

CITY OF OVILLA MINUTES
Monday, 24 August 2009
Regular Meeting and Budget Workshop
Meeting Location at the Larry C. Marlow Fire Department
105 S. Cockrell Hill Road

Mayor Vansyckle called a Regular Meeting of the Ovilla City Council to order at 7:03 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
James Wade	Council Member, Place 5

Council Member Hunt gave the invocation.
Council Member Wade led the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Administrator Randy Whiteman and department-head staff members were also present.

COMMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, REPORTS, AND APPOINTMENTS:

- Dr. Quida Lee, Church of the Disciples United Methodist Church was scheduled to give the invocation, however, was unable to attend.
- Ms Diana Phillips addressed Council, said she was new to Ovilla, and offered a One-On-One Tutoring of All Ages.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

- Chief Mike Moon, Police Department
- Chief Donnie Pickard, Fire Department
- Director Jason Robinson, Public Works Department
- Accountant Sharon Jungman, Finance Department
 - Ms Jungman gave a projected FY2008-09 year-end.
- City Administrator Randy Whiteman reported on Ovilla's Fitch rating.
 - Reminded Council of the TML Annual Conference

CONSENT ITEM(S):

- Approval of an Inter-local Cooperation Contract for the Lease of Voting Machines between Ellis County, TX and the City of Ovilla.

The Texas Municipal Election Code Access by Persons with Disabilities states that every polling place must be equipped with at least one voting station that complies with the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act and provides for voters with physical disabilities to cast a secret ballot. This machine would be used in the Special November 03, 2009 Election for the creation of a Municipal Development District.

Council Member Hunt made a motion that Council approve the consent item as presented.
Council Member Graham seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION:

ITEM 1. Discussion Only – Review and discuss upcoming Heritage Day and Council progress reports regarding their assignments to aid in the success of Heritage Day.

Council Member Graham offered her services to assist staff in accepting the responsibility of managing the festivities of Heritage Day. Council Member Graham reviewed the accomplishments to date and asked for Council’s status on assigned responsibilities.

Council Member Graham noted confirmations:

1. Bounce House
2. Petting Zoo
3. Increased booth rental
4. Congressman Barton serve as Grand Marshal.
5. Both Midlothian and Red Oak Bands will participate in the parade.
6. Council Members Hunt and Dickey were doing well with obtaining door prizes.
7. Chief Moon confirmed the participation of classic cars in the parade.
8. Chief Moon confirmed that his department would provide necessary security.

***This was not an action item.
No motion was taken.***

ITEM 2. Discussion Only – Discuss the need for future Council workshops.

Mayor Pro-Tem Leverentz suggested a budget workshop to be held earlier than 7:00 P.M.; maybe schedule 3:00 P.M. to allow time to work on Council procedures and the proposed budget.

Council Member Dickey advised he would study on the Council procedures and send to all Council Members for feedback. Council discussed the scheduling of a planning session.

***This was not an action item.
No motion was taken.***

Council’s Request for Consideration of Future Agenda Items

Council Member Wade – Chief Donnie Pickard was directed to return with a proposed plan for first responder medical coverage for 24 hours.

Council Member Graham – Continue to review Heritage Day.

Mayor Pro-Tem Leverentz – Update and create a more detailed tree preservation ordinance.

Mayor Vansyckle – Advised of a raffle for a power saw and riding lawnmower planned for Heritage Day to help defray the cost of the Council Chamber Room remodel.

Adjournment

Council Member Wade made a motion to adjourn the meeting of August 24, 2009.

Council Member Hunt seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Bill Vansyckle, Mayor

Pamela Higgins, City Secretary

APPROVED