

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Oliver Springs Town Council was called to order on October 17, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Chris Hepler. All were present.

The meeting was opened in prayer by Councilman Cox followed by the pledge to the flag.

Motion by Walker and second by Cox to approve the minutes of the previous meeting with the corrections that the word "several" should be removed before the word "citizens" in the question by Holland and answer by City Manager Treece; and that under the purchase of the equipment for the fire department, the two thousand and three dollars cost was per fireman, and the total cost amount approved was six thousand and nine dollars for three fireman. All voted aye.

COMMENTS FROM CITY MANAGER:

A. Mayor Hepler advised that City Manager Treece (who was absent from the meeting working at Arrowhead park), along with other city employees and volunteers, have worked very hard over the past several weeks to have the several projects at Arrowhead Park completed before the October Sky Festival this weekend. City Manager Treece has been so busy at Arrowhead Park that she has no report, but the Mayor said he could sum up her report in two words: "Arrowhead Park".

B. The Mayor announced that the October Sky Festival will be held this Saturday at Arrowhead Park, the Depot-Museum, and other locations throughout the Town. The Mayor could not even begin to thank all of the many City workers and volunteers who have worked hard and diligently to prepare for this Festival.

C. The Mayor advised that the Water Department grant work is progressing in the Norwood area and that the work on the several parks pursuant to the grant is also progressing. He encouraged all to go and check the work.

D. The Mayor announced that the Fall Cleanup project had been pushed back a week due to the amount of work required at Arrowhead Park. Trash pickup will continue next week and brush pickup will begin the following week. The Mayor encouraged all to access the website of the Town to sign up for the fall cleanup.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Robbie Underwood, on behalf of the Oliver Springs Historical Society, stated that the October Sky Festival will be held this Saturday and he believes it will be one of the best festivals ever. Many activities are planned, and Oliver Springs' own Janelle Arthur will perform in concert at 1:00 p.m. followed by a local band, Fairview Union. Greg Johnson, an Oliver Springs native, will also perform at twelve noon with his Elvis impersonation act, which is very popular at the several theaters in Pigeon Forge. Mr. Underwood echoed Mayor Hepler's observation that there are many individuals who have worked hard on the project, but in particular he complimented City Manager Treece for spending many dedicated hours working on this project. Mr. Underwood encouraged all to come out and support the Festival as this was the Town's Festival. All have worked hard to make this a great success. Mr. Underwood observed that the first October Sky beauty pageant was being held this evening, and Janelle Arthur was in Town to crown the several winners in the various categories.

COMMENTS FROM TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. Walker agreed that the City workers, the volunteers, and the members of the Oliver Springs Historical Society have all pitched in and worked very hard to make the October Sky Festival the best ever. Mr. Walker is looking forward to this festival. Mr.

Walker also praised City Manager Treece, the City workers and all the volunteers for all their hard, as a festival of this nature takes a lot more time and work behind the scenes than most people realize.

Mr. Holland agreed that all had worked hard, and he visited Arrowhead Park and personally observed and acknowledged all of the hard work and long hours spent on the project by all of the workers and volunteers. The Mayor agreed that all had worked hard, but the volunteers had contributed greatly to the work and preparation for the festival, and probably without the volunteers, it would be difficult to have had the festival.

Mr. Brummett also observed all of the hard work performed by all the individuals involved with the festival, and the many kind and encouraging words spoken here tonight and elsewhere as to the workers and the work.

Mr. Craze advised that Bob Carmack had spoken with Mr. Craze and Mr. Carmack was very pleased with the work performed by the city worker at Chinquapin in Sleepy Hollow. Mr. Carmack said that the city workers were out there promptly the next day, and one could really tell a difference after the work was performed as compared to before the work was performed.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Walker and second by Stinnett to pass Resolution Number 2013-17-10, a resolution for engineering services for the 2014 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant, and Resolution and Resolution Number 2013-17-10A, a resolution for administrative services for the 2014 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program. During discussion Mr. Cox offered concern about the work and leadership of GRW Engineers, Inc. and suggested that the engineering contract be put out on bids perhaps in future. The Mayor advised that the Town could certainly put this contract, along with any contract, out on bids, but GRW Engineers had been with the Town for about fifteen years, and knew the water and sewer systems better than any other organization. Mr. Holland asked and the Mayor advised that the monetary value which is not shown in the resolution but is shown in the engineering contract. After additional discussion, all voted aye. Mr. Cox asked and the Mayor advised that the grant was an 80%-20% matching grant.

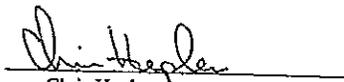
With no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was upon motion duly made and seconded and unanimously approved, adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Joseph H. Van Hook
City Recorder

APPROVED:



Chris Hepler
Mayor