

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Oliver Springs Town Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Hepler on June 20, 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 Brummett and second by Cox to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented. All voted aye.

The Mayor thanked the Oliver Springs Bakery and Gift shop located at 400 Main Street for providing refreshments for the several Town Council members.

COMMENTS FROM CITY MANAGER:

- A. Several of the employees and the Town's Engineers will meet on Wednesday, June 19, 2013, to make final plans for the water loss grant. Town Council will be provided an update.
- B. The Water Department continues to work on multiple water leaks.
- C. The sewer plant is making efforts to waste as many solids as possible and to reduce depending on weather (rain) the amount of solids processed.
- D. Green Acres trailer park has added another four customers as of June 7, 2013. All systems seem to be working well.
- E. The repairs to the side arm mower tire have been made and it will be working this week to catch up with mowing.
- F. Timmy Tuggle and the inmate crew will mow, weed eat, paint the fire hydrants, place the blue fire hydrant markers, and perform general work items this week.
- G. Tony Brown will be working on sign replacement and repair.
- H. On rainy days, the inmate work crew is repairing, repainting, and rewiring the Christmas lights. The Christmas lights storage system will be evaluated to reduce if not eliminate damage to the lights in the off-season.
- I. Officials with the Town met with grant official Evan Sanders and the Carmichael Group as to the Carmichael Park Project. Local companies are going evaluate the several road issues (grading, drainage, and repair) for input and possible bids. The Mayor, the Carmichael Park Group, and any other interested individuals, are invited to meet with any grading company that views the work site.
- J. The Town is borrowing a smaller trench box from Kingston for the culvert repair to the 710 Tri-County Boulevard property. The property owner has been advised that as soon as this can be scheduled (based on the weather), the Town will begin the work.

COMMENTS FROM CITY MAYOR

The Mayor, pursuant to informal discussion with the Aldermen, due to the holiday, canceled the July 4, 2013, Water Board meeting and Town Council meeting, and rescheduled the Water Board meeting for July 20, 2013 at 6:30 p.m., before the regularly scheduled Town Council meeting.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

NONE.

COMMENTS FROM TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. Stinnett asked and Mrs. Treece advised that she had sent a notice of violation as to high grass to the property owner and if no action is taken then she will visit the property owner.

Mr. Stinnett asked and Mrs. Treece advised that she has spoken with the garbage pick up company as to their employees leaving empty garbage cans in front of mailboxes or in the middle of driveways, and she was advised that the garbage truck has new workers, and the company will take steps to correct this particular situation.

Mr. Walker asked and Mrs. Treece advised that the lot owner on Browder Circle had been sent a letter for code violations, but no action has yet to be taken. She will monitor this situation.

Mr. Walker congratulated the Police Department on the outstanding job it has done with DUI arrests for the first part of the year. Of all of the law enforcement officers in Anderson County, Oliver Springs Police Department placed two, Officer Shannon Runyan and Officer Charlie Graham, of the top four officers with the most DUI arrests. Mr. Walker congratulated these officers and the Oliver Springs Police Department of an outstanding job.

Mr. Walker questioned the purchase of diesel fuel from Fun Food, as some time ago Town Council voted to buy fuel from the service station that offered the lowest price. As Fun Food was not the lowest price on diesel fuel, fuel was not to be purchased there. After discussion, Chief Morgan advised that he and City Finance Officer Walker would review the situation.

Mr. Cox advised that in one location, the culvert repairs are on private property rather than on public property.

Mr. Holland asked and Mrs. Treece advised that as far as the flat tire on the side arm mower, the tube was replaced on the left rear tire, but the left rear tire had a burr that wore the tube and caused another flat tire, and the burr was smoothed, the tube replaced, and the mower is now operating.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Town Council members engaged in extensive and formal discussion as to the consideration and possible passing of the several 2013-2014 budgets.

Motion by Stinnett and second by Craze to continue the health insurance contract for the city employees with the Humana Insurance Company with the plan that offered a five hundred dollar (\$500.00) per person deductible, pursuant to the price quote from Humana. All voted aye.

Motion by Walker and second by Brummett to furnish at no cost to City Manager Tina Treece, family health insurance coverage. During this discussion, it was observed that that Mayor Hepler had offered (subject to Town Council approval) a City Manager job package to Tina Treece that included family health insurance coverage paid by the City at no cost to Tina Treece. However, after the Mayor made this offer, but before Mrs. Treece accepted the package, the Town

Council passed an ordinance wherein the Town would pay the employee health insurance but not the family coverage for any newly hired city employees. Therefore, at the time Mrs. Treece was hired, this ordinance was in effect, and Mrs. Treece, as a newly hired city employee, was not eligible to receive family coverage paid by the City. Mr. Brummett, Mr. Craze, and others observed that it was their intent to make this exception to the ordinance in order to support and back the offer made by the Mayor and not to weaken or create any exception to the existing ordinance. After additional discussion, all voted aye.

Motion by Brummett and second by Cox to pass ordinance number 2013-21-06, the 2012-2013 general fund continuing resolution budget and pass ordinance number 2013-21-06A the 2012-2013 drug fund continuing resolution budget. This passed 4-3 with Mr. Stinnett, Mr. Walker, and Mr. Craze voting no; and Mr. Cox, Mr. Holland, and Mr. Brummett voting yes, and the Mayor voting yes to break the tie.

Motion by Craze and second by Brummett to pass ordinance number 2013-21-06B, the 2013-2014 state street aide budget, and ordinance number 2013-21-06C, the 2013-2014 sanitation department budget. All voted aye.

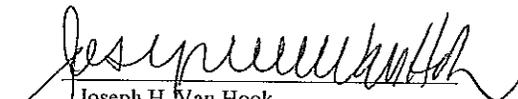
The Mayor called for a special called Water Board for July 2, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. to vote on the 2013-2014 Water Department budget. The Mayor announced that a budget workshop would also be held on July 2, 2013, after the specially called Water Board meeting.

Mr. Brummett advised that the Reverend Tommy Hensley had passed away several days ago, and as an outstanding citizen and minister of the gospel of this area, he will be greatly missed.

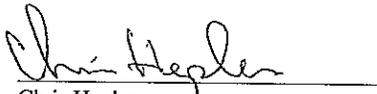
Police Chief Kenneth Morgan advised that a drug dog had passed away, and the TML Insurance Company paid the Town six thousand five hundred dollars (\$6,500.00) for this death (a seven thousand dollar value for the animal less a five hundred dollar deductible). After discussion, motion by Cox and second by Stinnett to authorize the Police Department to purchase a drug dog for seven thousand dollars (\$7,000.00), with this purchase price to pay for the training of the animal and animal control officer, in North Carolina. 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 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Joseph H. Van Hook
City Recorder

APPROVED:


Chris Hepler
Mayor

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