

CITY OF OLNEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 24, 2012

AGENDA #1 “CALL TO ORDER” The September 24, 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. Pastor Brett Best 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 September 10, 2012

4-B Approve and Authorize Payment of Accounts Payable September 25, 2012-Pooled Cash \$81,858.73 and Water Deposit Refunds \$1,708.55.

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 “PUBLIC COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS” Brian O’Neill believed the City’s ordinance on public drinking is unconstitutional. In his opinion the ordinance needs additional language to give law enforcement officers more power for enforcement. He also stated that the intoxication ordinance is not enforced.

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

9-A “Resolution: Designating City Logo” Thirteen different designers submitted a variety of logos to the City for consideration. The Council reviewed the designs and chose the design submitted by Erik Cordell of Olney as the winning entry. Mayor Lambird expressed his appreciation for the work the designers put into this project.

Mr. Cordell expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to submit his logo to the City.

Councilman Foster commented the current logo has been used for a long time and has served the City well. The new logo is a nice clean logo.

Councilwoman Thomas moved to approve Resolution 2012-R-64, seconded by Councilman Foster. A majority voice vote was received.

9-B “Request: Close S. Elliott Street from Elm to North Avenue” Joe Carey requested the Council approve the closing of S. Elliott Street from Elm Street to North Avenue on October 27, 2012 for trick or treating. This is the same request as last year which was a great success. The neighborhood had 750 children visit and were kept safe by the street closing. Mr. Carey provided the Council with a map of the neighborhood indicating the location of streets requested for closure and needed barricades. The neighbors will be responsible for putting up and taking down the barricades when needed.

Police Chief Brown commented they had no problems last year with the closing of the street.

Councilman Brown moved to approve Mr. Carey’s request to close S. Elliott Street on October 27, 2012 for trick or treating, seconded by Councilman Ferguson. A majority voice vote was received.

9-C “Request: Class S Liquor License-The Gypsy, Inc.” Bart Zuber, representing The Gypsy, requested a Class S liquor license for October 20, 2012. The Gypsy will hold an event in conjunction with the RCRC Night Dash and Bar Bash 5K run. This 5K run will start and finish in front of The Gypsy. They intend to close Whittle Avenue in front of The Gypsy for the race and will also have a local band after the race. They requested to close Whittle Avenue at 3:00 p.m. until 1:30 a.m. and will need eight barricades. RCRC will submit a special event application for the details on the race.

Councilman Foster moved to approve the Class S liquor license for The Gypsy on October 20, 2012, seconded by Councilman Brown. A majority voice vote was received.

9-D “Request: Class S Liquor License-Knights of Columbus” Hank Ginder, representing the Knights of Columbus, requested a Class S liquor license on October 21, 2012 at 220 S. Elliott. St. Joseph Church asked the Knights of Columbus to apply for a Class S liquor license so they could have a beer garden at the St. Joseph Church smorgasbord.

Councilman Ferguson moved to approve the Class S liquor license for the Knights of Columbus on October 21, 2012 at 220 S. Elliott, seconded by Councilman Foster. Mayor Lambird abstained, Councilwoman Thomas, Councilmen Foster, Brown and Ferguson voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried.

9-E “Resolution: Authorize Purchase of Radio Equipment” Bids were solicited for new radio equipment for the Police Department and the Public Works Departments. The radio equipment for the Police Department will be analog/digital. The radio equipment for the Public

Works Departments will be analog only. The radio equipment will be narrow band compliant and will all be VHF. Four bids were received. The low bid was received from Global Technical Systems, Inc. of Effingham, Illinois in the amount of \$82,886.07. A total of \$77,340 was budgeted among the departments; \$65,600 for General Fund, \$6,700 for Water Fund and \$5,040 for the Sewer Fund. A budget amendment will be needed for the General Fund to reallocate the budget amounts to accurately reflect the actual costs in the various departments.

The Council was provided with a spreadsheet detailing the bids and options submitted by the three companies and another spreadsheet breaking down the costs per department based on the low bid provided by Global Technical Systems, Inc. Mr. Taylor discussed the equipment and options which were bid. Either option 1 or option 2 has to be purchased to make the repeaters work. Mr. Taylor suggested that option 2 be purchased which was antenna and lightning protection with new wiring instead of using existing wiring. Mr. Taylor noted that Barbeck had several errors in their bid, but Global Technical Systems, Inc. is the low bidder. The net difference between bid and budget for the General Corporate was approximately \$8,375 over budget. Mr. Taylor explained the radios have to be made compliant with narrow banding, but this change will also allow all of the departments to communicate between departments and allow the Police Department to communicate with other public agencies.

Mr. Sanders suggested that contingencies be used for the short fall. Mr. Taylor noted that later in the meeting it will be suggested that \$2,500 be used from contingencies for the set up of the restroom facility.

Councilman Foster moved to accept the low bid from Global Technical Systems, Inc. and amend the budget using contingencies, seconded by Councilwoman Thomas. Councilwoman Thomas, Councilmen Foster, Brown, Ferguson and Mayor Lambird voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried. Resolution 2012-R-65 will be prepared.

Mr. Taylor questioned the Global representative if his company does the tower work. Chris Overbeck from Global commented they have a tower climber and insurance.

9-F “Discussion: Highway Recognition Sign Policy” Through the years the City has posted a variety of recognition signs at each of the four highway entrances to town. The Illinois Department of Transportation suggests that only school activities be recognized and signs should be posted for no longer than one year. At times the City has had up to eight different recognition signs posted at each entrance. In the past there has been no policy on who purchases the signs. Sometimes the City has purchased the signs and at other times the person or group wanting recognition has purchased the signs. The cost for one, 48" x 24" sign is \$65.00. Currently, we have an individual interested in purchasing two signs to recognize the Babe Ruth Southern Illinois State Champions. The Council was asked if they wanted to establish a policy on the type of achievements recognized and who is responsible for purchasing the signs.

Councilman Foster did not believe it was possible to create a policy that would fit all situations. He preferred handling sign requests on a case by case basis. The Council discussed displaying old achievement signs on the barn wall at Musgrove Park.

Councilwoman Thomas suggested the City purchase two highway achievement signs and the group requesting the sign can purchase the additional two if they choose. The Council was in agreement.

9-G “Resolution: MFT Obligation Retirement” The Illinois Department of Transportation requires that a resolution be approved obligating the principal and interest payments for the First National Bank loan using MFT funds. These funds have already been disbursed from the MFT fund. This loan will be paid off in April 2013.

Councilman Ferguson moved to approve the IDOT Obligation Retirement Resolution, seconded by Councilman Brown. A majority voice vote was received.

9-H “Ordinance: Repeal Ordinance 96-20 Authorizing Handicap Parking for 231 S. Elliott” Mr. Taylor received a request from Bobbi Blackford, the new owner of 231 S. Elliott, to repeal Ordinance 96-20 authorizing two handicap parking spaces on E. Elm. Because of the use change for this property, the handicap parking is no longer needed.

Councilman Foster moved to pass Ordinance 2012-51, seconded by Councilman Brown. A majority voice vote was received.

9-I “Discussion: No Parking Between City Hall Parking Lot Driveways” The Council was provided with a memo from Police Chief Rob Brown concerning the parking space located in the 300 block of S. Whittle between the entrance and exit to the parking lot. Currently, that parking space has been designated for no parking of trucks or vans. There has been at least one accident attributed to vehicles parking in this space blocking visibility. Chief Brown requested that this parking place be designated as no parking.

Councilman Foster moved to remove the parking space between the entrance and exit to the City Hall parking lot in the 300 block of S. Whittle, seconded by Councilwoman Thomas. Councilman Ferguson, Mayor Lambird, Councilwoman Thomas, Councilmen Foster and Brown voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried. Ordinance 2012-52 will be prepared.

9-J “Resolution: Authorize Purchase of Squad Car” The Council was provided with a memo from Police Chief Brown along with a proposed resolution for the purchase of a 2013 Ford Police Interceptor Sedan through the state bid from Morrow Brothers Ford. The base price was \$23,885, \$5,290 for the necessary police equipment with installation and \$695.00 for graphic decals. The total cost would be \$29,870, and \$30,000 was budgeted for this purchase.

Police Chief Brown explained in the past the Police Department has paid extra to have the squad cars painted black and white. The graphics are cheaper than having the car painted, and the resale of a black and white car is lower. The proposed graphic wrap will allow the department to keep the black and white theme, but the wrap can be removed when sold. When the graphics are installed, the City Mechanic will assist in the process so he can learn how to install future applications.

Councilwoman Thomas moved to approve Resolution 2012-R-66, seconded by Councilman Foster. Mayor Lambird, Councilwoman Thomas, Councilmen Foster, Brown and Ferguson voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried.

9-K “Discussion: Purchase of Hot Asphalt Recycler” The Council was provided with a memo from Street Department Supervisor Marty Nuss requesting to purchase a piece of machinery that will make hot asphalt repairs. Mr. Nuss found a refurbished machine for \$19,950. This piece of machinery would allow the Street Department to make asphalt street repairs instead of repairing them in concrete because hot asphalt material is more of a permanent material. Mr. Taylor asked the Council to give some thought to such a purchase.

Councilman Ferguson asked if other communities have such a piece of equipment. Mr. Charleston was not aware if other communities had a hot asphalt recycler.

Councilman Foster agreed the City needs to start improving their equipment within the Street Department so they can complete projects better. He stated many projects in the past have been completed less than desirable. He believed they need to have the right equipment to do the job right the first time. There is also other equipment that is needed that will save time and money in the long run and will allow the streets to last longer.

Councilwoman Thomas asked if the Street Department has funds to make this purchase. Mr. Taylor explained the Street Supervisor believes money can be moved between line items to cover the expense. There appears to be a surplus in the stone line item and also the Locust Street line item. Mr. Taylor will verify this fact. This matter can be discussed further at the next meeting when Mr. Nuss is present.

Councilman Brown questioned if there is a priority list of equipment that is needed. Mr. Taylor commented this piece of equipment is the most immediate need. There is other equipment that is needed depending on how many road repairs the Council wants to Street Department to do themselves. Each aspect of street repair takes a certain piece of equipment. Mr. Taylor had some general costs of equipment.

Councilman Ferguson questioned if there are companies in the area that this type of work can be contracted. Mr. Charleston explained contracting asphalt repairs would be too expensive for small projects.

Councilman Foster attended the asphalt zipper demo. He found the demo very informative. He understood there are several pieces of equipment that are needed to do more street repairs. If the City had the proper equipment, crews could do the work when it was needed instead of waiting for a company to come in town. It would be expensive for the initial outlay, but more economical in the long run.

9-L “Discussion: Leaf Pickup Policies and Procedures” Mr. Taylor reported that the crews are in the process of getting the leaf vacuum and truck ready to start the leaf pickup program, and the Street Department Supervisor is in the process of hiring part-time help to assist in this

program. Since this program is new, it will be hard to determine an accurate schedule when the pickups will be made. Individuals will be allowed to bag leaves and take them to the brush dump or have them picked up at curbside. It was Mr. Taylor's hope to make the program beneficial and efficient for both the citizens and the city crews.

9-M "Resolution: Authorize Purchase of Restroom Facility for City Park" The Council was provided with a resolution and informational materials concerning the purchase of a restroom trailer to be located in the City Park east of the old swimming pool bathhouse. The funds for the purchase of the restroom trailer are to be donated. Mr. Taylor explained approximately \$2,500 will be needed to set the trailer up at the location and to add a storage area on the end of the trailer where the hitch is located. The proposed resolution amends the contingency budget for these additional costs.

Councilman Foster suggested that the trailer be anchored to the concrete.

Councilman Foster moved to approve Resolution 2012-R-67, seconded by Councilman Brown. Councilwoman Thomas, Councilmen Foster, Brown, Ferguson and Mayor Lambird voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried.

AGENDA #10 "REPORTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS"

10-A "City Manager - Status Report" Mr. Taylor reported that the John Deere lawn tractor that the Council recently authorized for sale on GovDeals.com sold for \$455.00.

Mr. Taylor reported that the brush dump will be open from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays and 10:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. on Monday through Friday. Mr. Taylor hopes to continue to have the brush dump open on Saturdays through Thanksgiving to help provide a place for residents to take their leaves.

The Council discussed alternative hours to better serve the public. Mr. Taylor will explore options to extend the hours.

Councilman Foster noted potholes needed to be filled in the east driveway at Maple Dale Cemetery.

Councilman Foster questioned the status of the East Fork Lake spillway project. Mr. Charleston commented a repair plan has been submitted to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, but he is still waiting for a reply.

Councilman Foster requested that a representative from Animal Control present a report at the next Council meeting. He would like an update on the number of animals they have handled and any problems or needs they have.

Councilman Brown questioned if there is a plan for the covered bridge in the City Park. Mr. Taylor commented there are plans to have the bridge removed because it is unsafe.

Councilman Brown hated to see the bridge demolished if not necessary. Mr. Taylor will have Code Enforcement Office Mike Mitchell to look at the bridge before further action is taken.

AGENDA #11. “CLOSED SESSION: SALE PRICE OF REAL PROPERTY” Councilman Brown moved to adjourn to closed session to discuss the sale price of real property, seconded by Councilman Foster. 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 8:44 p.m.

AGENDA #12. “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 Councilwoman Thomas. A majority voice vote was received. Open session resumed at 9:18 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 9:18 p.m.

Belinda C. Henton
City Clerk