

CITY OF OLNEY
CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION
APRIL 25, 2011

The Olney City Council met in closed session for the purpose of discussing collective negotiating matters, compensation of specific employees and setting the price for the sale or lease of city-owned property. The closed session began at 8:54 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 reported that the IBEW negotiations meeting was postponed until April 27, 2011.

Several firearms were awarded by the courts to the Police Department. They would like to trade in these firearms to a gun dealer for one AR15 rifle. The dealer is willing to make this trade. The Council questioned the worth of the firearms and asked for a list and condition of the used guns.

Illini Wire Works is in need of additional parking. They would like to lease a strip of right of way on the east side of Union Drive which would also include a portion of the railroad right of way also owned by the City. Mr. Bukas suggested annexing this property in exchange for lease on property. Mr. Bukas has not talked to Illini Wire Works about any tax abatements in exchange for annexation.

Staff has been working on annexing property which would make Illini Wire Works contiguous. These annexations should be completed within six weeks.

Mr. Bukas also suggested that Illini Wire Works concrete or asphalt the parking area.

The Council was agreeable to pursue negotiations.

Mayor Lambird presented the Council with a list from the White Squirrel Saddle Club of improvements still needed for the range house and arena area.

Mr. Taylor has prepared a revised lease with the White Squirrel Saddle Club. Mr. Taylor believed the WSSC does not want to provide liability insurance except for special events. A question was also raised about who is responsible for electrical bills especially if the WSSC provides electricity to campsites.

The Council discussed the possibility of creating a camping area south of Miller's Grove. It was suggested that the 20 acres owned by the City on Holly Road be exchanged for additional property on Branchwood Lane owned by Gary Maris.

Mayor Lambird informed the Council that he has been working with Jeff Workman concerning restaurant inspections. Mr. Workman has put together a proposal for the Council's

review. The cost of the inspections can be past onto the restaurants. This matter will be present to the Council at the next meeting.

The Council discussed the problems with the Ludlow radio tower. The problems recently experienced have happened before. Both the Sheriff's Department and the Police Department have the capability to switch communications from the Ludlow tower to the Police Department, but dispatch personnel were not aware of this capability. Mayor Lambird feels the City should work with the County to improve communications and emergency management.

The Council unanimously approved the April 11, 2011 closed session minutes.

The closed session adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Belinda C. Henton
City Clerk