

November 9, 2020

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF OLNEY, TEXAS

6:00 P.M.

The City Council of the City of Olney, Texas, met Monday, November 9, 2020, at 6:00 P.M. Those present were: Mayor Phil Jeske, Mayor Pro-Tem Rue Rogers, Councilmembers Tommy Kimbro, Chuck Stennett, Harrison Wellman, and Terri Wipperman. Absent: None. Staff Present: City Administrator Neal Welch, City Secretary Tim Houston, Chief of Police Dan Birbeck, City Clerk Arpegea Pagsuberon, Public Works Director KC Blassingame, Officer Dustin Hudson, Officer William Achey, Officer Joe Logan, and City Attorney William Myers. All agenda items were subject to action. Meeting was broadcast and recorded online using GoToMeeting.com in accordance with Open Meetings Laws guidance during COVID-19 Pandemic Disaster.

Mayor Jeske called the meeting to order at 6:04 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Myers gave the invocation.

INVOCATION

Oscar R. Munoz appeared before Council to thank them for allowing him to exercise his constitutional rights and his rights under the laws of Texas in having the Local Option Election on November 3, 2020.

CITIZEN COMMENT
PERIOD

Mayor Jeske entertained a motion to adopt the minutes from the October 26, 2020 Regular Meeting as written. Mayor Pro-Tem Rogers made said motion, and Councilmember Wipperman seconded. Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

CONSIDER APPROVAL
OF MINUTES FROM
PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

Mr. Houston read the following into the record. I, Tim Houston, City Secretary for the City of Olney, Texas, do hereby certify that the following vote totals cast in the November 3, 2020 General and Special Elections are true and correct.

CANVASS ELECTION
RESULTS AND SIGN
CERTIFICATES OF
ELECTION

For Mayor:

Rue Rogers – 1058 votes, none opposed.

For Councilmember:

Harrison Wellman – 382 votes

Tom Parker – 484 votes

Andrew L. McPhie – 180 votes

Terri Wipperman – 462 votes

Proposition A: The legal sale of all alcoholic beverages including mixed beverages.

For – 728 votes

Against – 442 votes

Mayor Jeske entertained a motion to certify and accept the results of the election as reported by Mr. Houston. Councilmember Stennett made said motion and Councilmember Kimbro seconded. Council voted unanimously to pass the motion.

Mayor Jeske signed the certificates of Election for Rue Rogers, Tom Parker, and Terri Wipperman.

Mayor Pro-Tem Rogers tendered his resignation, to be effective immediately, as a Councilmember and Mayor Pro-Tem.

OATHS OF OFFICE FOR
NEWLY ELECTED
OFFICEHOLDERS

Mr. Myers swore in Rue Rogers as Mayor of the City of Olney. Mr. Myers swore in Tom Parker and Terri Wipperman as Councilmembers for the City of Olney. Each signed their oath of office and statement of officeholder. Each were seated to the respective positions. Harrison Wellman and Phil Jeske became observers to the meeting.

Present and seated at the meeting: Mayor Rue Rogers, Councilmembers Tommy Kimbro, Tom Parker, Chuck Stennett, and Terri Wipperman.

Mayor Rogers presented former Mayor Jeske with a gavel plaque for twenty-plus years of service to the City of Olney in the position of Mayor and Councilmember.

PRESENTATION TO
OUTGOING MAYOR PHIL
JESKE II

Councilmember Wipperman made a motion to accept the resignation of Rue Rogers from the City Council, and Councilmember Kimbro seconded. Council voted unanimously to accept the resignation.

CONSIDER
NOMINATIONS TO FILL
UNEXPIRED TERM ON
CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Rogers inquired as to the process to fill a vacancy and Mr. Myers explained that under section 4.08 the Council has the authority to fill a vacancy once in a twelve-month period. Mr. Houston read into the record the following: I, Tim Houston, City Secretary for the City of Olney, do hereby certify that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Olney have not made a vacancy appointment to the position of mayor or councilmember in the preceding twelve-month period; Further, I certify that the last such appointment occurred on May 23, 2016, with the appointment of Jeff McClatchy to the vacant unexpired term of Councilmember Chris Garcia.

Mayor Rogers asked Council for nominations to the vacant position. Councilmember Wipperman nominated Harrison Wellman. Councilmember Parker nominated Phil Jeske II. Mayor Rogers sought a second on each nominee. Councilmember Kimbro seconded the nomination of Harrison Wellman. Councilmember Stennett seconded the nomination of Phil Jeske II. Mr. Myers informed Mayor Rogers that he could cast a tie-breaking vote or abstain. Mayor Rogers considered his options and Council discussed both nominees. After consideration, Mayor Rogers voted for Mr. Jeske to fill the Councilmember position.

Mr. Myers swore in Phil Jeske II as a Councilmember of the City of Olney. Mayor Rogers signed his certificate, and Mr. Jeske signed his oath of office and statement of officer.

Present and seated at the meeting: Mayor Rogers, Councilmembers Phil Jeske II, Tommy Kimbro, Tom Parker, and Terri Wipperman.

Mayor Rogers sought nominations for the position of Mayor Pro-Tem. Councilmember Stennett nominated Tom Parker, and Councilmember Kimbro seconded. Councilmember Jeske moved that nominations cease, and Councilmember Kimbro seconded. Council voted unanimously to cease nominations. Council then voted unanimously to elect Tom Parker as Mayor Pro-Tem. (Note: Councilmember Parker referred to as Mayor Pro-Tem Parker from this point forward.)

ELECTION OF MAYOR
PRO-TEM

Brian O'Neill, Thelma Box, and Chris Cha from Pacheco Koch were present to discuss their credentials and experience with the Council. Mr. O'Neill gave an overview of their experience. Mrs. Box explain water plant operations and their different options for plants and their experience with both regular water plants and package plants. Mr. Cha discussed funding sources like DWSRF and SWIFT. Discussion ensued about their overall load of projects, which Mr. O'Neill spoke that they did not overload their staff and had approximately a handful of projects active with the team present.

INTERVIEW
ENGINEERING FIRM
CONCERNING WATER
TREATMENT PLANT
PROJECT

Mayor Pro-Tem Parker asked if there were notations of changes. Mr. Welch stated that the manual was completely changed from the old, but that the new parts of policy were primarily in red. Mrs. Pagsuberon explained the text highlighted in red. Mayor Pro-Tem Parker stated he would like the chance to explore both manuals. Mayor Rogers agreed and the item was tabled.

CONSIDER ORDINANCE
ADOPTING PERSONNEL
POLICIES AND
PROCEDURES MANUAL

Council briefly discussed possibly cancelling the meeting due to the proximity to the Thanksgiving holiday. No action was taken.

CONSIDER CANCELLING
OR RESCHEDULING
COUNCIL MEETING ON
NOVEMBER 23, 2020

Mr. Houston gave the monthly financial report. Chief Birbeck gave a report on the police department. Mayor Pro-Tem Parker stated that the police vehicle budget was much improved over years past.

MONTHLY
DEPARTMENTAL
REPORTS

Mayor Rogers stated that Council would enter executive session at 7:41 P.M. to discuss the annual evaluation of City Secretary Tim Houston, pursuant to Section 551.074(a) of the Texas Government Code. Guests were requested to leave the room.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:
DISCUSS ANNUAL
EVALUATION OF CITY
SECRETARY TIM
HOUSTON

Council reconvened in open session at 8:17 P.M. and all guests were permitted to return.

No action was taken.

ANY ACTION AS A
RESULT OF THE
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Pro-Tem Parker commended Chief Birbeck and Mr. Blassingame for performance in their departments.

DISCUSS OTHER
COUNCIL MATTERS –
ITEMS OF CONCERN TO
MEMBERS OF THE CITY
COUNCIL

Councilmember Kimbro asked when the new awning donated by Fort Belknap electric would be installed at the public works yard. Mr. Blassingame replied that it should be moved to the Public Works yard by Wednesday.

Mr. Welch informed Council that the City had been pursuing the City of Odessa to fix an issue with a title for a dump truck purchased for Olney. He informed them that they had just received notice that Odessa would correct the issue. Mr. Houston added that Odessa was sending an extra set of keys they found for the dump truck.

Mr. Welch updated Council on the CDBG Sewer Line Project on S Avenue C, Springcreek Road, and S Avenue G. He stated that our engineer, Dean Hinton with Corlett, Probst and Boyd, was ready to proceed with advertising and the sealed bid process.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Council adjourned by consent at 8:23 P.M. ADJOURNMENT

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Secretary

Date Approved