

CITY OF OVILLA MINUTES

Monday, 25 August 2008 ***Regular City Council Meeting***

A Regular Council Meeting of the Ovilla City Council was called to order by Mayor Turner at 7:03 P.M. with the following City Council Members present:

William A. "Bill" Turner	Mayor
Ralph Hall	Mayor Pro-Tem
Tom Leverentz	Council Member, Place 1
Richard Dormier	Council Member, Place 2
Bill Vansyckle	Council Member, Place 3
James Wade	Council Member, Place 5

The Invocation was given by Council Member Dormier.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro-Tem Hall.

COMMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS:

- Ms Norma Epstein spoke about Ovilla's growth and the police and fire trucks driving out of the city for meals. Ms Epstein donated \$100 to the Fire Department.
- Mr. Phil Lynch gave an ECAD state of the district report.
- Mr. James Northum questioned Council on P & Z appointment, variances and ordinance procedures.
- Mr. Tom Bliss spoke regarding city ordinances.
- Mr. Kyle Kutach spoke regarding the junked/abandoned vehicle ordinance listed on this evening's agenda.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

- Administration
 - City Administrator, Randy Whiteman briefed Council on the listed:
 - Meeting with Kimley-Horn Group
 - Water/Sewer options on rate study
 - On-going issues with the Trammel permit resolved.
 - HOA (Home Owner's Association) and the City have come to an agreement – a contract is forthcoming.
 - Garbage RFP's (Request for Proposals) were opened today. A scoring criterion is impending and will be submitted for Council review. Mayor Pro-Tem Hall stated the scoring should be handled by staff.
- Finance
 - City Accountant, Miykael Reeve gave an overview of the proposed FY2009 budget with a PowerPoint presentation. Mayor Pro-Tem Hall stated this budget was very detailed from previous years and stressed the importance of the itemization.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 11 August 2008.
- Resolution R-021 Amending Authorized Representatives to TexPool.
- Resolution R-022 Amending Authorized Representatives to TexStar.

Council Member Vansyckle made a motion that Council approve the consent items as presented. Council Member Dormier seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION:

ITEM 1. Discussion/Action – Consideration to Reschedule a Public Hearing date for the proposed Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2009.

City Administrator explained that the Waxahachie Daily Light made an unintentional error on the city's submitted publication for the hearing. State Law requires the holding of two public hearings related to the proposed tax rate. Each public notice for the hearings must be publicized at least 7 days prior to the hearing. Due to the Daily Light's error, the first public hearing needed rescheduling from August 25, 2008 to Wednesday, August 27, 2008.

Council Member Leverentz made a motion that Council reschedule the first public hearing on the proposed tax rate for the Fiscal Year 2009, to Wednesday, August 27, 2008 at 7:00 PM in the Ovilla City Council Chamber Room. Council Member Dormier seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 2. Discussion/Action – Consider and reschedule a date for a Public Hearing for the Proposed Fiscal Year 2009 Budget.

City Administrator explained the same error made by the Waxahachie Daily Light as in Item 1. The notice related to the Public Hearing for the FY2009 proposed budget requires publication 10 days prior to the hearing (and not more than 15 days) as stated in Truth-in-Taxation, published by the TX Comptroller of Public Accounts. Mr. Whiteman recommended moving the Public Hearing for the Proposed Fiscal Year 2009 Budget from August 25, 2008 to September 8, 2008.

Council Member Wade made the motion that Council reschedule the Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year 2009, to Monday, September 8, 2008 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chamber Room. Mayor Pro-Tem Hall seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 3. Discussion/Action – Consider a Revision for an Employee Health Insurance Benefit Provider for the Fiscal Year 2009.

City Administrator stated that on July 14, 2008, Council voted to submit an application to Aetna based on preliminary premium rates. Aetna's final rate proposal was a max rate. These rates were double the original bid. A group representative from Blue Cross/Blue Shield contacted Ovilla staff with lower rates than the original offer based on history with Ovilla. The final rates were:

- HMO \$473.79
- PPO \$407.94

These rates were comparable to the current rates with Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hall made a motion that Council approve Blue Cross/Blue Shield (PPO-Blue Choice & HMO-S09) to provide health insurance for city employees for the Fiscal Year 2009. Council Member Vansyckle seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 4. Discussion/Action – Consideration of an Ordinance Amending Section 1.01, Paragraph (G) of Chapter 7 of the Code of Ordinances Amending the Definition of “Junked Vehicle”.

City Administrator stated that Council Member Vansyckle made the initial request and began research to amend the definition. Chapter 7 of Ovilla’s Code of Ordinances relating to junked vehicles had not been updated since 1999. To conform to the statutory definition set forth in Section 682.071 of the TX Transportation Code, the wording of “junked vehicle” required amending. Council Member Vansyckle explained the changes and said amending the definition would give Code Enforcement more strength to enforce the law. Mayor Pro-Tem questioned if the new amended ordinance would apply to an old inoperable vehicle covered with a tarp in the downtown section of Ovilla belonging to Fire Chief Pickard.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hall made a motion that Council hereby approve and adopt an Ordinance amending Section 1.01, Paragraph (G) of Chapter 7 of the Code of Ordinances by amending the definition of junked vehicles. Council Member Vansyckle seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

City Council Announcements

Council Member Wade made comment that the staff should assure that our citizens receive all city information available.

Council Member Dormier stressed the necessity to update Ovilla’s engineering design standards, including adopting NCTCOG (North Central Texas Council of Governments) Public Works Construction Standards. Council Member Dormier stated his pleasure in citizen attendance to the meeting. .

Council Member Leverentz reiterated his delight in citizen turnout and reminded everyone of the August 27, 2008 meeting.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hall reiterated the same and invited citizens to become involved.

Council Member Vansyckle stated that communication was very important. Citizens should view the city website at www.cityofovilla.org.

Mayor Turner introduced the new City Administrator, Mr. Randy Whiteman.

Mayor Turner reminded all present of Heritage Day, September 27, 2008.

Mayor Turner commended staff for their diligent work.

Adjournment

Council Member Vansyckle made a motion to adjourn the meeting of August 25, 2008. Council Member Dormier seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

William A. “Bill” Turner, MAYOR

Pamela Higgins, CITY SECRETARY