

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Oliver Springs Town Council was called to order on August 1, 2013 at 7:15 p.m. by Mayor Chris Hepler. All were present.

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

Motion by Walker and second by Cox to approve the minutes of the previous meeting with the amendment that drug fund ordinance number be amended to 2013-18-07. All voted aye.

COMMENTS FROM CITY MANAGER:

A. Price quotes for new rear tires for the sidearm mower are being obtained with an estimated cost of \$1,600.00. New skid plates will be installed on the bottom of the mower deck at a cost of approximately \$150.00.

B. Old used conveyor belt material was used as debris guards on the deck of the sidearm mower at a very little cost to the city.

C. The culvert repair on Highway 61 is now completed.

D. The Arrowhead Park baseball field fencing flood damage has been reviewed by the insurance carrier and the Town is expecting a check within the next two weeks. Once the insurance check is received, the Town will make the repairs in house to cut costs.

E. Vandals caused damage to the buildings and equipment in Arrowhead Park. The Police Department was called and pictures were taken and a report was made. The insurance carrier has been contacted. Due to this vandalism, four companies have been contacted about bids for camera and security systems for Arrowhead Park.

F. The new park equipment for Arrowhead Park has been ordered and will arrive in mid August. A project schedule is being prepared as to the removal of the old equipment and the installation of the new equipment as well as the design and construction of the pavilion.

G. The Oliver Springs Cemetery is now being mowed on a two week schedule. The workers spent approximately one week mowing the cemetery as it had not been mowed in over four weeks.

H. The City Attorney has advised that the 107 Main Street property can be mowed and a lien placed on the property for each mowing. The first bill was for \$360.74 and this will be added to the delinquent property tax bill which has been placed in the tax sale for October 2013.

I. The street department is now accepting applications for part time positions, and interviews will be scheduled next week.

J. A new Town of Oliver Springs website has been prepared that will include minutes and agendas; employment openings; applications for employment can be completed and submitted online; the Town can receive e-mail; various moneys owed the City can be paid online; various links to maps, alderman information, the Charter, codes, and other information is available; and other general information as to the library, property tax payment, traffic citation payments, events and calendar of events, local attractions, and other opportunities will be available.

K. Last week thirty inmates from the Morgan County Correctional facility worked to clean out the creek bank at the bridge on Main Street near the Dollar General Store. Large items of debris such trees, toys, and televisions, were also removed. It is planned that the crews will return once again this fall for a longer period of time in order to cut the vegetation along Indian Creek.

L. The property at 109 Kreis Circle has not made sufficient progress in Code requirements and has been turned over to City Attorney Chadwell for condemnation. The 520 Sleepy Hollow property has also been referred to City Attorney Chadwell for condemnation. This Smith Seiber property on Caldwell Circle is not in compliance and litigation is being prepared. A list of all properties in the delinquent tax sale will be provided upon its completion and receipt from City Attorney Chadwell.

M. Street potholes are being repaired throughout the Town.

N. Upon recommendation by the City Manager, and after discussion, motion by Cox and second by Walker to purchase a 2013 72-inch Dixie Chopper mower and a 12-foot trailer for a price not to exceed \$12,200.00 from the Parks Department budget. Discussion followed that the budget had only \$12,000.00, but this \$12,200.00 figure involved also a trailer. Mrs. Treece said that she would try to negotiate a slightly better price. After discussion, all voted aye.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

None.

COMMENTS FROM TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. Stinnett asked and Mrs. Treece advised that the cost to repair the vandalism at Arrowhead Park will be between \$6,000.00 and \$8,000.00. Mayor Hepler stated that there were at least fifty volunteers at the park (members of the baseball team, football team, parents, and interested citizens) that helped the flood damage clean up. Now several kids with spray paint cans painted vulgar comments and performed other vandalism at Arrowhead Park. In view of the extraordinarily volunteer spirit that was exhibited by the citizens to repair the flood damage at the park, now several kids have gone and created a lot of damage. This angered the Mayor. Discussion followed as to additional security concepts including video cameras to help protect the park.

Mr. Walker observed that although the new website is not finished, Mrs. Treece had done a good job in putting this together.

Mr. Walker commented that the street department front end loader bucket should have a scrapper blade placed on the bucket, as a scrapper blade is far less expensive to replace as compared to the bucket itself, which is now being worn out much quicker as no scrapper blade has been installed. Mrs. Treece advised that she is not aware if the Town has a scrapper blade, but she will check, and if the Town does not have a scrapper blade, she will purchase one and have it installed.

Mr. Walker recommended, and Mrs. Treece advised, that bids for security cameras at Arrowhead Park are underway, and that four bids have been solicited.

Mrs. Treece commented that some individual is throwing puzzle pieces on public street right-of-ways which creates a unsightly litter mess. She requested that who ever is doing this, not do it again.

Mr. Cox observed that the work crew had done a good job but there is one log near the City bridge, of which Mrs. Treece is aware, and she will have that log removed as soon as possible.

Mr. Cox asked about spot paving of City streets and Mrs. Treece is talking with the Roane County road department as to the name of a spot paver. City employee Burney will identify areas on City Streets needed for spot paving, and she invited Town Council members and others to identify additional streets for spot paving. This paving machine is a hot mix machine, and will not only repair potholes, but also pave short strips of the street. This will be done in a professional manner.

Mr. Cox commented that he has received several complaints as to cats, dogs, and rabbits at large and not being picked up by animal control. Traps are being set out but not necessarily inspected and picked up in a prompt manner. Chief Morgan advised that the Animal Control Officer had already made five or six trips to the pound.

Mr. Holland asked and Mrs. Treece advised that the sidearm mower tires are still functional, but need to be replaced. The lowest quote so far is \$1,200.00 installed.

Mr. Holland asked and Mrs. Treece advised that the issue of tires at Tri-County Tire shop on the four lane has been addressed.

Mr. Holland advised that he had received an e-mail as to Carmichael Park and Mrs. Treece said that unfortunately due to all the heavy rain, other projects, and the flood, the mowing at Carmichael Park has not been accomplished as promptly as she had hoped. However, she will mow the Carmichael Park area as soon as possible.

Mr. Holland asked and Mrs. Treece advised that she was aware of a grass strip near Little Leaf Baptist Church that needed to be mowed.

Mr. Brummett advised that he met the sidearm mower mowing the medium on Tri-County Boulevard, and this created a safety issue. Mrs. Treece advised that this had been handled.

Mr. Brummett thanked State Senator Ken Yager and TDOT for the help at the sinkhole on Tri-County Boulevard. The repair work looked very good.

Mr. Brummett advised Police Chief Morgan that at 416, 418, and 420 Kingston Avenue, children play in the street from time to time without regard to traffic. This could result in an unfortunate issue of an injury or a death to a child. Chief Morgan said that his officers had repeatedly been working this problem, but had not resolved it, as the parent are apparently not engaging in strong supervision.

Mr. Walker congratulated the Police Department for the first six months of 2013 in that for the previous period of time in 1012, there were six hundred and ninety arrests, but now there were nine hundred and eighty seven arrests. The Police Department is doing a good job in law enforcement.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pursuant to the Planning Commission recommendations, extensive discussion was held as to the parking on Roane Street and Pine Street around Sharp Funeral Home. After discussion, the Mayor directed that a sign stating "no parking from here to the corner" be placed in the appropriate locations.

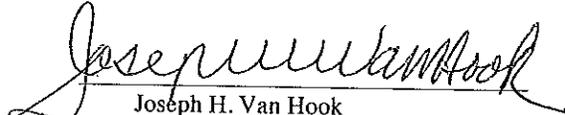
Chief Morgan announced that last year he had purchased a new school zone sign at the Oliver Springs High School school zone, but used the old lights, in order to try and cut costs. However, the use of the older lights has not been effective, and the Chief has on

order LED lights, and will advise when the bid price is received. He proposes to pay this out of State Street Aid.

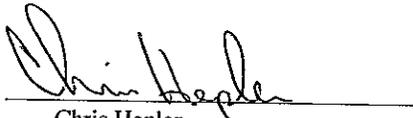
Mr. Brummett asked and Mrs. Treece stated that the State Street Aid fund does not have enough revenue to pay for any paving as to the mileage of City streets at this time. However, there are funds available for some section patching, as well as smaller patches. She is working to obtain a contractor that will do a professional patch job.

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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