MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Oliver Springs Town Council was called to order on April 17, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Chris Hepler. All were present except Gary Stinnett and Maurice Walker, who had excused absences.

The meeting was opened in prayer by City Recorder Van Hook followed by the pledge to the flag.

Motion by Cox and second by Shillings to approve the minutes of the previous Town Council meeting as presented. All voted aye.

The Mayor opened comments by advising that Councilman Stinnet is absent as he is working overtime, and Councilman Walker is absent preparing for his Mother's 92nd birthday.

COMMENTS FROM CITY MANAGER:

The Mayor announced that City Manger Treece was not in attendance as she is attending the college graduation ceremony of her son. However, in her absence, her report was presented as follows.

A. The new and complete copy of the Town of Oliver Springs ordinance code book has been completed and distributed to the Mayor, Councilmen, Recorder, Finance Officer, Police Department, and other interested individuals and departments. It is planned to have annual updates of the ordinance book through MTAS.

B. As a result of meeting with three difference insurance agents, new health insurance options, insurance premiums, and calculations and projections should be available within the next several days, and will be provided to Town Council members when available.

C. The mowing schedule has begun and should be kept current, weather, labor, and scheduling permitting. The cemetery has been approximately 90% mowed, and the balance will be completed within the week, depending upon weather and the Spring cleanup schedule.

D. Roane County has asked that the Town participate in the county wide cleanup on April 26, 2014, and on that day a thirty cubic yard dumpster on a recycling trailer will be located near the library for the convenience of the citizens. Representatives will be present to advise citizens as to what may or may not be placed in the dumpster. At this time, it is believed that any item can be accepted except for florescent light bulbs and chemicals. Old paint cans will be collected but not placed in the dumpster, but will be delivered separately to other facilities in Rockwood. As soon as the complete information is available, it will be posted on the City website, at the library, at local businesses, and at the Post Office. The participation by the Town in the County wide cleanup will coincide perfectly with the ending of the Town's spring cleanup and brush pickup. Any citizens who failed to register for the spring cleanup with the City can bring their items to the dumpster on that day.

E. After the completion of spring cleanup, the following projects are scheduled:

(a) Repairs to the ditch line on Valley Drive in front of the Hall property. This will be a priority as the surface water run off from this area is causing problems with the roadway.
(b) Repairs to the fencing at City Garage consisting of resetting fence poles and pulling the fence tighter for a better fit will be completed.
(c) The City Garage will be completely painted and siding repairs on the on the Pole Barn/Carport area will be performed.
(d) Scrap items will be hauled off, weather, labor, and time permitting, throughout the summer.
(e) Work will begin on the Carmichael Park project.

(f) Completing the work at Arrowhead Park tennis courts and converting them to a basketball court and sidewalk will be performed.
(g) Where grass and weeds have grown causing issues with water runoff, the side streets and ditch lines will be scraped and cleaned.
(h) As Roane County is now selling at its cost hot mix, street repairs will be scheduled for a minimum of one day each week. This will allow for better repairs and cost savings for the smaller areas to be repaired. Quotations will be obtained for the larger areas or where the scope of work is beyond what the Town's equipment can handle.
(i) Red Bud Park will be cleaned and repaired.
(j) Filling low areas (plots) and seeding for new grass at the cemetery will be performed.

F. Meetings have been attended with the Historical Society as to the planning for the October Sky festival in October 2014.

G. The cars at 612 Sleepy Hallow have been removed, and except for minor cleanup, this has resulted in the property now being in compliance. The burned out property in Sleepy Hallow has been completely demolished and the debris is to be removed by the end of the month.

H. Mrs. Treece will meet with City Attorney Armes to discuss the status on all current legal matters. City Attorney Armes is currently working on the Kreis Circle property issue to schedule a date for a walk through with Codes to ensure that the Town is proceeding with this matter in a legal manner. The date will be provided as soon as it is scheduled, and Mrs. Treece does plan on attending this meeting.

I. Codes Enforcement has visited Mrs. Pluess' property and has prepared calculations as to whether or not the property should be condemned. As soon as the letter is received, it will be forwarded to the Town Council Members.

J. Chief Morgan will be visiting with Mr. Tinker to discuss the lack of progress in cleaning his property, as well as the issue with the pig located on the property, at the end of Hen Valley Road. Informally Chief Morgan and Mrs. Treece have agreed to allow Mr. Tinker until the end of the month to have these violations abated. If not, Mr. Tinker may be cited for a nuisance and brought before the Judge for the violations.

K. Two sets of ordinance draft revisions for Title 10 (Animal Control) and Title 13, Chapter 5 (Property Maintenance) have been prepared and delivered to each Councilman. Chief Morgan is in agreement with these draft changes. Matters of acreage located in certain areas of the Town that are known farm land and cattle land should be presented to the Planning Commission for zoning changes to A-1 wherein the ordinances will clearly reflect where livestock is and is not allowed. Please advise if you are in agreement for this to be directed to the Planning Commission. If all are in agreement, Mrs. Treece, with Chief Morgan's input, will prepare a listing of the property addresses and tax map and parcel numbers that is recommended to be zoned A-1 and forward the information to the Planning Commission and the MTAS representative, Midge.

L. The inmate line crew will not be returning on a full time basis at this time, but will continue to come and assist the Town with the creek bank cutting as the crew has openings in their work schedule.

M. Codes Enforcement has sent a letter to Tri-County Tire as to the abatement of the used tire storage issue creating a nuisance. Mrs. Treece has requested a copy of this letter from Codes Enforcement and provide a copy to each Town Council Member once it is received. The letter directed the owner of Tri-County Tire to appear on the May 20, 2014, Town Council meeting. Mrs. Treece will advise as to any further update or information.

N. As each Town Council Member reviews the preliminary budget work, please feel free to contact Mrs. Treece directly should you have any questions. Mrs. Treece is hopeful that the projected health insurance premium increase will be less than expected.

She is hearing good things from United Healthcare as to the projected rates for 2014-2015, and she is hopeful that the rate of increase should not be as high as what was initially budgeted (15% increase was budgeted).

O. Mrs. Treece is absent as she has a very special event with her son on the evening of April 17, 2014, and she apologizes for not being in attendance for this meeting. She has requested the Mayor to schedule several budget workshops.

P. Mrs. Treece thanked each Council Member and others and hoped that each would have a blessed Easter.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Ms. Stacy Crowe of the Substance Abuse Prevention Organization advised that it has provided a permanent prescription medicine disposal bin at the Oliver Springs Police Department which can be used any time the Police Department is open. It is provided to place expired and unneeded or unwanted prescription medication in each bin. A separate bin is provided for used needles and other sharp objects used in treating medical issues. She thanked the Town for participating in the under age drinking abuse program.

COMMENTS FROM TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. Cox asked and Police Chief Morgan and others offered discussion as to putting concrete blocks or guardrails on the Old Hen Valley Road property near the Tinker property at or near the old bridge on Indian Creek in order to prevent traffic from using the closed portion of the Old Hen Valley Road and the Old Hen Valley Road – Indian Creek bridge.

Mr. Shillings noted that the Town is buying hot mix to patch all of the potholes. The Mayor suggested that if any individuals knows of any potholes, to call City Hall.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Cox and Second by Craze to pass ordinance number 2014-17-4, an ordinance to amend the 2013-2014 budget (auction fees from the sale of vehicles on Gov Deal) and ordinance number 2014-17-4A, an ordinance to amend the 2013-2014 General Fund budget (donation for pipe at new field and Tamcar class attendance scholarship for City Finance Officer Walker). All voted aye.

With no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was upon motion duly made and seconded and unanimously approved, adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph H. Van Hook
City Recorder

APPROVED:

Chris Hepler
Mayor

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