and west sides of Fair Street. These LED lights are 68-watt fixtures from Hubble Outdoor Lighting which are manufactured by Hella in Flora. The LED’s are intended to replace the 250-watt high pressure sodium lights. Bids were sought for retrofit kits. Bids were also requested for larger wattage LED retrofit kits that are intended to replace 250-watt high pressure sodium lights in the event that the City Council decided that the 68-watt LED lights would not provide satisfactory lighting on Main and Whittle.

Three bids were received for the same retrofit kit that was installed on Main Street. The low bid was from City Lighting Products. Also, Nue-Tech bid a different style of LED retrofit kit. Their light can be set at four different settings; 42 watt, 57 watt, 73 watt or 93 watt.

Mr. Taylor asked the Council if they thought the sample lights provided satisfactory lighting. Mayor Lambird questioned the purpose of the lights; to light the street or the buildings. Councilman Foster commented that the light from the LED’s is adequate, but not as bright. He could see the advantage of going with Nue-Tech and being able to choose which brightness is wanted. Councilman Brown questioned if a sample light could be received from Nue-Tech to be able to compare the products. Mr. Taylor explained there is a deadline of May 15 to have the lights installed for the current rebate. He understood the rebate will remain, but may be less. There will also be less of a rebate for a higher wattage light.

Councilman Brown stated the important thing is to purchase the right light. Councilman Foster agreed even if it costs more. Councilman Foster requested input from the public. Mayor Lambird asked that the Nue-Tech lights be placed in the same proximity as the other LED lights so a comparison can be made.

9-G “Resolution: Name of Road for New Industrial Park” Mr. Taylor asked for input from the Council for the name of the proposed road that will be installed on the city-owned property on Route 130 north of Miller Drive. There is a possibility that this property will be developed in the near future. When this area is platted, the plat will need to show the name of the road so addressing can be assigned. Mr. Taylor added that this property was purchased from the Otto Herman heirs.

Councilman Brown moved to name the road Herman Drive, seconded by Councilwoman Thomas.

Councilman Foster moved to amend the motion and name the road Otto Herman Drive. The motion died due to a lack of a second.

Mayor Lambird, Councilwoman Thomas, Councilmen Foster and Brown voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried. Resolution 2012-R-16 naming the road Herman Drive will be prepared.

#### AGENDA #10 “OLD BUSINESS”

10-A “Discussion: OSLAD Grant” At the last meeting Councilman Ferguson asked the staff to look at possible ways to use an OSLAD grant. Suggestions were received for a restroom on the north end of Musgrove Park, a walkway between the East Fork Lake boat docks and Rotary Park and a campground. The walkway at East Fork Lake fits into some of the categories in the OSLAD grant.

Mayor Lambird questioned the cost of the walkway project. Mr. Bradley estimated the project to cost approximately \$30,000.

Since Councilman Ferguson was not in attendance, the Council will discuss this issue at the next meeting.

10-B “Ordinance: Sale of Rail on Pacific Cycle Property” At the last meeting, the Council directed Mr. Taylor to negotiate the sale of the rail on the Pacific Cycle property with Calvin Booth of Scrap Daddy. Mr. Booth provided Mr. Taylor with a bid price. If the Council agrees with the sale, Mr. Taylor will proceed with preparing an agreement.

Councilman Brown suggested that this sale go out for bid. He believed there were other people in the community interested in bidding on this project.

Mr. Taylor reviewed the specifications for removing the rail. Mr. Taylor suggested that the same deposit and insurance requirements be required as were required for the previous rail removal project. Mayor Lambird suggested that the deadline to have the rail removed be two months from when the bid is accepted.

#### AGENDA #11 “PUBLIC COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS”

11-A “Richland County Athletic Association” Ed Cline asked the Council about plans for the property south of the Babe Ruth diamond at Musgrove Park. Councilman Foster explained the intent was for a picnic area with trees to serve as a buffer between the residential area and the ball fields. Mr. Cline was interested in the area north of the sidewalk, but south of the Babe Ruth diamond. The Council did not know of any plans for that area.

Mr. Cline is interested in developing a sports facility. He stated the County will take over the project, but he will work with them. He is trying to find a location for them. Councilman Foster would like to see the original plans for Musgrove Park and receive community input. He did not want to commit to anything at this point.

Mayor Lambird knew the original plan was to have three ball diamonds, a racket ball facility along East Street and an indoor pool west of the existing pool.

Councilman Brown suggested that Mr. Cline continue to work with the County and see what plans they come up with and then come back to the Council with plans.

Councilwoman Thomas asked if the County will be asked to maintain the facility. Mr. Cline was told by County Clerk Alice Mullinax if his referendum passed, the County would probably take over the project. Mr. Cline will be addressing the County Board on April 12.

11-B “Citizens Not Responsible for Police Protection & Emergency Services” Brian O’Neill stated he is the only one who cares about police safety. The safety tax helped build the new jail, but nothing is being given from the safety tax revenue for the local police department. Mr. O’Neill is starting to video safety violations around town and post them on YouTube.

11-C “Kenny Wilson” Kenny Wilson requested to be on the agenda, but was not present.

Patty Bach told the Council that IWA Productions has a fund raiser planned for the Olney Rebels Special Olympic Team in May. She gave the Council free tickets to the event and hoped they would come and support Special Olympics. Money raised from the event will go to Special Olympics and the Calhoun Civic Center.

#### AGENDA #12 “REPORT FROM THE MAYOR”

12-A “Appointment to Various Boards and Commissions” Mayor Lambird had no appointments to recommend.

Mayor Lambird has recently had discussions with citizens about the condition of various properties in town and the need for the general enforcement of ordinances and clean up effort for private property. He thinks it is time to step up enforcement of ordinances and conduct enforcement sweeps. He did not think tickets should be given right away, but it would help spur people along to start cleaning up their properties.

Councilman Foster thought the Council needs to decide on priorities and to what level of enforcement they want the Code Enforcement Officer to push. There are real issues with property maintenance in town.

Not only was Mayor Lambird talking about structural problems, but also the clean up debris on properties.

Councilwoman Thomas has also talked to the Code Enforcement Officer about junk vehicles around town.

Councilman Foster believed the Code Enforcement Officer needs to be given guidance on how strict the Council wants to be.

In the past the City has sponsored a clean up week. Mayor Lambird understood how time consuming this becomes, but he believed it was something that needs to be done and taken more seriously.

Councilman Foster commented that the Council may need to invest more money in demolitions.

Mayor Lambird noted that there is a light out in Taylor Lakeside Drive area. Councilman Foster noted a light out at Monical's Pizza driveway.

Mayor Lamboid advised that the Farmers Market will start May 5.

AGENDA #13 "REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS" The Council had nothing further to report.

AGENDA #14 "2012/2013 BUDGET DISCUSSIONS"

14-A "Discussion: General Corporate, MFT, Library and Other Small Funds" Mr. Sanders reviewed the proposed budgets for General Corporate through a Power Point presentation.

Councilman Foster questioned the project fund transfer in of \$150,000. Mr. Taylor explained this transfer relates to funds which will be used for the Pacific Cycle roof project. This amount of money will repair one large area, but another large area will remain in need of repair.

Mr. Taylor noted a new line item in the Administrative budget for Animal Control. There is \$3,000 budgeted to contract with a former City employee to trap wild animals such as skunks.

Mr. Taylor noted that Contingencies was lowered from \$30,000 to \$15,000.

All departments with radios, including City Hall, will have to replace their radios because of narrow banding. Each department has money budgeted for this upgrade.

Mr. Taylor expects to start using outside legal services by May 1. He has budgeted \$40,000 for the 2012/2013 fiscal year.

Mayor Lambird questioned the cost of demolishing an average house. Code Enforcement Officer Mike Mitchell explained four to five houses could be demolished for the \$20,000 which is the amount that is being proposed for the new budget year. It takes approximately 60-90 days to get a house through the demolition procedure.

The projected revenue for recycling during 2011/2012 is \$46,000 and expenses \$39,904 which reflects a reimbursement of \$13,735 to General Corporate for the start up expense. Mr. Taylor believes recycling and sanitary hauling need to be set up as a separate fund. Mayor Lambird asked how long it will take to pay for the recycling program. Mr. Taylor commented it was intended to be paid off in three years. The original expense was \$40,789 for bins, radio, truck and trailer.

Mr. Taylor proposed \$100,000 of reserve income for a fire truck. In a subsequent year this money could be used as a down payment for a low interest loan or a lease purchase agreement could be arranged for the purchase of a fire truck. Councilman Foster wanted to pursue a low interest loan. The longer this purchase is delayed the higher the purchase price.

Councilman Brown noted the drop in overtime expense in the Fire Department. Fire Chief Foster explained this is due to the new firemen. At this time the new firemen have no vacation built up to cause overtime.

Mr. Taylor explained bunker gear was increased to \$40,000 in the Fire Department. The power unit for rescue tools was eliminated for \$7,000 of which \$5,000 was used to increase bunker gear and \$2,000 was used to increase the fire hose supply. Also, \$8,500 was eliminated from rescue air bags and added to the engine replacement installment. Fire Chief Holmes explained the air bags can be purchased through donations.

Councilwoman Thomas questioned whether it would be worth considering the hiring of an additional patrol officer since overtime is estimated for \$70,000. Mr. Taylor explained the Police Department will soon have a full staff as soon as the newest officer finishes his training. Having a full staff will help alleviate some overtime.

The Council questioned the increase in the joint dispatch expense. Mr. Taylor explained this year's expenses did not reflect an entire year and additional equipment needs to be purchased during the next budget year.

Councilman Brown asked about the \$8,000 budgeted for in-car cameras. Police Chief Brown explained this expense will purchase two more units. Once these units are purchased, all line units will be equipped with in-car cameras. Councilman Brown asked if the Police

Department has adopted a policy for in-car cameras. Chief Brown reported his department already has an internal policy which is consistent with Illinois state law.

Councilman Brown questioned if anything has been budgeted for playground equipment at the City Park. Mr. Bradley commented he has already purchased some small playground equipment for Kiddy Land which will be installed soon. Councilman Brown would like to find money for more playground equipment at the City Park.

Councilman Brown questioned the \$15,000 proposed for City Park lighting. Mr. Bradley explained the money will be used to refurbish the decorative lights in the center of the park with a whole new underground wiring system.

Mr. Bradley explained there is an issue with installing new playground equipment at the City Park. Any new equipment would require the installation of a protective area. Because the playground equipment is among the mature trees, trees would have to be cut down to provide the required protective area with an underground drain system. Mr. Bradley was opposed to cutting down the mature oak trees in the park.

Mayor Lambird asked about the \$10,000 in the proposed budget for the Rotary Park restrooms. Mr. Bradley reported he plans to replace the partitions in the men's and women's restrooms at Rotary Park and the women's restroom at the East Fork Lake boat launch with plastic partitions. He has already replaced the men's partitions at the East Fork Lake boat launch area.

The \$2,100 proposed for mulch is only for Musgrove Park.

The swimming pool will not be painted until the spring of 2013. Sandblasting will not be required.

Councilman Brown questioned if the soccer scoreboard should be installed at Musgrove Park. Mr. Taylor will look into this matter

Councilwoman Thomas asked if anything has been planned for the wash out near the tennis courts. Mr. Taylor commented that this situation has been discussed. There are three options that Mr. Charleston has proposed. The cost of the three options range from \$22,000 to \$79,000. Mr. Taylor reviewed the options. The first option is approximately 150 feet of rip rap for \$22,000, the second option for \$52,000 is a 5-foot concrete retaining wall with rip rap and the third option for \$79,000 is an 8-foot concrete retaining wall with backfill. Mr. Taylor commented that this problem has not been forgotten, but not sure what to do concerning the budget.

Mr. Charleston explained he has studied this situation and he feels this area needs more volume. Restricting the volume will cause pressure release and in turn cause more erosion. Mr. Charleston favored the concrete wall option. He explained there is a sewer line that crosses the ditch west of the pipe culvert. Eventually the side of the sewer line will be exposed if this problem is not corrected properly.

Mr. Bradley asked if the covered bridge should be removed for now until it can be replaced. Mayor Lambird questioned if a high school class could rebuild the covered bridge. The Council thought this possibility was worth checking into.

Mr. Taylor proposed using 35% what was earned this year from the telecommunications tax for the purchase of a dump truck and several other capital improvement items.

Councilman Foster noticed that nothing was budgeted for a leaf collection system. Mr. Taylor questioned how to approach a leaf collection system. Councilman Foster asked if there are any cost estimates for equipment. One piece of equipment was evaluated, but was not suitable. Mr. Taylor thought the most logical option was to purchase a leaf machine that vacuums the leaves, mulches them and blows them into a trailer. Mr. Taylor indicated estimates will be obtained. Street Department Jay Scott commented the old leaf machine could be put back into service. Councilman Foster thought that option would be worth pursuing. Councilman Foster has seen equipment that does a good job at picking up leaves that mounts on a lawn mower. He presented a brochure for this type of equipment. Councilman Foster would like to eliminate burning this year if at all possible.

Councilman Foster questioned how soon the Boone Street project will be started. Mr. Charleston estimated late summer. The grant has been approved and signed, but engineering work still needs to be done before the project is bid.

Councilman Brown asked about the status of the sidewalk on East Street. Mr. Taylor indicated he needs to negotiate with one property owner. Mr. Taylor estimated the project will start this summer. Councilman Brown thought the main objective was to get the sidewalk at least to Doenges Subdivision.

Councilman Brown asked about the Safe Routes to School grant. Mr. Taylor commented the total estimated cost is \$400,944. The grant is for \$250,000, leaving \$159,944 as the City's portion. Reserves are being proposed for the match.

Councilman Brown asked if \$15,000 is enough for sidewalk repairs. Mayor Lambird asked how many feet of sidewalk can be repaired for \$15,000. Sewer Department Supervisor Tony Steber estimated that approximately 2,700 feet of sidewalk can be replaced for \$15,000, but it will depend on the width of the sidewalk. Mayor Lambird asked how many feet are on the repair list. Mr. Steber estimated 3,000 feet. Mr. Steber estimated his crew can replace 200 feet of sidewalk per week depending on weather.

Councilman Foster asked Mr. Steber if he has a good inventory of signs. Mr. Steber answered yes.

Councilman Foster asked if Mr. Steber can repaint all of the traffic lines and curbs this year. Mr. Steber replied he would like to.

Mayor Lambird asked how the oil burning furnace is working at the Mechanic's shop. City Mechanic Roger Fulk commented the oil burning furnace was working good, but they do

not have as much oil stored up as thought they would. Mayor Lambird asked if a public collection point could be established.

Based on the projected budget presented, General Corporate has a surplus of \$275.

As previously mentioned, the Pacific Cycle building still has two sections of roof that need to be repaired. The cost estimated to repair both sections was \$1,100,000.

Mr. Sanders presented a Power Point presentation of capital improvement items requested by the various department heads, but was not included in the proposed budget.

Councilman Foster asked if enough bunker gear will be able to be purchased this year. Fire Chief Holmes explained new bunker gear will be provided to the men that go into fires the most. Bunker gear will be purchased next year for the men who do not go into the fires as often such as the equipment drivers.

No money was budgeted for the East Fork walkway. Mayor Lambird asked how long this repair can be postponed. Mr. Bradley indicated that there may be some funding available through the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. He thought the walkway could get by this summer.

Mowers were not budgeted for the Park Department. The last new mower was purchased in 2008.

No money was budgeted to remove the Main Street divider at the intersection of Main and US 50. Mr. Taylor indicated there was some concern with removing the island due to its proximity to US 50. Mr. Charleston has made contact with IDOT, and anticipates they will require some type of island.

Councilman Brown asked if a new dump truck was the best use of money. Mr. Scott explained several of their dump trucks have been in the shop recently and they are having a harder time getting parts for them. Mr. Fulk indicated a new dump truck is needed. The last new dump truck was purchased in 1998. Mayor Lambird asked if a good used dump truck could be purchased. Mr. Fulk indicated there are good used ones available, but it needs to be one that will fit the needs of the departments. The last used truck purchased is not user friendly and is set up differently than what the department would prefer.

Mayor Lambird asked if the salt brine system will save money in snow and ice removal. Mr. Scott indicated money can be saved on overtime.

The Council reviewed the proposed Motor Fuel Tax budget. Also provided to the Council was a list of streets that will be submitted to IDOT for the annual oil and chip maintenance program and some concrete patching at various locations. There was not a street listing for the concrete patching. The total estimate according to Mr. Charleston's calculation was \$136,081.50. The proposed budget includes \$120,000 for these items.

Mr. Taylor mentioned the City has three outstanding projects; East Street, Holly Road and Butler Street, which money is owed to IDOT, but the final bills have not been received.

Lathrop from Silver to Fritschle was listed on the oil and chip schedule. Councilman Foster thought Lathrop needs to be milled down before it is oiled and chipped again because of the gutter problems in that area. Mr. Charleston was asked to look at that situation.

The annual oil and chip program work will be bid out. City crews will prepare the streets that need to be ripped up before it is oiled and chipped.

Councilman Foster asked if big dips in the streets can be repaired before they are oiled and chipped. Mr. Scott explained they try to patch these areas before they are oiled and chipped.

Councilman Foster thought it may be worth looking into purchasing a milling machine for the future street work. Mr. Charleston commented that there are different sizes of milling machines that could be purchased.

Mr. Taylor explained there are three installments still due on the MFT debt retirement before it is paid off. Once this debt is paid off, there will be \$100,000 available for additional maintenance of roads.

The small funds can be discussed at the next meeting.

14-B “Discussion: Fee Schedules” No specific fee changes were proposed, but the Council was asked to review the schedule.

14-C “Discussion: Swimming Pool Punch Cards & Fees” Mr. Taylor discussed the use of the swimming pool punch cards. Last year the punch cards cost \$40 for 20 visits. The daily admission fee for children is \$2.00 so there was no discount when purchasing a punch card if only used by a child. There is a \$1.50 discount for adults using the punch card. If the Council wants to continue the use of the punch cards, Mr. Taylor proposed two types of punch cards, one for children for \$35.00 and another type for children or adults for \$45.00.

Mayor Lambird did not like the punch card and would rather charge one flat rate. He did not think the City was out to make money. He understood that there have been problems in the past with family passes. Councilman Foster asked what the staff prefers. Mr. Taylor stated the Pool Manager did not have a problem with using the punch cards. Councilman Foster commented if the punch card is used, he suggested adjusting the prices as proposed by Mr. Taylor.

Mr. Taylor mentioned five items that were not included in the proposed budget; creek erosion at the tennis courts, additional handicap entry into the swimming pool, Van Sandt water retention area, firing range and restrooms for the White Squirrel Saddle Club arena.

Councilwoman Thomas asked if the White Squirrel Saddle Club has signed a lease yet. Mr. Taylor was waiting to hear back from the Council whether they were agreeable with the proposed lease. The Council was agreeable to forward the lease to the saddle club.

AGENDA #15 “CLOSED SESSION: SALE PRICE OF REAL PROPERTY AND COLLECTIVE NEGOTIATING MATTERS” Councilman Foster moved to adjourn to closed session to discuss the sale price of real property and collective negotiating matters, seconded by Councilman Brown. A majority voice vote was received.

Councilmen Foster and Brown, Councilwoman Thomas, Mayor Lambird, City Attorney/City Manager Taylor and City Clerk Henton left the Council Chambers at 10:41 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 Councilman Brown. A majority voice vote was received. Open session resumed at 11:50 p.m.

AGENDA #17 “ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION” Councilman Foster moved to accept the development agreement with Aaron Wease, seconded by Councilman Brown. Councilman Brown, Mayor Lambird, Councilwoman Thomas and Councilman Foster voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried. Ordinance 2012-11 will be prepared.

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

The meeting of the City Council adjourned at 11:52 p.m.

Belinda C. Henton  
City Clerk