

CITY OF OLNEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 24, 2011

AGENDA #1 “CALL TO ORDER” The October 24, 2011 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. Paul Boostrom 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 Attorney Larry Taylor, City Engineer Roger Charleston and City Clerk Belinda Henton.

AGENDA #4 “PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGENDA”

4-A Approve Minutes of the Council Meeting on October 10, 2011

4-B Approve and Authorize Payment of Accounts Payable October 25, 2011-Pooled Cash \$116,017.52

4-C Raffle License Application-Olney Public Library

4-D Resolution: Accept Bids for Miscellaneous Concrete-Resolution 2011-R-69

4-E Resolution: Accept Bids for Crushed Stone and Sand-Resolution 2011-R-70

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” Mr. Taylor reported that the Police Department received a grant of \$1,500 from the Wal-Mart Distribution Center. Some of this money will be used to support overtime for public relations, and \$500 will be used to purchase alcohol, drug and anti-crime public awareness pamphlets and brochures.

The Council was provided with an updated Musgrove ball diamond complex expense report.

A pre-application was sent to IDOT for the TIGER funds for the widening of Whittle Avenue. Additional information has been provided by IDOT concerning the requirements for the grant application. City Engineer Charleston indicated that he has learned that TIGER funds are basically intended for heavily urbanized areas. Points are given for congestion mitigation,

system expansion, reduction in commuter miles and reduction of greenhouse gases. Olney would not get very many points based on this criteria. The grant is due October 31. Mr. Charleston did not feel the cost to complete this grant application was worth the time. The Council was agreeable not to submit the grant application.

The annual TIF reports have been filed. A Joint Review Board meeting has been scheduled for October 31.

Work on the Pacific Cycle roof project will begin this week and continue next week.

The East Fork boat ramp is now open. There are no plans to reinstall the old docks at East Fork Lake. If the purchase of the new docks is approved, the new docks will be installed when received.

The August telecommunications tax received in October was \$23,166.25 which was up \$15,416.90 for the same period last year. When the telecommunications tax was increased, the Council made the decision to designate 35% of the increase to go to a capital improvements fund. The total to date in this fund is \$51,913.82.

Councilman Brown asked if the storm sewer projects on E. Locust and E. Porter will be completed this fall. Mr. Taylor commented they will try to, but he will get some more information about the projects.

Councilman Foster questioned if the Miller's Grove bike connector will continue to be pursued since one of the property owners is requesting \$2,837.50 for needed right of way. Mr. Taylor commented that it remains to be seen what the expenses will be for this project. Negotiations will continue.

AGENDA #9 "NEW BUSINESS"

9-A "Discussion: Incentive for Signing Up for Electronic Utility Bill Payment" City Hall is moving forward with the ability to pay utility bills electronically. Mayor Lambird understood City Hall has the ability to electronically bill utility charges. City Clerk Henton explained the ability to email bills to the customers would require additional software of which the cost is not known.

Mayor Lambird would like to look into the possibility of offering a rebate to customers who sign up for electronic billing and payments. Money could be saved by not printing and mailing the bills. He asked that the cost of needed software be researched.

9-B "Resolution: Consent to Assignment of Franchise" The Council was provided with a proposed resolution and consent to assignment of franchise agreement, and if approved will facilitate the transfer of the cable franchise from Comcast to New Wave Communications.

Mark Bookout, New Wave General Manager, explained New Wave's headquarters are in Sikeston, Missouri. New Wave already has fiber optic cables through Olney. New Wave

intends to update the cable system with advanced technology, increased internet service and phone service. New Wave already serves several areas near Olney.

Councilman Foster asked if New Wave will have an office in Olney. Mr. Bookout commented there is a good possibility they will have an office in Olney. When a customer calls in, the system recognizes the area code and prefix of the caller and attempts to reach the closest location.

Mr. Bookout explained the mechanics of their system and how they will serve the customers of Olney. New Wave will not work with Frontier, but will offer unlimited long distance and local telephone service. Customers would be allowed to keep their existing telephone numbers.

Councilman Foster moved to approve Resolution 2011-R-71, seconded by Councilwoman Thomas. Councilmen Foster, Brown, Ferguson, Mayor Lambird and Councilwoman Thomas voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried.

9-C “Resolution: Accept Bid for Boat Docks” One quote was received for the East Fork service docks from Reese Recreation in the amount of \$32,217 which includes \$875.00 per day for installation supervision. Mr. Taylor explained this supervision may not be necessary and is not required. The DNR grant includes \$32,000 for the service docks with the City providing installation.

Councilman Brown asked about plans for the current docks. Mr. Taylor suggested that the docks be relocated to Borah Lake. City Clerk Henton added that the East Fork Bassmasters asked to provide input on the installation of the docks at Borah Lake.

Mr. Taylor commented once the docks are installed at East Fork Lake, the old docks can be relocated to Borah Lake instead of being put in storage.

Councilman Foster moved to accept the quote from Reese Recreation for the service docks in the amount of \$32,217.00, seconded by Councilman Brown. Councilmen Brown, Ferguson, Mayor Lambird, Councilwoman Thomas and Councilman Foster voted yes. There were no opposing votes. Resolution 2011-R-72 will be prepared.

9-D “Resolution: Accept Bid for Lights at Musgrove Park Ball Diamonds” The Council was provided with a proposed resolution accepting a quote and waiving bidding procedures for lights at Musgrove Park ball diamonds. Three quotes were received with the lowest being received from Complete Lighting Source, Inc. from Leeds, Alabama in the amount of \$68,924.00.

Councilman Foster noticed that the three quotes were not comparable in quantity or type of materials. Mayor Lambird understood the high bid included labor for installation. Complete Lighting Source was willing to allow city crews to install the lights. Councilman Foster wanted to make sure the City was getting what was requested.

Councilman Brown asked if the quote being recommended included lights for the four large fields and the Babe Ruth field. Mayor Lambird indicated the lights were only for the four fields. Lights for Babe Ruth can be ordered in the spring.

Councilman Foster thought a better price could be received if lights for all five fields were ordered at the same time. Mayor Lambird did not think all five fields of lights could be installed this winter.

Councilman Brown moved to approve Resolution 2011-R-73, seconded by Councilman Ferguson. Councilman Ferguson, Mayor Lambird, Councilwoman Thomas, Councilmen Foster and Brown voted yes. There were no opposing votes.

9-E “Ordinance: Parking Agreement for Rural King at 501 N. West Street” The Olney Rural King has requested a parking agreement for their new location at 501 N. West Street. The Council was provided with a proposed ordinance and agreement. The agreement will prohibit semis and semi trailers from parking in front of the new store.

Councilman Ferguson moved to pass Ordinance 2011-51, seconded by Councilwoman Thomas. Mayor Lambird, Councilwoman Thomas, Councilmen Foster, Brown and Ferguson voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried.

9-F “Discussion: Trees on Whittle Avenue” Councilman Ferguson has received complaints about the trees on Whittle Avenue because of the birds and the waste they leave on the sidewalks. Work is required to maintain the trees. He questioned if the trees should be removed, but believed the store owners should be asked their opinion.

9-G “Resolution: Amend Budget for Ludlow Communications Building” The Council was provided with a proposed resolution amending the budget for improvements for the Ludlow communications building. A cargo container has been obtained for use as a communications building on Ludlow Street. A concrete pad will be required to set the container and there will be additional expenses for insulation, generator, utilities and the moving of equipment. Mr. Taylor estimated expenses will be approximately \$10,000. Richland Memorial Hospital and the County will share 45% of the expenses and the City will pay for 55% or \$5,500 of which \$700 has already been budgeted. During the original discussion the Council suggested using contingencies for this expense. This is reflected in the proposed resolution.

Councilman Foster moved to approved Resolution 2011-R-74, seconded by Councilwoman Thomas. Councilwoman Thomas, Councilmen Foster, Brown, Ferguson and Mayor Lambird voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried.

AGENDA #10 “OLD BUSINESS”

10-A “Discussion: Leaf Burning Ban” Councilman Foster did some research on how other communities handle leaves. He believed the City needs to determine what kind of equipment will be needed to vacuum the leaves, preferably something that will mulch the leaves. He asked the staff to research the equipment and cost so it can be considered during budget preparation.

Bob Stallman expressed his concern with leaf burning and its effect on his wife's health. He believed something needed to be done quickly.

Brian O'Neill expressed his concern with leaf burning and the health hazards it causes.

10-B "Discussion: White Squirrel Celebration" Mr. Taylor reported it will cost between \$500 and \$600 to have the tree that was planted in front of the shelter near the old pool professionally moved. The possibility of survival is 50/50. City crews could try to relocate the tree to another place. The Council agreed to have city crews relocate the tree.

The White Squirrel Celebration Committee also requested that the roof be raised on the shelter behind the old pool. Mr. Taylor and Code Enforcement Officer Mike Mitchell have looked at the shelter and they believe it would be more practical to dismantle the building and replace the existing poles with taller poles and replace the roof. The same materials would be reused as much as possible, but additional equipment would not have to be rented as originally suggested. This work would be done during the winter or early spring. The Council was agreeable to allow city crews to dismantle the shelter and make it taller.

AGENDA #11 "PUBLIC COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS"

11-A "Brian O'Neill-Boone/Morgan Storm Water Construction" Brian O'Neill questioned the purpose of the concrete canvas being used in the Boone Street culvert. He thinks it will cause more problems.

AGENDA #12 "REPORT FROM THE MAYOR" Mayor Lambird recommended reappointing Rob McClain and Scott Jones to the Plan Commission.

Councilman Brown moved to reappoint Rob McClain and Scott Jones to the Plan Commission, seconded by Councilwoman Thomas. Councilmen Foster, Brown, Ferguson, Mayor Lambird and Councilwoman Thomas voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried.

Mayor Lambird recommended reappointing Tony Zuber and Greg Eyer to the Board of Appeals.

Councilman Foster moved to reappoint Tony Zuber and Greg Eyer to the Board of Appeals, seconded by Councilman Ferguson. Councilmen Brown, Ferguson, Mayor Lambird, Councilwoman Thomas and Councilman Foster voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried.

Mayor Lambird recommended reappointing Rick Runyon to the Police Pension Board.

Councilman Brown moved to reappoint Rick Runyon to the Police Pension Board, seconded by Councilman Foster. Councilman Ferguson, Mayor Lambird, Councilwoman Thomas, Councilmen Foster and Brown voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried.

Mayor Lambird recommended reappointing Chuck Roberts, Judy Smith, Mary Kocher, Dan Zuber and Marie Riggs to the Library Board.

Councilman Ferguson moved to reappoint Chuck Roberts, Judy Smith, Mary Kocher, Dan Zuber and Marie Riggs to the Library Board seconded by Councilwoman Thomas. Mayor Lambird, Councilwoman Thomas, Councilmen Foster, Brown and Ferguson voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried.

Mayor Lambird recommended appointing Emily Blackford to the Library Board to replace Mike Hill.

Councilman Foster moved to appoint Emily Blackford to the Library Board, seconded by Councilman Brown. Councilwoman Thomas, Councilmen Foster, Brown, Ferguson and Mayor Lambird voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried.

Mayor Lambird recommended appointing Belinda Henton, Kelly Lomas, Sue Michels, Deb Kelly, Alta Ingram, Brad Williams and Jon Wright to the Christmas Light Committee.

Councilman Brown moved to appoint Belinda Henton, Kelly Lomas, Sue Michels, Deb Kelly, Alta Ingram, Brad Williams and Jon Wright to the Christmas Light Committee, seconded by Councilwoman Thomas. Councilmen Foster, Brown, Ferguson, Mayor Lambird and Councilwoman Thomas voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried.

Mayor Lambird reported that concrete has been poured for the floor of the concession stand and walls will be started Thursday. The blocks for the walls will be stained. Councilman Ferguson question if the blocks were to be split face because he only saw smooth blocks. Mayor Lambird will check into that matter.

Mayor Lambird announced volunteers are asked to come to the City Park on Saturday, October 29 at 9:00 a.m. to help put up the Christmas lights.

AGENDA #13 “REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS” Councilman Foster would like consideration be given to putting up no littering signs at the edge of town indicating the fine for littering. Mr. Taylor indicated there is a general provision for not disposing of litter on public property. Councilman Foster asked that the littering ordinance be investigated along with the cost of signs.

AGENDA #14 “CLOSED SESSION: APPOINTMENT, COMPENSATION AND PERFORMANCE OF SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES AND SALE PRICE OF REAL PROPERTY ” Councilman Foster moved to adjourn to closed session to discuss the appointment, compensation and performance of specific employees and sale price of real property, seconded by Councilman Brown. A majority voice vote was received.

Councilmen Foster, Brown and Ferguson, Councilwoman Thomas, Mayor Lambird, City Attorney Taylor and City Clerk Henton left the Council Chambers at 8:31 p.m.

AGENDA #16 “RECONVENE OPEN SESSION” Upon the return of those who were in closed session to the Council Chambers, Councilman Brown moved to enter back into open session, seconded by Councilman Ferguson. A majority voice vote was received. Open session resumed at 10:13 p.m.

AGENDA #17 “ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION” Councilman Foster moved to approve Resolution 2011-R-75 which authorizes the execution of an agreement regarding employment benefits for Robin L. Brown as Police Chief, seconded by Councilman Ferguson. A majority voice vote was received.

Councilman Ferguson moved to pass Ordinance 2011-52 establishing the salary of the Police Chief as \$64,000, seconded by Councilman Foster. A majority voice vote was received.

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

The meeting of the City Council adjourned at 10:14 p.m.

Belinda C. Henton
City Clerk