

CITY OF OVILLA MINUTES
Monday, 22 July 2009
Special City Council Meeting & Workshop

Mayor Vansyckle called a Special Council Meeting and Workshop of the Ovilla City Council to order at 7:14 P.M. with the following City Council Members present:

Bill Vansyckle	Mayor
Tom Leverentz	Mayor Pro-Tem, Place 1
Michael Dickey	Council Member, Place 2
Jo Ann Graham	Council Member, Place 3
Doug Hunt	Council Member, Place 4

Absent: James Wade, Council Member, Place 5

City Administrator Randy Whiteman, City Auditor Greer Yeldell, and various department-head staff members were also present.

Council Member Graham gave the Invocation.
Council Member Dickey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, REPORTS, AND APPOINTMENTS:

- None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

- None

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

PUBLIC HEARING and Discussion – Concerning two proposed ordinances declaring a 120-day moratorium on property development and the acceptance of applications for the issuance of permits for the drilling and production of oil and gas wells, the placement of oil and gas pipelines, and wind energy systems in the City of Ovilla.

Mayor Vansyckle opened the Public Hearing at 7:18 P.M.

Resident Phil Lynch commented that he was pleased the city was considering these two ordinances calling for moratoriums.

There were no other persons to speak.

Mayor Vansyckle closed the Public Hearing at 7:19 P.M.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- ❖ Resolution 09-010 Indicating Support for and Willingness to Participate in the Effort to Form an Organization of North Ellis County Cities for the Purpose of Developing Stronger Partnership Opportunities and Appointing Steering Committee Representative to Consider Initiative.
- ❖ Resolution 09-011 Approving Interlocal Participation By and Between the Local Governments Purchasing Cooperative.

Bill Vansyckle, Mayor
Tom Leverentz, Mayor Pro-Tem
Michael Dickey, Place Two

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Doug Hunt, Place Four
Jo Ann Graham, Place Three
James Wade, Place Five

Council Member Hunt made a motion that Council approve the consent items as presented. Council Member Dickey seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION:

Second Reading & Discussion/Action – Consider Council approval of Ordinance 09-009 declaring a 120-day moratorium on property development for the installation and use of wind energy systems within the City of Ovilla.

Council Member Graham made a motion that Council approve and adopt Ordinance 09-009 declaring a 120-day Moratorium on the installation and use of wind energy systems within the City of Ovilla; directing the Planning and Zoning Commission and city staff to initiate an immediate study of appropriate regulations.

Mayor Pro-Tem Leverentz seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

Second Reading & Discussion/Action – Consider Council approval of Ordinance 09-010 declaring a 120-day moratorium on property development for the commencement of drilling or re-entering a well for the purposes of oil or gas within the City of Ovilla.

Council Member Hunt made a motion that Council approve and adopt Ordinance 09-010 declaring a 120-day Moratorium on the commencement of drilling or re-entering a well for the purposes of oil or gas within the City of Ovilla; directing the Planning and Zoning Commission and city staff to initiate an immediate study of appropriate regulations.

Mayor Pro-Tem Leverentz seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

Workshop –

- Review and discuss FY2010 Proposed Annual Budget
- Review and discuss Council Rules of Procedure

City Accountant Sharon Jungman opened the workshop with the proposed 2010 budget calendar, that included additional noted workshops and the required publish dates before final approval. City Administrator Randy Whiteman informed Council of certain items:

1. Ovilla had received the certified tax roll from Ellis County but only an estimated roll from Dallas County.
2. The T-Mobile Tower Lease Agreement was under negotiations for additional revenue.
3. The contingency line item was again, proposed in the 2010 budget.

Council addressed each department head's proposed budget within the General Fund.

- The Police Department: Chief Moon asked for an additional patrol officer, remarking that he hoped the police department would be a recipient of the COPS grant that they had recently applied. Mayor, Council and the Chief discussed the benefits as well as disadvantages of the possibility in initiating a reserve program again. The cities of Midlothian, Red Oak, and Ovilla are working to combine a regional communications division. Red Oak recently purchased a "CRIMES" software system for the dispatch unit. Midlothian and Ovilla will be researching that software.
- Municipal Court: City Secretary Pam Higgins reviewed the line items with Council noting no unusual changes or increases for FY2010.

- The Fire Department: Assistant Chief Brancato attended the meeting in Chief Pickard's absence and discussed proposed line item needs. The scheduling and coverage for volunteers was addressed and suggested by Council to try for longer and spaced-out coverage to include weekends. Council Member Graham stated she believed that the department worked well at its current state. Mayor Vansyckle requested the fire department return with a proposed weekly work schedule with wider coverage for all part-time and volunteer firefighters, EMT's and paramedics.

Mayor Vansyckle announced that Council would break for a few moments.

Time was 8:50 P.M.

Council was back in session at 9:05 P.M.

- Community Service: Jason Robinson advised that on-call responses would undergo a few policy changes, meaning Animal Control would answer only emergency calls during the weekend. There was a slight proposed budget increase under the uniform line item to account for a more professional look for Code Enforcement / Animal Control and to depict a more accurate budget by splitting the uniform expenditure between the Water & Sewer Fund and the General Fund.
- Streets: Jason Robinson advised that there would be a "buy-in" fee in his budget to account for the Storm Water Management Plan.
- Council discussed street repairs and overlays.

Council and staff decided to stop and continue the review of proposed departmental 2010 budgets during the next scheduled workshop. The Item: Rules for Procedure would be addressed during upcoming meetings.

Council's Request for Consideration of Future Agenda Items

Mayor Pro-Tem Leverentz stated he would like to review the current tree preservation ordinance.

Council Member Graham asked Council to volunteer to assist with Heritage Day festivities.

Adjournment

Council Member Hunt made a motion to adjourn the meeting/workshop of July 22, 2009, at 10:35 P.M.

Council Member Dickey seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Bill Vansyckle, Mayor

Pamela Higgins, City Secretary

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