

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Oliver Springs Town Council was called to order on August 15, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Chris Hepler. 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 Stinnett to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. All voted aye.

COMMENTS FROM CITY MANAGER:

- A. The grant preparation work at Arrowhead Park involving the removal of all of the old equipment and pavilion has begun. Once the ground dries, the ground at Arrowhead Park and Carmichael Park will be prepared for the installation of the respective personal property for each park according to the grant requirements. The State has the architectural drawings for the new pavilions in its possession for approval.
- B. The old damaged fence posts at the ball field are being removed on a schedule based on weather, labor, and mowing.
- C. The insurance checks for the flood damage and vandal damage at Arrowhead Park have been received.
- D. The mowing of the rights-of-way and other city properties are continuing.
- E. The grass at the Greer house on Main Street has been mowed with the cost added to the outstanding tax bill.
- F. The Town is working on plans for the October Sky Festival and the Christmas Parade. Updates will be provided based on the progress achieved.
- G. The Christmas light decorations have been painted and will be rewired.
- H. The changing of the oil, the flushing of the radiator, the changing of the deck tires and front drive tires, a new dynamo, and other maintenance on the Kubota has been performed.
- I. The new tires for the side arm mower have been installed.
- J. The culvert repair on Highway 61 has been dressed and seeded and will be inspected approximately every two weeks to check on the growth of the grass.
- K. The street department has spent a great deal of time over the last week cleaning out catch basins and culverts. This will continue as time allows.
- L. All of the maps located in City Hall have been labeled and stored for easy access.
- M. City Attorney Chadwell has filed the lawsuits for the condemnation of the Kreis Circle property and the 530 Sleepy Hollow property.
- N. The water loss correction grant bid was opened today and C.R. Barger & Sons was the low bid. Upon recommendation of the City Manager, the Mayor called a special called meeting of Town Council-Oliver Springs Water Board for August 22, 2013, at 6:30 p.m., for the purpose of reviewing and accepting the bid of C.R. Barger & Sons. By approving the bid and authorizing the execution of the contract at the August 22, 2013,

special called meeting, this would allow the contractor to begin work approximately three weeks earlier, and would give the contractor three additional weeks construction time prior to the onset of winter. The Mayor directed that appropriate sunshine law advertisement of meeting be had.

O. Mayor Hepler announced that for those individuals attending the meeting regarding employee concerns, the employee matters have been resolved.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Mr. Foster from the Allies for Substance Abuse Prevention of Anderson County invited the Town and its businesses to participate in an underage drinking task force meeting. Many citizens, law enforcement officers, elected officials, businessmen, and others are invited to this meeting. The date is has not been selected, but the location will probably be at the Junior Achievement Building in Clinton. Mr. Foster requested that the Town make its invitation on its letterhead using a form letter, and Mr. Foster provided a form letter. After discussion, the Mayor and others agreed that this would be an important meeting, and the Town would be honored to participate. Mr. Foster was instructed to work through City Manager Treece to coordinate the date, time, and location, and the preparation and mailing of the letter to sent out on behalf of the Town.

Mimi Brock advised that Jerry White was going to announce information about the C.S. (Sunny) Harvey memorial gospel singing, but as he was not yet present, she would make the announcement. Mrs. Brock advised that it would be on Saturday, August 17, 2013 at 6:00 p.m., at the former Beech Park Activity Building on Butler Mill Road adjacent to Windmill Inn presented by the Oliver Springs Historical Society. There is no admission charge, but each person is invited to bring a nonperishable food item or other item that will be donated to the Oliver Springs Food Pantry. A love offering will most likely be accepted.

Julia Daniels spoke that the October Sky Festival and Heritage at the Depot will be held on Saturday, October 19, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at Arrowhead Park and Oliver Springs Depot. Joe Rossen, a well-known professional antique consultant, who has appraised the estates of President Andrew Johnson and Pulitzer Prize winning author Alex Haley, will be in attendance. This is sponsored by the Oliver Springs Historical Society and the Town of Oliver Springs. All are invited to attend and participate.

Mrs. Daniels also spoke that the Oliver Springs Historical Society and the Mayme Carmichael School Organization will have a booth at the East Tennessee Historical Society History Fair in Knoxville.

Mrs. Daniels also spoke that on August 27, 2013, the Mayme Carmichael School Organization will have at 6:00 p.m. a meeting celebrating one hundred and fifty years of freedom arising out of the Emancipation Proclamation issued by President Abraham Lincoln. This will be at the Oliver Springs Municipal Services Annex Building in Norwood.

Mr. Jerry White, having arrived from work on the Memorial Gospel Singing Festival, announced that the Oliver Springs Historical Society will host the C.S. (Sonny) Harvey Memorial Gospel Singing Festival on Saturday, August 17, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. White invited all to attend.

Mr. White thanked Mayor Chris Hepler for being at the ribbon cutting at the Mary and Bright business owned by the Jerry Johnson family.

COMMENTS FROM TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. Stinnett asked and Mrs. Treece said that the Midway Drive water repair location had been temporarily patched with pavement. It is planned that a more permanent strip of pavement will be applied over the excavated site that will be a more effective repair.

Mr. Walker asked and Mrs. Treece advised that the bid on the equipment truck was not high enough and the municipality did not sell the truck.

The Assistant Fire Chief Justin Bailey advised that when the capital improvement grant was in final form, he would report to Town Council and request approval. This is to purchase three sets of turn out gear, and purchase five oxygen bottles each year for five years.

The Assistant Fire Chief Bailey advised that he was working four new volunteer firemen, and he apologized for not coming to Town Council for approval prior to putting these four men to work. Upon recommendation by the Assistant Fire Chief Bailey, as these four employees had completed all training and were now responding to fire calls, motion by Stinnett and second by Brummett to hire Aaron Gholston, Corey Braden, Wayne McCarty, and Sam Hoskins as volunteer firemen for the Town of Oliver Springs at the usual rate of pay. All voted aye.

Mr. Cox asked and the Assistant Fire Chief Bailey advised that there still remain approximately twenty smoke detectors from the grant and these are available for installation. If any individual desires that a smoke detector be installed, that individual should call City Hall.

Mr. Cox advised that Juanita Leffew at the Oliver Springs Housing Authority received a one hundred percent (100%) grade on her latest inspection.

Mr. Holland asked and Mrs. Treece advised that as soon as the minutes are approved, they are scanned and placed into the database on the new Town of Oliver Springs website.

Mr. Holland asked and was advised that Parks Director Kelly will have access to the lawnmower, the trailer, and the garage, in order that he might mow the parks. Parks Director Kelly can have a key for the mower and the garage any time.

Mr. Holland asked and Mrs. Treece advised that when high grass on private property is mowed, the cost is added to the property tax bill and will be collected when the property tax is paid.

Mr. Holland asked and Mrs. Treece advised that the Tennessee Department of Environmental Conservation was involved working with Tri-County Tires as to the large inventory of used tires.

Mr. Brummett stated that he served on the Oliver Springs Housing Authority Board of Directors and Mrs. Leffew always received excellent audit scores and operated the housing authority in an excellent manner.

OLD BUSINESS:

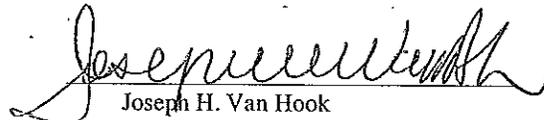
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NEW BUSINESS:

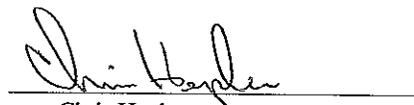
None.

With no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was upon motion duly made and seconded and unanimously approved, adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Joseph H. Van Hook
City Recorder

APPROVED:


Chris Hepler
Mayor

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