

CITY OF OLNEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 28, 2011

AGENDA #1 “CALL TO ORDER” The March 28, 2011 meeting of the Olney City Council was called to order at 7:45 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. Jerry Bush 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 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 March 14, 2011 and Special Council Meeting on March 21, 2011

4-B Approve and Authorize Payment of Accounts Payable March 29, 2011-Pooled Cash \$55,828.74

4-C Resolution: Accept Bids for Miscellaneous Concrete-Resolution 2011-R-18

4-D Resolution: Accept Bids for Crushed Stone and Sand-Resolution 2011-R-19

4-E Resolution: Accept Bid for Water Plant Chemicals-Resolution 2011-R-20

4-F Resolution: Accept Bid for Swimming Pool Chemicals-Resolution 2011-R-21

4-G Raffle License - Olney Knights of Columbus

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 Foster. 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 reported that work on the Pacific Cycle roof began last week.

Four contractors toured the five homes to be included in the neighborhood revitalization program. Three bids were received, and one contractor will be awarded all five homes in this project.

City crews started working on Sarah Drive and connecting water mains in intersections on Ash, Beech and Pine streets. Grading has begun on Butler Street and seeding will begin in the next couple of days.

The exterior of the Water Plant clarifier has been completed. The lighting project at the Water Plant, Sewer Plant, Public Works Center and City Hall is almost completely done. An energy savings of 50% is expected from this project. The lighting project was completed by city workers.

8-B “City Treasurer - Financial Report” Mr. Yockey presented his monthly financial report. As of February 28, the total revenues minus expenses for General Corporate was \$158,847.41 compared to a year ago of -\$47,759.98.

The total revenues minus expenses for the Water Fund was \$108,827.13 compared to a year ago of \$99,710.77.

The total revenues minus expenses for the Sewer Fund was \$124,555.42 compared to a year ago of \$66,103.86.

Mr. Yockey noted some items of interest. As of March 25, 2011, the total sales and use tax was \$1,511,223.18 as compared to the same time last year of \$1,436,257.07. The sales and use tax budget is \$40,235.58 above budget for the year.

Income tax as of March 25, 2011 was \$679,278 compared to a year ago of \$514,290.66.

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”

AGENDA #10 “OLD BUSINESS”

10-A “Ordinance: Regulating Trailer Parks” The Council was provided with a proposed amendment to the mobile home park code. This amendment eliminates the requirement to provide a state inspection form and the annual inspection fees which were originally proposed.

Councilman Foster moved to pass Ordinance 2011-11, seconded by Councilman Weber. Councilmen Brown, Weber, Ferguson, Mayor Lambird and Councilman Foster voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried.

10-B “Discussion: No Parking N. Jefferson/E. Scott” A request was received from a citizen to consider restricting parking at the intersection of Jefferson and Scott Streets. The ambulance service was consulted, and it appears that there are parking problems in this area during high school baseball games. Staff recommends that a no parking area be initiated 50' from the intersection of N. Jefferson and E. Scott.

Councilman Weber moved to approve no parking within 50' of the intersection on the east side of N. Jefferson and the south side E. Scott, seconded by Councilman Foster. Councilmen Weber, Ferguson, Mayor Lambird, Councilmen Foster and Brown voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried. Ordinance 2011-12 will be prepared.

10-C “Review/Discussion: 2011/2012 Budgets” During the last meeting the Council directed staff from the various departments to review the proposed capital improvements and limit spending to \$238,000. Department heads met and reviewed the proposed capital improvements. After considering all of the needs by each department, a revised list of capital improvements was prepared for the Council. Included in the proposed capital improvements was a street sweeper, wood chipper, police vehicle and \$25,000 set aside for a fire pumper.

The Council discussed the purchase of a street sweeper. Two brands have been demonstrated and they performed equally.

Mr. Bukas explained to the Council there will be a public hearing for the budget at the April 11 Council meeting and the budget should be approved at the April 25 meeting.

Councilman Ferguson questioned how much is in reserves. Mr. Yockey reported there is more than \$2,000,000 in unrestricted reserves in General Corporate. At this time the proposed budget would require \$205,000 to be taken out of reserves. Mr. Yockey preferred taking this amount out of the Pacific Cycle project fund. Currently, that fund has \$250,000 available for use. It was Mr. Yockey’s opinion that other reserve funds can be used for emergencies. This project fund has a balance of \$1,200,000. The project just started at Pacific Cycle will cost \$225,000 and \$250,000 is budgeted for roof repairs next year.

Councilman Ferguson requested discussion for future costs on the Pacific Cycle building. After this matter is discussed it would give the Councilmen a better idea of whether \$205,000 should be taken out of this project fund. Mr. Bukas commented that next year it is being proposed to repair approximately 19,000 square feet of roof. There are two roof areas that they hope have three to five years of life left and another area that has approximately two to three years of life left. The gabled roof over the warehousing area currently has leaks. This area is more than 286,000 square feet and the cost is unknown.

Mayor Lambird questioned if there is a market of used street sweepers. Mr. Bukas commented there may be a possibility of purchasing a demo model.

Councilman Ferguson questioned health insurance costs. Mr. Bukas reported that the original increase was 17.75%, but they have come down to a 15.5% increase. The increase is still being negotiated with the insurance company. The proposed budget includes a 20% increase.

Councilman Foster questioned why travel and training is considerably higher for the Police Department. Mr. Bukas explained the state no longer reimburses for training expenses and two new employees are expected due to retirements.

Included in the MFT budget is \$115,400 for the maintenance of streets of which \$60,000 will be used for concrete streets and \$55,000 for the oil and chip program. In 2008/2009 the Council set aside \$25,000 to supplement the repair of concrete streets.

Several years ago the Council made a commitment to Dave Lawless to improve S. Van Street in exchange for a needed easement to complete a water main project. The estimated cost for this project is \$52,937.50 plus engineering fees, but this project was not part of the proposed budget.

Councilman Brown questioned if there is any work planned for Locust Street by the ambulance garage. Mr. Bukas explained plans have been made to place a culvert covered with asphalt shavings yet this budget year.

Mr. Bukas commented that the two blowers for \$144,000 which were originally proposed in the Sewer Department will not be purchased unless a grant is received. The same is true with the \$90,000 generator.

AGENDA #11 “Public Comments/Presentations”

11-A “Request for Class S Liquor License-Gypsy” Bart Zuber was present and requested approval for a Class S liquor license for June 11,2011. The Gypsy is planning a corn hole tournament in the afternoon and bands in the evening. The event will take place from 1:30 p.m. until 11:59 p.m. None of the businesses in the 200 block of S. Whittle will be affected by this event.

Brian O’Neill commented that last year liquor was allowed outside the designated area. He threatened to report this to the Illinois Liquor Control Commission if it is not corrected.

Councilman Brown moved to approve the Class S liquor license for The Gypsy on June 11, 2011, seconded by Councilman Weber. A unanimous voice vote was received.

11-B “Status of the State of Illinois Unemployment and Financial Debt” Brian O’Neill made comments on the status of the State of Illinois unemployment and financial debt. He stated unemployment is going down because residents are leaving Illinois.

A letter was received from Misty Crisel requesting a hand rail in the swimming pool to assist handicapped and elderly persons. Mr. Bukas commented the swimming pool meets all of the ADA requirements. The Council was not in favor of spending money on the pool when it is already ADA accessible.

AGENDA #12 “REPORT FROM THE MAYOR” Mayor Lambird commented on an incident which took place at City Hall last week when a disgruntled customer kicked out the glass of the front door. The people in the front office take the brunt of the hostility from customers and residents. He believed it was time to look at the security at City Hall. The Council agreed to look further into security and the costs.

The Council discussed the S. Van Street improvement project. This project has been delayed several times because nothing has been budgeted. The Council agreed it must be done and suggested using reserves.

Councilman Foster moved to take the needed funds to complete the S. Van Street improvements from reserves, seconded by Councilman Ferguson. Mayor Lambird, Councilmen Foster, Brown, Weber and Ferguson voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried.

Mr. Bukas commented plans need to be drawn up for this project, and it will probably take about two weeks to complete once it is started.

AGENDA #13 “REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS” Councilman Weber asked if anything has been heard concerning combined dispatch. Mr. Bukas commented no, but he expected to receive a revised agreement today, but nothing was received.

Councilman Weber questioned the status of the tar machine and why it is not being used. Mr. Bukas understood it was not functional. Councilman Weber asked if it could be fixed. Mr. Bukas explained it has been worked on, but it is a used piece of equipment and never seems to have been functional. Mr. Yockey explained the machine was not cleaned properly when it was used.

Councilman Weber stated the City has concrete streets that have cracks that need to be filled and whatever needs to be done to get the tar program going again should be done.

Councilman Weber discussed the condition of the shoulders on S. Whittle south of the overpass. Mr. Bukas commented that no major work is planned for this area. Councilman Weber believed this area needs to be made safer and a reduction of the speed limit may need to be considered if shoulder work is not being planned.

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 8:33 p.m.

Belinda C. Henton
City Clerk