

CITY OF OLNEY  
CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION  
APRIL 11, 2011

The Olney City Council met in closed session for the purpose of discussing collective negotiating matters, compensation of specific employees and review of closed session minutes. The closed session began at 8:50 p.m. in the City Manager's Office at City Hall. Those present were: Councilmen Foster, Brown, Weber, Ferguson, Mayor Lambird, City Manager Bukas, City Attorney Taylor and City Clerk Henton.

Mr. Bukas announced a retirement party is planned for Norm Bissey on Tuesday, April 12 at 9:30 a.m. at the Fire Station.

The City was notified today that the health insurance premium increase has been negotiated down to 13.02%. Originally, the increase was proposed at 17.73%.

IBEW has contacted the City concerning the negotiations for a new contract. The Council was provided with a history of salaries. Mr. Bukas questioned the Council's position for negotiating purposes. The current budget includes a 3.25% salary increase. Mr. Bukas suggested negotiating a 2% increase.

One of the Council members has received complaints from the water and sewer operators. They are interested in forming their own local. They feel their abilities should be compensated differently because of their certifications and skills.

One of the Council members suggested hiring an electrician to avoid paying prevailing wages for electrical work.

Mr. Bukas provided the Council with a handout detailing various health insurance allocations between the City and its employees. Currently, the allocation is 65/35. The Council discussed the employees picking up more health insurance cost. Some members of the Council believed all employees should pay something for insurance.

At this time no demands have been received from IBEW.

The Council was asked to review the closed session minutes and approve the release of minutes and audio recording. City Clerk Henton explained that she and Mr. Taylor have reviewed the closed session minutes and made a recommendation for release. If the Council was in agreement, approval of the two resolutions presented could be made in open session.

The Council heard that the City's insurance company paid Natasha French \$1,000 to close her claim with the City and her threat for a law suit. Mr. Bukas commented nothing has been received in writing to confirm this fact.

The Council unanimously approved the closed session minutes from February 14, 2011.

Mayor Lambird received a call from Al Zellmer. He is requesting more money to finish the White Squirrel Saddle Club's arena project. Mayor Lambird received a list of items that are needed which totaled approximately \$14,000. Mayor Lambird will provide this list to the Council for further consideration.

Councilman Weber was confronted by a group of people from Northshore Estates. They felt he was trying to force them into the city limits. They stated if they wanted to live in the city they would have lived in the city, and that is the reason they moved to Northshore Estates so they could be outside the city and on the lake. They have no desire to be in the city.

Several Councilmen received calls from Joe Johnson today reporting that he gave his boat to Flora.

Councilman Foster reported that there are still ruts in the City Park that need to be filled. The ruts are located to the east end of the race track.

Concerning the complaint that was noted during open session concerning the drainage south of the high school, the Council questioned why they were not advised of the issue. Mr. Bukas was not aware of this problem. The Council believed complainants should be contacted concerning the disposition of work orders. The purpose of the work order system is not only to keep track of work, but also to take responsibility for completing the work to the best of the City's ability.

The Council continued to discuss several complaints they received concerning ditches and clogged culverts.

Mr. Bukas reported all part-time employees have been hired.

The Council discussed the purchase of a street sweeper and leaf burning.

The closed session adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Belinda C. Henton  
City Clerk