

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Oliver Springs Town Council was called to order on May 2, 2013 at 7:05 p.m. by Mayor Chris Hepler. All were present except Mr. Stinnett and Mr. Brummett, who had excused absences.

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

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

COMMENTS FROM CITY MANAGER:

A. Ms. Treece reported that Mr. Tony Brown has returned to full duty. However, Mr. Shillings has advised that due to health reasons he will not be returning to the Town effective April 23, 2013, but the contract between Mr. Shillings and the Town will continue until May 23, 2013.

B. Mr. Timmy Tuggle will continue to supervise the inmate crew until such time as a replacement for Mr. Shillings can be obtained. This change needs to be reviewed in the general fund budget workshop.

C. The mowing of the cemetery and the medians has begun. Spring cleanup material pickup is behind but will be caught up as soon as possible, weather permitting.

D. Mowing has been delayed due to the fact that one employee hit something with the Kubota mower and this was not reported. Accidents do happen; provided that all problems are to be reported immediately in order that the matter may be reviewed and repairs can be made when required.

E. Mowing, weed-eating, trash/debris removal, painting of the pump-house, and bringing in crushed rock is being performed at the Carmichael Park beginning Tuesday, April 30, 2013 in preparation for the Carmichael Park School reunion.

F. The information packet contained a spreadsheet of mower prices for the replacement of the Hustler mower used in the park.

G. Spring cleanup will be completed as of this week. Only the items to be picked up that were reported prior to the ending date will be picked up.

H. Another 2013-2014 general fund budget workshop needs to be scheduled.

I. Ms. Treece has been contacted by several persons wishing to purchase cemetery lots at the Oliver Springs Cemetery. She asked if any plots are available for sale.

J. During research, Ms. Treece observed that the Town Code Book was not up to date, and MTAS advised that the Town had not submitted any ordinances or resolutions since March 1, 2000. The staff is researching the Ordinance books from March 1, 2000 to locate various ordinances and forward them to MTAS wherein the Oliver Springs Municipal Code Book can be brought up to date.

K. As to a washed out culvert on Highway 61, TDOT has agreed to supply the pipe and rock required to repair this area, but TDOT will not supply any labor. It will take about two weeks for the delivery of the culvert and rock. Once the culvert and rock have been received, the repair work will be scheduled.

L. The cost to purchase the blue pavement fire hydrant markers is approximately \$800.00. After discussion, the Mayor directed that due to the small purchase price, that

action by Town Council is not required, and instructed Ms. Treece to purchase and install these blue pavement fire hydrant markers.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Mr. Fred Bender of Foxwood Circle asked about the repairs or replacement to the culvert that runs through his yard and elsewhere. The Mayor advised that just this day the Town had received a cost estimate, which is approximately \$100,000.00, to replace this culvert and other culverts in the area. There was general extensive discussion as to methods to repair and replace the culverts, water line issues in the area, including the hope that all or part of the culvert repair could be paid out of a water department water line replacement grant as a water line is in the area. The general consensus was that no action could be taken at this time because of the cost and because any action taken at this time could be undone or disrupted when the water line in the area is replaced.

COMMENTS FROM TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. Walker asked Building Inspector Cofer about 109 Kreis Circle, and Mr. Cofer advised that the owner had removed the junk automobiles, removed the trash, and had dismantled the rotten back porch section of the house, and therefore was eligible to receive a building permit that would allow work to be performed to bring the structure into compliance with the building code. Mr. Walker observed that the house was built about 1974 and probably has had no new roof, no electricity for ten years, and no water for nine years, and that the house probably was not in good enough shape to bring into compliance. Mr. Cofer advised that the building may be more structurally sound than anticipated. The owner will have 180 days from the issuance of the permit to bring the structure into compliance. As long as the owner is making significant progress with the repair work, under the Code, the Building Inspector has to work with her. If she stops her repair work during the 180 days, then the Code Enforcement Officer can proceed with the enforcement of the condemnation.

Mr. Walker announced that a report for 2012 had been issued for the area law enforcement departments as to the incidents and crimes reported and cleared, and the Oliver Springs Police Department had an 85.48 percent clearance rate. No other city or county law enforcement department had a clearance (solution) rate as high as ours, and the closest jurisdiction's rate was about 48 percent. Mr. Walker, the Mayor, and several on Town Council congratulated the Oliver Springs Police Department for this fantastic job and effective job.

Mr. Cox observed that several in the neighborhood at the end of the Old Hen Valley Road were creating a path and driving across an area onto State Highway 61; in other words, they have created a shortcut. Chief Morgan advised that to prevent them from using the shortcut, one or more would have to be caught in the act. The police department will observe this area for enforcement.

Mr. Holland stated that the Carmichael Park work looked good. There was discussion that it may be possible to use the grant money to contour the several banks in order to alter the elevation changes, plant vegetation, create ditching and other actions designed to prevent erosion, and generally improve the property.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

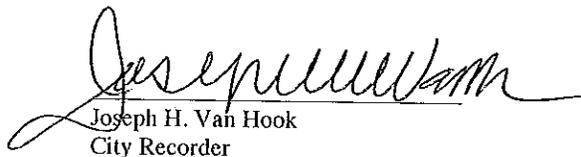
NEW BUSINESS:

After discussion, motion by Walker and second by Craze to pass Ordinance No. 2013-05-02, an ordinance amending the 2012/2013 state general fund budget; Ordinance No. 2013-05-02A, an ordinance amending the 2012/2013 state drug fund budget; and Ordinance No. 2013-05-02B, an ordinance amending the 2012/2013 State Street Aid Fund budget. All voted aye.

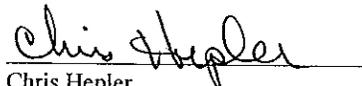
After extensive discussion by all town council members, the Mayor, Ms. Treece, Mr. Kelley, and others, motion by Walker and second by Holland to purchase a 60-inch cut Dixie Chopper lawn mower according the specifications provided to Town Council for a price of \$9,700.00, and use \$8,200.00 budgeted, plus the balance of \$1,500.00 from the tourism budget line item. 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 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Joseph H. Van Hook
City Recorder

APPROVED:


Chris Hepler
Mayor

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