

## MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Oliver Springs Town Council was called to order on December 5, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Chris Hepler. All were present.

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

Motion by Cox and second by Brummett to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented and the minutes of the previous Beer Board meeting as presented. All voted aye.

### COMMENTS FROM CITY MANAGER:

A. The tree lighting ceremony will be held on Friday, December 6, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. All are invited.

B. The Christmas parade is scheduled for Saturday, December 7, 2013, beginning at 5:30 p.m. City Hall will host, after the parade, hot chocolate, cookies, and pictures with Santa Clause.

C. The holidays and weather have slowed the prison inmate crews working on Indian Creek banks. However, the prison work crews are doing a very good job, and the work will continue as weather and prison schedules permit. The plan is to finish Indian Creek at Highway 61 up to the area behind the apartments. Once that has been completed, the Indian Creek bank work at Arrowhead Park will be completed.

D. The Town is still conducting the Toys for Tots drive. The first batch of toys will be delivered Saturday, and the second batch will be collected until the evening of December 19, 2013, and the morning of December 20, 2013, the toys will be taken to Knoxville.

E. The Christmas lights have been hung. The Court of Flags will be decorated again this year minus the large metal tree. Decorations for the Library lamppost, Main Street lamppost, as well as the decorations at City Hall will be completed in time for the tree lighting and parade. Wooden decorations at the Court of Flags, the Police Department, City Hall, and Library have also been added.

F. The Street Department will return to leaf pick up and other work once the Christmas decorations are complete.

G. The required (to comply with OSHA) minor electrical work at the City Garage is now complete.

H. Pursuant to the instructions of the Mayor, a local electrician is providing a quote for the repair of the light posts on Main Street. Mrs. Treece will keep Town Council advised as to the progress and outcome.

I. Within the next several weeks, a compiled listing of streets and approximate square footage for paving will be sent out for quotes. Hopefully the quotes will be back in time for the January 2, 2014, meeting.

J. A long-time City employee, Troy Burney, is retiring on March 31, 2014. Mrs. Treece invited input from Town Council as to what the Town has done in the past for the retirement ceremony of long-time Town employees, such as a meal, a plaque, a watch, or other type of recognition of long time service. To the extent possible, Mrs. Treece requests that this be kept confidential in order to surprise Mr. Burney.

K. The Toys for Tots drive is going strong. Mr. V.J. Murray has offered to provide a free buffet to anyone that donates a new toy (ten dollars or higher value) between now and December 19, 2013, at his Pizza Inn restaurant in Oak Ridge or at City

Hall. Mrs. Treece will have coupons ready by the end of the day to give to anyone who donates a toy.

L. The brush at the Airport has been taken care of. Due to the fact that it was mixed with a vine, the brush and vine were not chipped but instead burned in place.

M. The issues with the Gifford property will be going to court in mid-December. Mrs. Treece will advise as soon as she has information from the City Attorney.

N. The Redbud Park lawsuit is scheduled for a hearing in March of 2014.

O. The delinquent back tax property sale should be held sometime in December 2013 pursuant to the information from the City Attorney. As soon as Mrs. Treece has more specific information, she will advise.

P. In January of 2014, property maintenance letters will be mailed to property owners whose property is in zoning or other ordinance violation(s). The letters have not been sent out during the holidays. However, Mrs. Treece has spoken with a few realtors as to the appearance of property that is listed for sale or under going foreclosure.

Q. Plans are being made for the repairs to the culvert on Valley Drive in front of the J.D. Hall property in early spring. Erosion is causing the culvert to collapse.

R. Drafts of sample flea market and transient vendor ordinances regarding miscellaneous garage sales on commercial property, as prepared by Margaret Norris, have not yet been received. Once these drafts and other information have been received, a workshop could be scheduled.

S. The Town's annual Christmas lunch will be at the DAV building this year on December 24, 2013. The lunch will be catered from a few local businesses.

#### COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Mrs. Joyce Hepler spoke on behalf of Mimi Brock, who was helping decorate a parade float, reminding everyone as to the Christmas activities over the next several days. At 7:00 p.m. on Saturday at the Presbyterian Church, a community choir of good singers will perform. If any citizens desire to participate, be there at 6:45 p.m. Saturday night.

#### COMMENTS FROM TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS:

The Mayor announced that he had found out a few minutes ago that Channel 12 producer and cameraman Dudley Evans' mother died today and the Mayor, on behalf of the Town, offered condolences and prayers to the Evans family.

Mr. Stinnett asked and Mrs. Treece advised that due to the holiday decorations and the rain, the Town is behind on leaf pick up. The leaf pick up will continue weather and labor permitting.

The Mayor requested that citizens pile the leaves close to the ditch line as the leaf removal system vacuum hose can reach a reasonable distance across ditch lines to vacuum up the leaves.

Mr. Stinnett asked everyone not to pile the leaves in the ditches as when heavy rains arrive, the leaves are washed into the culverts stopping the culverts. Last week due to the heavy rains three to four truck lodes of leaves were removed from stopped up culverts in the Valley Drive area.

Mayor Hepler reminded all of the workshop scheduled for Thursday, December 12, 2013 as to the improvement of business regulation ordinances.

Mr. Cox wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr. Brummett wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Upon recommendation of the Mayor and the City Manager, motion by Walker and second by Stinnett to authorize the Town to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Loudon County, Tennessee, as to a feasibility study as to proper yard waste collection and disposal methods and the viability of Green Waste Recycling Projects; provided that this Green Waste Study Project has no cost to the Town. After further discussion, all voted aye.

The Mayor advised that anyone wanting rough mulch for garden purposes, or other purposes, please contact City Hall and arrangements can be made where the mulch can be picked up and/or delivered.

Police Chief Morgan advised that AT&T will be arriving within the next several weeks to install new 911 equipment, and in anticipation of all the new equipment, Chief Morgan has had to perform rewiring work at a cost of between one thousand and two thousand dollars. However, AT&T will actually pay (or reimburse) the Town for this work. In view of the fact that this work will not cost any money, the Mayor instructed Chief Morgan to proceed.

City Finance Officer Walker asked and the Mayor and Mrs. Treece advised that it was appropriate to burn leaves, provided anyone wishing to burn leaves, must receive a burn permit from the Town. The citizen would need to call City Hall and obtain a burn permit.

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