

CITY OF OVILLA MINUTES
Monday, 10 March 2008
Regular City Council Meeting

A regular meeting of the Ovilla City Council was called to order at 7:02 P.M. with the following City Council Members present:

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| William A. "Bill" Turner | Mayor |
| Morgan Crow | Mayor Pro-tem |
| Floyd Elkins | Councilman |
| Richard Dormier | Councilman |
| Ralph Hall | Councilman |
| Larry Stevenson | Councilman |

The Invocation was given by Councilman Stevenson.
The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Councilman Elkins.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

- Mr. Robert Medigovich, Municipal Coordinator for CWD (Community Waste Disposal) addressed the Council promoting CWD and asking Council to consider contracting with them when it becomes time to select a new waste contract.
- Mr. G.T. Mulholland spoke regarding "Freedom Challenged" and the Waxahachie Daily Light.

PRESENTATIONS: The Mayor read a Proclamation designating the month of March as American Red Cross Month.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

- Police Department
 - Police Chief Mike Moon was present for comments regarding the monthly police report. Chief Moon briefed Council on the Bill Blackwood Institute that he and Sergeant Devlin recently attended.
- Fire Department
 - Chief Pickard spoke to Council about recent home fires explaining that two were from human error. Councilman Hall complimented the Fire Department and other responding cities for their promptness and good work.
 - As of March 10, 2008 the Ellis County Commissioners Court lifted the Burn Ban. Mayor Pro-tem Crow gave a reminder of the free stovetop extinguishers available from the Fire Department.

- Public Works Department
 - Public Works Director Jason Robinson announced that his department had hired two new employees.
 - The Dallas Water Line Project target date for takeover is April 5, 2008.
 - Baseball season has started.
 - Requests for sealed bids were publicized for two budget-approved trucks for the department.

- Administration
 - City Administrator John McDonald told Council that a RFQ notice was publicized for interested consultants to assist in general planning services for the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. Next meeting of the CLUP Committee will be Tuesday, March 18th at 7:00 P.M.
 - Dallas County will soon begin resurfacing a portion of Cockrell Hill Road. Mr. McDonald and Council discussed financial planning and possibilities for road reconstruction to Johnson Lane and the city's section of Duncanville Road.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on February 25, 2008
- Financial Transactions for the month ending February 29, 2008.

Mayor Pro-tem Crow made a motion to approve all consent items as presented. Councilman Stevenson seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION:

ITEM 1. Discussion/Action – Consideration of an Ordinance amending Ordinance 07-003, the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance, amending regulation relating to powers and authority of the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

City Administrator commented on the need for further review of this item and asked that it be pulled until the next Council meeting. **NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.**

ITEM 2. Discussion/Action – Consideration of a Resolution Creating the Ovilla Economic Development Corporation, approving the Articles of Incorporation and the appointment of Directors.

Mr. McDonald reminded Council that the Incorporators and Agent were appointed previously. The Resolution would approve the appointment of the Board of Directors and Articles of Incorporation. Four appointments would be for two-year terms and three appointments would be for a one-year term. Council had received eight applications from Ovilla citizens for placement on the board. Seven members to the Board of Directors were nominated.

Mayor Pro-tem Crow made a motion to nominate Ralph Hall, Floyd Elkins, Mikel Davis and Tom Cearley as members to the Board of Directors for an initial two-year term. Mayor Pro-tem further nominated Norma Epstein, Emmett Fox and George Owens to one-year initial terms on the Board of Directors. Councilman Stevenson seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

Following the motion of the nomination for the Board of Directors, Mayor Pro-tem Crow made a motion that Council approve the resolution to include the names of the Directors of the Board as Approved. Councilman Dormier seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 3. Discussion/Action – Consideration of a Resolution Designating the Name of the New Municipal Building to be located at the City Hall Complex in Ovilla, TX.

The Mayor made a recommendation and discussed with Council the naming of the new Fire Annex after long-time Ovilla resident Larry C. Marlow. Mr. Marlow is an individual that has given much to Ovilla during the past 30-years, including but not limited to currently holding office as the President of the Emergency Services District #2.

Councilman Elkins made a motion that the City Council approve this Resolution naming the new building after Larry Marlow. Councilman Stevenson seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 4. Discussion/Action – Consider approval of an agreement with an architect for the design and site plan development for the new Public Works Building.

City Administrator stated that in the FY2008 Budget, Council funded the construction of a new Public Works building maintenance shop. The proposed building is to be located behind the Police Station. Staff recommended the hiring of an architect, Mr. Hugo Monsanto who is currently assisting the Emergency Services District with the design of the new Fire Annex. Councilman Hall advised that Staff prepare a RFQ (Request for Qualifications) and formally proceed through the selection process as defined in §2254.04 of the Texas Government Code prior to contracting with Mr. Monsanto.

Councilman Dormier made a motion to direct Staff to prepare a RFQ for architectural services for the Public Works building. Councilman Elkins seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 5. Discussion/Action – Consider approval of the purchase of a lawnmower for the Public Works Department.

The purchase of this item was included in the FY2008 budget not to exceed \$7000. The Public Works Director obtained three quotes. Based on service, cost and delivery of the machine, Wiseman Hardware, Inc., located in DeSoto was the selected vendor.

Councilman Stevenson made a motion that Council approve the purchase of the recommended mower for \$5839. Mayor Pro-tem Crow seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilman Stevenson commented that spring break was next week.
Councilman Elkins commented that he was looking forward to working with development of the Economic Development Corporation.
Councilman Dormier gave a reminder that Meals on Wheels was upcoming.
Mayor Turner mentioned the Election for three councilpersons on May 10, 2008.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Stevenson made a motion that Council adjourn the regular meeting of March 10, 2008.
Councilman Elkins seconded the motion.
VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

William A. "Bill" Turner
MAYOR

Pamela Higgins
CITY SECRETARY