MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Oliver Springs Town Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Hepler on March 21, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. All were present except Gary Stinnett, who had an excused absence.

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

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

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR HEPLER:

A. Mayor Hepler announced that the Town is very proud of Janelle Arthur, who is advancing in the television show American Idol. Last week the Town and others sponsored an evening of support on behalf of Janelle Arthur as she competed in American Idol. On behalf of all the citizens of the Town and the area, the Mayor wished Janelle Arthur success in her competition.

B. Upon recommendation by the Mayor, motion by Walker and second by Brummett to pass ordinance number 2013-3-21 accepting the 1907 dedication of the subdivision plat including Wiley Park and Springs, all as set out by a separate resolution which is a part of these minutes. All voted aye.

C. Upon recommendation by the Mayor, motion by Walker and second by Brummett to pass Resolution number 2013-21-03A acknowledging the length of service and the service itself of TVA to the residents of the Tennessee Valley. All voted aye.

COMMENTS FROM CITY MANAGER TREECE

A. The rough draft of the proposed 2013-2014 budget and a copy of the 2011-2012 audit report was delivered to each Town Council member.

B. The street department has been performing on going street repairs (patching and culvert repairs) and removing leaves and limbs from ditch lines, streets, and the cemetery property.

C. The inmate crew has been working on trash pickup throughout the City and at Arrowhead Park.

D. The street department spent a large amount of time weeding flower beds, repainting parking lot stripes and handicap parking spaces, cleaning widows, replacing all light bulbs in the Town Council room with more energy efficient bulbs, and other work in preparation for the Janelle Arthur American Idol support event held at City Hall on March 13, 2013. The older light bulbs in the Town Council Hall were pulling about 2800 watts creating overheating problems with the light switches as compared to the energy efficient bulbs pulling approximately 580 watts. Hopefully this will solve the light switch overheating problem.

E. Another event will be hosted by the Town for Janelle Arthur as she advances in American Idol to the top three contestants. Approximately one hundred and forty seven people attended the first event, and based upon an anticipated larger crowd, this event will need to be held in a larger location to be determined. A special thanks goes out to all of the staff that assisted with this event and the cleanup afterwards. The sponsors of this event were: Town of Oliver Springs; US Cellular; Rent-A-Center of Oak Ridge; and Signs Unlimited of Clinton. Mrs. Treece received a call from American Idol producers thanking the Town for

being so helpful and for holding such a wonderful event. "The Town of Oliver Springs could not have been more welcoming."

F. The library board will meet on March 27, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at the library. Beth from Fort Loudon Regional Library will be in attendance to assist the group about its obligation to the state. Beth is there for informational purposes only.

G. Mrs. Treece asked for prayers for Rusty Phillips and his family as Rusty's mother suffered a heart attack on Sunday evening and has had surgery and will be having additional surgery in the upcoming weeks. She has been sedated to ensure that she does not remove her breathing tubes. Unfortunately, on the morning of March 19, 2013, Rusty's father was admitted to the hospital for chest pain and is now under going surgery. Town Council will be advised of the status of Rusty and his family as more information becomes available. Mrs. Treece will be visiting Rusty later today.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

None.

COMMENTS FROM TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. Walker observed that since he had been on Town Council, he had been working diligently, faithfully, and aggressively to resolve the problem of the unsightly structure on Kris Circle. After several years of effort and litigation, the Judge required that the property be cleaned up, and the homeowner made very good progress. However, the property is now in disrepair and is an eyesore. It seems the law is against the property owners who try to maintain their property and the law supports the property owners who keep their property junked up. There was discussion among several that the house is still condemned and the property owner has requested a permit but at this time the building inspector has not issued a permit, as she has not demonstrated good faith and progress. All hope that this problem could be resolved soon.

Mr. Walker thanked Police Chief Morgan and congratulated the Police Department on the high percent of success of solving and prosecuting various crimes. As Chief Morgan now has a detective on staff, this is adding greatly in the investigation, solution, and prosecution of crimes.

Mr. Cox advised that the ditch at Oak Circle and Valley Drive contained stagnate water and needs to be cleaned out.

Mr. Craze thanked the Town and the city workers for planning the great event of support for hometown girl Janelle Arthur on American Idol.

Mr. Holland advised that in Kellytown, a business is operating near the old Kelly store, and Mrs. Treece advised that the business use of the property has been addressed. There was additional discussion about the number of automobiles that a car repair garage may have on premises at one time.

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion by Walker and second by Cox to accept, authorize and approve the awarding to the Oliver Springs library of a 50-percent 50-percent $3,500.00

computer grant ($1,750.00 paid by the grant and $1,7500.00 paid by the Town) for new computers at the library. All voted aye.

NEW BUSINESS:

Police Chief Morgan introduced Officer Bruce Morgan, who has now worked approximately thirty days.

Fire Chief Phillips announced that the Fire Department did not receive either of the two grants for which it applied.

Parks Director Kelly announced that Mr. Paul Shakleford, a local citizen, on a volunteer basis, placed new siding on the press box. All State Siding donated the siding. Mr. Shakleford also placed new shingles on the building. Mr. Brummett suggested and the Mayor instructed that Mr. Shakleford be sent a thank you letter.

With no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was, upon motion duly made and seconded and unanimously approved, adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph H. Van Hook
City Recorder

APPROVED:

Chris Hepler
Mayor

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