

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Oliver Springs Town Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Hepler on May 16, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. All were present.

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

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

COMMENTS FROM CITY MANAGER TREECE

- A. As of Monday, May 13, 2013, spring cleanup was completed. In order to be more efficient, the implementation of the spring and fall cleanup will be adjusted as follows. When the publicity is given for the next cleanup, there will be two sets of dates. The first date will be for the citizen, providing his name, address, and phone number, to call City Hall and schedule a pickup. At this time, this citizen will be assigned a number. The second set of dates will be for the actual pickup dates by areas.
- B. The new Dixie Chopper lawnmower has been received and placed in service, initially at the Oliver Springs Cemetery. It does a good job. In order for proper maintenance, a checklist has been implemented to be used each time the mower is used. Timmy Tuggle and Tina Treece are the only individuals authorized at this time to use the lawnmower. The Town will be placing ramps on the four lane medians to allow safe access by the new lawnmower. A full gate may be installed on the back of the trailer in order that the several lawnmowers may be loaded and unloaded without issue.
- C. Carmichael Park has been mowed again this week.
- D. Troy Berney has been mowing, with the side arm mower, the ditch lines throughout the city.
- E. The Library was mowed May 14, 2013, in preparation of the tour of the Depot and the Library on Saturday for a Sixtieth Class Reunion of the Oliver Springs High School. Mime Brock has volunteered to be at the Library for this visit.
- F. The contract for the park grant has been received and once it is signed and returned, the work should be able to begin in June 2013. Mrs. Treece will be meeting with Evan Sanders and scheduling meetings as to the planning for both Arrowhead Park and Carmichael Park, and hopefully all work will be completed at the Arrowhead Park for the October Sky events.
- G. Becky Campbell and Susan Tyler have gone through all the minutes and ordinances books for the past thirteen years and have made PDF copies and this has been transmitted to MTAS for a codification of the municipal ordinance book. MTAS has advised that it will take approximately three months to complete.
- H. The Town is investigating the option of receiving a fourth inmate for the work crew.
- I. The Town has received a health insurance quote from Humana and Mrs. Treece has been working to obtain quotations from United Insurance and Blue Cross Blue Shield by providing employee information and examining different options for coverage. This information should be complete where a budget meeting can be scheduled after May 22, 2013.

- J. Mrs. Treece has received a large number of requests regarding the purchasing of cemetery lots at the Oliver Springs Cemetery. She is going to develop a listing of individuals who call; and when cemetery lots are being sold, they can be contacted. The Mayor asked and Mr. Brummett advised that the record keeping of the Oliver Springs Cemetery prior to its acquisition by the Town was not accurate, and there are concerns that various individuals may have unknown or unrecorded deeds for cemetery plots at this time. If cemetery lots are sold, there is some degree of risk that a cemetery plot could be sold twice. Mr. Brummett has requested on several occasions that all individuals who have cemetery lot deeds contact the Town and the cemetery board and advise of the ownership of those lots in order that the information can be documented and verified. City Recorder Van Hook advised that there were two areas that had not been surveyed out for cemetery lots, and if those areas were surveyed, it may be possible to safely sell lots in those areas.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Tim Crisp reminded Town Council of the discussion last year as to the fluoridation of water and the vote scheduled in October of 2014 as to whether or not the fluoride will continue to be placed in the water, and this is great progress. But this action was on behalf of the Water Board, and not Town Council, so this information was not broadcast on cable TV. Mr. Crisp, by having Mr. Brummett and Mr. Hepler read certain warnings, again discussed that various chemicals placed in the water can cause cancer. A brief discussion was held as to the merits of placing these various chemicals in the water supply.

COMMENTS FROM TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. Stinnett pointed out the letter from the Kries Circle resident and asked about the cost of the building inspector. City Finance Officer Walker advised that it generally runs from between three hundred dollars to five hundred dollars per month, based upon the amount of time incurred by the building inspector on the one or more projects for the month. The Mayor advised that in his opinion, he did not need a building inspector to advise as to locations with high grass or junk cars. He needed the building inspector to advise as to the construction issues, inspections of homes, issue certificates of occupancy, and the structural safety and soundness of buildings. Mr. Brummett advised that he was in basic agreement with the Mayor, and recalled that when the Town voted to employ the building inspector, this would have been basically for technical aspects involved in the construction, remodeling, and improving of structures. After further discussion wherein the Town Council reached an informal consensus, the Mayor announced that he and the City Manager would deal with minor code violations such as high grass and junk cars, but would refer the matters of construction inspections, certificates of occupancy, and health and safety issues as to buildings, to the building inspector.

The questions arose as to whether or not a permit is required to move houses on the streets. Police Chief Morgan advised that on State routes, a state permit is required. For City streets, a City permit is required. As long as the house mover stays on a State route, he does not need a City permit. However, if he moves the house on a City Street, he does need a City permit. Chief Morgan did advise a house moving company that if the company used a City street, the moving company must obtain a City permit.

Mr. Holland asked and Mrs. Treece advised that the Town is now down to one inmate working due to problems that arose prior to the Town picking up the inmates, and the Town is not using a one inmate work crew, as it is not economical. Mrs. Treece is working on obtaining additional inmates for the crew.

Mr. Brummett asked about Mr. Shilling's inmate work crew contract, and the Mayor advised that due to health reasons, Mr. Shillings had to cancel the contract, and the Town is now providing supervision.

Mr. Walker asked and the Mayor advised that the Town would try to clean up the cemetery behind Ace Hardware before Memorial Day.

The Roane County Highway Department has a contract with an individual that will spray grass on street rights-of-way for seventy five dollars per mile that will control the grass, and be less expensive than mowing. As the Town has about 39.1 miles of City streets, the Mayor directed that this option be given consideration by Town Council as an alternative to mowing the rights of way.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

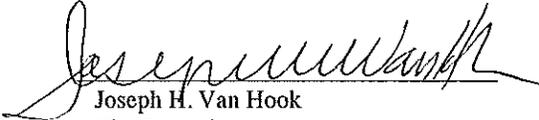
Motion by Cox and second Brummett to pass ordinance number 2013-5-16, an ordinance making an amendment to the Oliver Springs 2012-2013 general fund budget. All voted aye.

The Mayor scheduled a budget workshop for Tuesday, June 4, 2013, at 6:30 p.m.

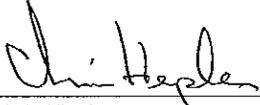
The Oliver Springs High School graduation will be Tuesday, May 21, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

With no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was, upon motion duly made and seconded and unanimously approved, adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Joseph H. Van Hook
City Recorder

APPROVED:


Chris Hepler
Mayor