

CITY OF OLNEY  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 22, 2012

AGENDA #1 “CALL TO ORDER” The October 22, 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. Steve Wingert led the group in a prayer.

AGENDA #3 “ROLL CALL” The following Council members were present: Barb Thomas, Gary Foster, Brad Brown, Bob Ferguson and Mark Lambird. 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 October 8, 2012

4-B Approve and Authorize Payment of Accounts Payable October 23, 2012-Pooled Cash \$110,659.56 and Manual Pooled Cash \$87.59

4-C Raffle License-Olney Public Library

4-D Raffle License-OCC Athletics

4-E Raffle License-Fox River Apartments

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

AGENDA #6 “CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA” Councilwoman Thomas moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Councilman Brown. A majority voice vote was received.

AGENDA #7 “CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA” Since no items were removed from the consent agenda, no consideration was necessary.

AGENDA #8 “PUBLIC COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS”

8-A “Indecency Ordinance-County in Non-Compliance” Brian O’Neill recently attended a County Board meeting to try and put some common sense into the County Board and Sheriff. In Mr. O’Neill’s opinion, they need to pass an indecency ordinance. Mr. O’Neill then talked about Jack Howser. He stated the City and County must have ordinances in place and be enforced. Many ordinances are not enforced.

8-B “Request: Use of City Park” Brad Stanley and Jamie McDowell, representing the East Richland Coon Hunters Association, requested the use of the City Park for coon hunting events. There were two different hunts Mr. Stanley and Mr. McDowell were interested in bringing to Olney, one hunt will take place in August 2013 on a Friday and Saturday night and the other

hunt will be in June 2014 and will take place on a Thursday, Friday and Saturday night. They did not know the exact dates of the hunts, but would require the use of the Community Building to provide meals for the hunters and shower facilities, camping sites for 10 to 20 campers and the use of the pole barns. If the Council is interested in allowing these facilities to be used, the Association will have to make a bid on the events. Hunts will take place at nights in outlying areas and bench shows will take place during the day in the shelters.

Mr. Stanley explained if the facilities are available, larger hunts could be pursued.

The Council was interested in accommodating them and was willing to work with them on the fees. They suggested that the group work with the Fair Board for the use of the pole barns and Frank Bradley in the Park Department to see how many camping sites could be arranged.

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

9-A “Update: Electric Aggregation-Good Energy” Jerod McMorris from Good Energy was present and informed the Council he is working with the local media for interviews concerning electric aggregation. He just finished meeting with the Olney Rotary Club. Javier Barrios will be attending a breakfast meeting being hosted by the Chamber of Commerce tomorrow morning at City Hall. Residents recently received flyers in the mail concerning the electric aggregation referendum. Palms cards are also being passed out to residents. Good Energy is trying to educate the public so the referendum is more likely to pass.

Mr. Taylor reviewed the steps which have to be taken once the referendum passes. Two public hearings will be scheduled in November. The City Council will need to pass an ordinance authorizing Good Energy to bid electrical rates. A Request for Proposals will be submitted by Good Energy shortly after the referendum is approved. December 11 is the target bid and contract day. Bids will be opened and all contracts will be signed on that day. City staff has updated customer lists through the Ameren portal. By February meters will be changed and citizens will see a difference in their bills.

9-B “Ordinance: Authorize Sale of 20 Acres Farm Ground” An auction was held on October 16 at City Hall to sell 20 acres of farm ground located on Holly Road north of East Fork Lake. The high bid of \$123,000 was received from Richard M. Runyon, Jr. Mr. Runyon has submitted a 10% down payment. The balance will be paid at closing. The Council was given a copy of the proposed ordinance and real estate sales contract.

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

9-C “Resolution: Purchase of Surveillance Equipment at Musgrove Park” Frank Bradley, Park Department Supervisor, has investigated the purchase of surveillance equipment for Musgrove Park. The Council was provided with two proposals for surveillance systems. One

proposal provides for installation and the other did not, but the City has an employee that can do the installation. Mr. Taylor discussed the difference between the two systems.

Councilman Foster noticed one bid did not include a backup battery and questioned if that was needed. The Council assumed a backup battery could be purchased if needed. Councilman Foster also questioned where the equipment will be housed. Mr. Taylor assumed it would be housed in the concession stand.

Mayor Lambird talked to the Olney Little League and they thought they could pay for a portion of this purchase through donations. Mayor Lambird suggested talking to Little League to see how much they are willing to contribute. This matter will be discussed again at the next meeting.

Councilman Brown questioned if a policy needs to be set on the use of surveillance equipment. Mr. Taylor agreed a policy is probably needed.

9-D “Resolution: Insurance Renewal with Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.” A renewal quote has been received from Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. for the City’s insurance coverage. The Council was provided with a proposed resolution along with background information. December 31 will conclude the City’s first year of coverage under the current insurance. The premium increase is approximately 3.8%. The total cost is \$163,309. The total premium remains well below the premiums paid for a number of years as reflected in the background information. The City is eligible for a \$2,300 grant from the Illinois Public Risk Fund to be used for safety programs and safety-related equipment. Mr. Taylor recommended that the Council approve the proposed resolution accepting the insurance renewal quote.

Councilman Foster moved to approve Resolution 2012-R-73, seconded by Councilman Ferguson. Councilmen Brown, Ferguson, Mayor Lambird, Councilwoman Thomas and Councilman Foster voted yes. There were no opposing votes.

9-E “Resolution: Authorize Installation of Electric Service to Light Poles in City Park” The Council was provided with a proposed resolution authorizing the installation of the electrical service, waiving the formal bidding procedures and amending the budget for the City Park. Three contractors were contacted for the installation of electric service to the light poles in the City Park. Olney Quality Electric quoted \$9,519.00. This was the only quote received. The Council was also provided with a memo from Frank Bradley explaining what will be done by the contractor. The \$9,519.00 will put the City Park Lighting line item over budget by \$1,858.68; therefore, Mr. Taylor suggested waiving the formal bidding procedures and amending the budget. Seventeen lights will be installed. The total cost of the entire lighting project is \$16,858.68.

Mr. Taylor also suggested increasing the line item for the City Park Roof by \$1,083.00 because the total cost of that project went over by that amount. In order to make the two amendments, he recommended taking \$2,991.00 remaining in the Kiwanis Rotary Park Bathroom line item because that project was completed and was under budget by that amount. The proposed resolution reflects Mr. Taylor’s recommendations.

Councilman Ferguson moved to approve Resolution 2012-R-74, seconded by Councilwoman Thomas. Councilman Ferguson, Mayor Lambird, Councilwoman Thomas, Councilmen Foster and Brown voted yes. There were no opposing votes.

9-F “Discussion: Expansion of Maple Dale Cemetery” The Council was asked to consider some issues regarding the expansion of Maple Dale Cemetery. Mr. Charleston has been working on a plat of the cemetery expansion. A road is planned around the perimeter of the expansion area. Mr. Charleston estimated an aggregate surface road with ditches for drainage would cost approximately \$15,000 to \$18,000.

Mr. Taylor also suggested that the Council think about putting a road in the new section of Memorial Gardens which has already been platted and lots are being sold, but a road has not yet been constructed.

Councilman Foster explained he was approached by a family that wanted to be buried at Maple Dale, but very few lots are available. He believed the Council needs to do what they can to accommodate them.

Mr. Taylor asked for guidance regarding the kind of markers and monuments that will be permitted in the new section at Maple Dale Cemetery. The difficulty with allowing monuments is with mowing. Very few lots are available which allow above ground monuments. The Council suggested pricing lots which allow above ground monuments higher than flat stones. Road expense would have to be considered in the next budget year.

Mr. Charleston explained before any lots are sold in the Maple Dale expansion, the ground needs to be leveled. This can be done with the dirt taken off while constructing the road. At this time the area is flat and does not drain well.

9-G “Discussion: Wi-Fi Musgrove Park” Mayor Lambird reported that the Wi-Fi at the Musgrove Ball Park Complex is currently not working. Originally, it was discussed to turn the Wi-Fi off at night after baseball season, but it may be used more than anticipated. The Wi-Fi can be authorized to be left on all the time, but each user will have a two-hour time limit. Wi-Fi service is being offered at no charge by New Wave. The Council was in favor of leaving the Wi-Fi on. Research will be done to determine why the Wi-Fi- is not working.

#### AGENDA #10 “REPORTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS”

10-A “City Manager - Status Report” Mr. Taylor reported that the Council received a letter from the Olney Arts Council. They expressed their appreciation for the City’s support of the annual Fall Festival. Next year’s Fall Festival will take place on September 28, 2013.

The City received a letter from the Rural Water Association stating the Olney Waste Water Treatment plant has been nominated for the plant of the year. The winner of the award will be announced at their annual conference. Mr. Taylor expressed appreciation for Tony Steber and the work he and his group do. It is an honor to be nominated.

During the past weekend the Community Building was vandalized. The damage has been cleaned up and screens replaced.

A Joint Review Board meeting has been scheduled for October 29. The annual TIF report has been filed. For the past several years Bob Ferguson has represented the City on the Joint Review Board, but Councilman Ferguson will not be able to attend this year. Councilman Foster volunteered to represent the City at the October 29 meeting.

On October 1, 2012, the 2012-2013 Illinois Jobs Now Capital Bill Program Grant of \$37,482 was received. This grant was not included in the 2012-2013 budget. It can be used for MFT projects.

The leaf pickup program is ready to begin. Leaves will be taken to NuEarth.

In honor of the Olney Tigers' outstanding football season, Mayor Lambird suggested declaring Friday, October 26 as Olney Tiger Day.

Mayor Lambird moved to designate Friday, October 26, 2012 as Olney Tiger Day, seconded by Councilman Brown. Mayor Lambird, Councilwoman Thomas, Councilmen Foster, Brown and Ferguson voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried.

The covered bridge at the City Park has been torn down. Mayor Lambird asked if there are any plans to rebuild the bridge. Mr. Taylor commented there are no immediate plans, but thought will be given to rebuilding the bridge.

Councilman Foster questioned if Mr. Taylor has made any progress in hiring outside legal counsel to help prosecute ordinance violations. Mr. Taylor believes he has someone secured.

AGENDA #11. “CLOSED SESSION: EMPLOYMENT AND PERFORMANCE OF SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES, SALE PRICE OF REAL PROPERTY AND PROBABLE OR IMMINENT LITIGATION” Councilman Brown moved to adjourn to closed session to discuss employment and performance of specific employees, sale price of real property and probable or imminent litigation, seconded by Councilwoman Thomas. A majority voice vote was received.

Councilmen Foster, Brown, Ferguson, Councilwoman Thomas, Mayor Lambird, City Manager Taylor, City Treasurer Sanders and City Clerk Henton left the Council Chambers at 8:26 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 Foster. A majority voice vote was received. Open session resumed at 10:05 p.m.

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

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

The meeting of the City Council adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Belinda C. Henton  
City Clerk