## MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Oliver Springs Town Council was called to order on February 6, 2014 at 7:06 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 Shillings and second by Stinnett to approve the minutes of the previous meeting and the minutes of the previous Beer Board meeting as presented. All voted aye.

## COMMENTS FROM MAYOR:

The Mayor announced that for the next several months the regularly scheduled Town Council meeting on the second Thursday of each month, unless substantial business needed to be conducted, the meeting would be called to order, and then adjourned, wherein the several Town Council members would convene in a workshop in order to discuss several items of business.

## COMMENTS FROM CITY MANAGER:

A. As the weather has provided several days and nights of snow, the employees have worked late into several of the nights. The salt supply has been replenished and the Town is well prepared for any further severe weather. In the past, the salt has been mixed with gravel to make the salt go further. However, the salt spreader is not designed to allow a salt-gravel mix to be expelled through the belt and spreader system, and therefore this is no longer being done.

B. The safety lights, headlights, brake lights, turn signals, and other lights have been fixed on the salt truck.

C. At the corner of Cedar Lane and Sleepy Hollow, a large culvert repair was completed. This culvert was repaired several years ago, but that repair was not complete in that the culvert pipe continued to undermined by flowing surface water. The culvert was cleaned and the undermining issue repaired which should allow the surface water to flow without undermining the culvert or the roadway. As soon as the area settles, the road way will receive a temporary patch, and the roadway will be added to the list of road paving and repairs.

D. The street department employees have been assisting in completing the 2014 CDBG Grant surveys. With a deadline of February 14, 2014 approaching for completion, approximately 200 of the 380 required surveys have been completed.

E. The street department crew has been working with a line crew clearing the creek bank area. The Highway 61 area should be completed today.

F. On February 14, 2014, the City Manager and others will survey the Carmichael Park to make a final determination of what may be required.

G. The fencing at the Arrowhead Park ball fields will begin next week and should take more than one week to complete.

H. Mrs. Treece will be in Nashville on February 10 and 11, 2014, for the Day on the Hill event in order to meet with our local representatives and senators and advise them as to the plans and goals of the Town. Mrs. Treece will make a report at the next meeting.

## COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

None.

## COMMENTS FROM TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. Stinnett advised that the prison work crew has done a great job cleaning the creek. Mrs. Treece advised that the Town will have them only several weeks longer to finish the work, as the prison work crew has been scheduled to work another project.

Mr. Walker asked and Mrs. Treece advised that the Town has had to order two more loads of salt, and the salt will not be blended with the gravel as the salt-gravel mixture does not flow properly through the spreader and "gums up the works."

Mr. Walker requested that a pneumatic or an electric chain deployment system be budgeted for 2014-2015 budget year for at least the new fire truck and the crash truck to enable these trucks to answer emergency calls during icy and snowy weather.

Mr. Cox asked and Mrs. Treece advised that she has purchased tools at Lowe's on the weekend, when she is at home, at no additional expense to the City, as she can occasionally get better tools at better prices at Lowe's. Mr. Cox encouraged Mrs. Treece to purchase supplies and tools in Town as much as possible.

Mr. Cox thanked the inmate crews for doing a good job on Indian Creek. He asked and Mrs. Treece advised that the mulch piles had not been picked up in certain areas because the soft ground would not allow trucks to travel to the mulch pile without getting stuck, and these mulch piles will probably be spread over the ground, and be blended into the environment. Mr. Cox observed that the sinkhole near the branch at Van Hook Court appears to be getting larger. Mrs. Treece stated that she and the employees are looking into this sink hole, as a sewer line runs through the sink hole and the sink hole needs to be stabilized in order to protect the sewer line.

Mr. Craze asked and Mrs. Treece advised that volunteers would be welcome to help complete the 2014 CDPG Grant surveys. Anyone wishing to volunteer should call Mrs. Treece.

Mr. Holland asked and Mrs. Treece advised that the fence at Arrowhead Park was paid for by flood damage insurance proceeds.

Mr. Shillings asked and Mrs. Treece advised that the prison inmate work crew is working only on the creek banks, as other areas are said to have copper head snakes in abundance.

Mr. Shillings, Mrs. Treece, and several others discussed the liter problem, and suggested that everyone can help out by picking up liter when seen.

Mr. Shillings asked and Mrs. Treece advised that the Redbud Park project was not completed pursuant to the building codes and the contract, and litigation resulted. Numerous problems have resulted with litigation as one of the defendants died, and the city attorney has resigned, and the Town will have to select a new city attorney.

Mr. Shillings agreed with Mr. Cox that the Town needs to support our local businesses as much as possible.

## OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Hepler opened discussion on the abandonment of the Pine Street Alley. Mr. Ed Coker, an adjoining property owner, was in attendance and spoke that he had a prior conflict and could not attend the workshop. Mr. Coker was concerned that if the Town abandoned the alley, then the cost of dealing with the surface water drainage issue would become the cost of the several landowners. If the Town does not abandon the alley, then the cost of dealing with the surface water issues would remain with the City. Extensive discussion followed as to the several reasons to abandon the alley or not abandon the alley. Neighboring landowner Brown stated that she is willing to take on the

responsibility to deal with the surface water drainage problem in order to keep it out of her basement. The alley needs to be sloped away from the several property owners where the water will eventually go through the catch basin at the McKeethan property line. After other discussion, Mayor Hepler called for a motion to abandon the alley. After additional discussion, motion by Stinnett and second by Craze to abandon the alley. Voting for abandonment was Stinnett; Walker; and Craze. Voting against abandonment was Cox; Holland; and Shillings. Due to the tie vote, Mayor Hepler voted no, and the motion failed. Mayor Hepler advised that the Town would look into the surface water drainage issue.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion by Shillings and second by Cox to approve Ordinance Number 2014-02-06A, the towing policy. This passed 5-0-1, Craze abstaining.

Motion by Stinnett and second by Cox to pass the Recreation Department Hold Harmless Agreement for Outside Leagues pursuant to the recommendation of the Town's insurance company (Tennessee Municipal League), with the implementation of this Hold Harmless Agreement to be effective on and after March 1, 2014. All voted aye.

Motion by Cox, Walker, and Stinnett, and second by Craze and Holland, to add to the employee handbook the Equal Employment Opportunity Statement and the Americans with Disabilities Statement. 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 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph H. Van Hook
City Recorder

APPROVED:

Chris Hepler
Mayor

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