

## MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Oliver Springs Town Council was called to order on September 19, 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 Cox to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented. All voted aye.

The Mayor opened the meeting with comments that the City workers are doing a great job working to improve Arrowhead Park and to implement the Arrowhead Park grant. They are trying to get the work finished in time for the October Sky Festival, but at the same time, the workers also have to perform the regular city work. However, all are doing a good job.

## COMMENTS FROM CITY MANAGER:

A. At Arrowhead Park, the playground is complete and waiting for the final inspection on September 24, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. by the Head Impact Criteria Testing organization. It is hoped that the Arrowhead Park project will be completed for the October Sky Festival.

B. The Town once again has three inmates and will be getting back on a regular schedule for mowing and brush pickup.

C. The Street Department is compiling the list for street section paving repair throughout the Town. Once the list has been completed with the specific locations and dimensions for paving repair, paving quotes for the work will be obtained.

D. Fall Cleanup sign up forms for citizens are available at the City website of [www.oliversprings-tn.gov](http://www.oliversprings-tn.gov) and at the Water Department window in City Hall. Fall cleanup is scheduled to begin the week of October 14, 2013.

E. The system for accepting credit card payments for various City services is scheduled to be in operation by the end of September 2013.

F. The side arm mower is back in operation after two trips to the repair shop within the last two weeks.

G. Christmas Parade Chairwoman, Tammy Barger, and City Manager Treece have the plans for the Christmas tree lighting and the Christmas parade well underway. As the planning progresses, Town Council and the public will be advised of times, dates, and locations.

## COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

James McCary of 120 Foxwood Circle spoke that he and several of his neighbors have a sewer line problem in the area. He has talked with Mayor Hepler and several Town Council members and others have reviewed the sewer line problem. In summary, the sewer line runs from his lot, Lot 19, and services several additional lots, to Edmond Drive. It is not working well and occasional back ups have occurred. He presented the subdivision plat map recorded in the Anderson County Register of Deeds Office to aid in his explanation. City Manager Treece indicated that in the past, tree roots have invaded the sewer line creating problems. Mr. McCary had Roter Rooter come out on several occasions and camera and clean out the sewer line. The fact that three houses are "piggybacked" on each other on this sewer line is not helpful. City Manager Treece said this is on the I & I Work Crew sewer line repair and improvement work list. The Mayor

advised that this problem would be reviewed and discussed at the next Water Board meeting.

**COMMENTS FROM TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Mr. Stinnett asked and was advised that on the practice football field at Arrowhead Park, weed killer was sprayed on the yard lines, and apparently this season the strip of dead grass created dust and mud problems. Park Directors Kelly advised that this had been done each past year, but unfortunately this year with excessive rain, the weed killer killed a much larger strip of ground, which resulted in the dust and mud problem. Next year, this should not be a problem.

Mr. Stinnett asked and City Manager Treece advised that the potholes created by the water line repair on Midway Drive is on the schedule to be permanently repaired by more permanent patching. As things stand now, the temporary cold patch has worn out of the holes almost as fast as the street department crew can patch the holes. This problem should be permanently solved by the contract for the spot-paving repair.

Mr. Walker asked and City Manager Treece advised that the City Attorney has not responded on the status on the two condemnation lawsuits, but City Manager Treece believes both suits were filed and the Defendants have been served.

Mr. Cox announced that there would be a flag dedication and a dedication of the plaque stating "In God we trust" at the Court House to be sponsored by the Disabled American Veterans of Oliver Springs, Oak Ridge, Clinton, Anderson County, together with several local pastors. All are invited to attend.

Mr. Cox strongly supported a public parking lot across from the Oliver Springs Depot/Library to be used not only by the public but by the Oliver Springs Historical Society for the Abston Garage. Mr. Cox advised that he thought there was a good chance that the gravel might be donated, and that donated equipment and volunteer equipment operators might also be obtained, resulting in no cost to the City. However, as this was not firm, the Town may have to purchase some of the gravel and supply equipment and workers. Mr. Brummett supported this project, but observed that the topsoil would need to be removed before the gravel could be spread. Topographical elevation should also be checked to insure proper drainage and to determine as to the existence of any utility lines that may be involved in this work. After additional discussion, Mr. Cox advised that he would check as far as the donated gravel, donated equipment, and volunteer equipment operators, the amount of topsoil to be removed, the need for elevations and other survey work, and as to the other site preparation work, and hopefully have a report at the next meeting.

Mr. Craze asked and City Manager Treece advised that the street paving report is still being compiled, and once finished, it will be used to create a bid specification request wherein paving repair bids may be solicited and reviewed.

Mr. Hall asked and City Manager Treece advised that if the citizens will sign up for Fall Cleanup, this will save time in that it will allow better employee scheduling and debris pick up scheduling, to obtain best use of equipment and man power. However, in order to have the brush or debris pick up, it is not required that a citizen sign up for the clean up.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

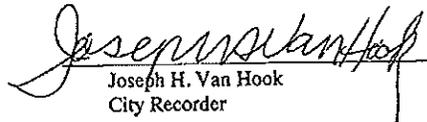
Brenda Brown at 302 Pine Street requested that she acquire ownership of the alley that runs beside her house. She has taken care of the alley for many years, but the City has placed gravel one time on the alley and has once unstopped a culvert. Discussion followed about the alley. City Recorder Van Hook stated that when the subdivision was

created about 1890 to 1910, the adjoining property owner would own to the center of an alley, with the Town having an easement for alley use. If the Town ever abandoned the easement, then the adjoining property would own to the center of the old abandoned alley. However, before the Town could abandon the alley, all of the property owners who owned lots abutting the alley, must be contacted and give consent, as each property owner and lot are entitled under the law to use the alley for access, ingress, egress. Mrs. Brown and others indicated that the alley had never been opened and had never been used for alley purposes. City Recorder Van Hook observed that in several locations, unopened and unused alleys were shown on various public records. On other occasions, with the consent of the adjoining property owners, the Town has abandoned several alley easements, thereby closing the alley(s), allowing the adjoining property owners to own to the center of what formerly was an alley. After additional discussion, the Mayor requested City Recorder Van Hook to research the issue in the Roane County Register of Deeds Office and the Roane County Property Assessor Office and submit a report to Town Council and others.

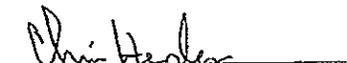
Upon recommendation by Assistant Fire Chief Justin Bailey, motion by Cox and second by Craze to buy a Kenwood-TK-7180K thirty watt vhf mobile radio, 136-174MHz for \$462.00 and a Kenwoof-TK-8180K thirty watt mobile radio 450-520Mhz for \$472.00, for use by the Oliver Springs Fire Department; provided that the total purchase price not exceed \$1,000.00. 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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