

CITY OF OVILLA MINUTES
Monday, 22 March 2010
Regular City Council Meeting
105 S. Cockrell Hill Road, Ovilla, TX 75154

Mayor Vansyckle called the Regular Council Meeting of the Ovilla City Council to order at 7:01 P.M. All City Council Members were present, thus constituting a quorum.

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

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

Pastor Vernon Sansom, Shiloh Cumberland Presbyterian Church gave the invocation.

Mayor Pro-Tem Leverentz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Comments, Presentations and Reports and Appointments

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

1. Mr. Dale Helm gave unfavorable remarks regarding the Council's use of city funds to support in the remodel of the Council Chamber Room.
2. Mr. Morris Gresham made disapproving comments regarding the Triumph settlement.
3. Ms Pamela Kincaid had zoning and building questions regarding her property at 113 Water Street.
4. Five additional citizens signed up to speak when Council addressed Item 7.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

- Finance Department Accountant Sharon Jungman
 - Reviewed monthly financial statements.
- Administration City Administrator Randy Whiteman
 - Updated Council on brush collection.
 - Updated Council on the RFQ (Request for Qualifications) for the Public Works Facility.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- Monthly Financial Transactions.

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

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION:

- ITEM 1. Discussion/Action** – Consider Resolution 2010-XXX, Endorsing Certain Legislative Changes Relating to the Sunset Review of the TX Public Utility Commission and the Special Purpose Review of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas. (ERCOT)

The resolution pertained to the Steering Committee's 2010 Sunset/Legislative agenda. The Sunset Advisory Commission expected to issue recommendations in the summer regarding both the Public Utility Commission & the Reliability Council of TX (ERCOT). Ovilla is member city.

Mayor Pro-Tem Leverentz made a motion that Council approve a resolution endorsing certain legislative changes relating the Sunset review of the TX Public Utility Commission & special purpose review of the Election Reliability Council of TX. Council Member Graham seconded the motion.

MAYOR VANSYCKLE CALLED A RECORD VOTE.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

- ITEM 2. Discussion/Action** – Consider the Purchase of a Dell Server in the Amount of \$7,035 from Applicable Funds through the Criminal Justice Division, North Ellis County Emergency Responders Group Records Management System Grant. (CRIMES)

January 11, 2010, Council approved Resolution 2010.002 that authorized the application for a CRIMES Grant to cover the expenses of various CRIMES purchases. Police Chief Mike Moon presented Council with a quote for a Dell Server (\$7035) through the DIR (Department of Information Resources). Total value of the CRIMES grant was \$79,894.

Mayor Pro-Tem Leverentz made a motion that Council approve the purchase of the DELL Server for \$7035 through the CRIMES Grant funds, Criminal Justice Division. Council Member Hunt seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

- ITEM 3. Discussion Only** – Discussion of proposed changes to the Ovilla Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance, Article 4, Chapter 35, regarding screening/fence heights and forward to the Planning and Zoning Commission for further review and possible action.

CA Randy Whiteman and Council discussed the possibility of amending certain sections of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance pertaining to increasing the maximum fence height. Mayor Vansyckle voiced his opinion that the current 6ft maximum height was too restrictive. Council directed staff to address the proposed change to the Planning & Zoning Commission and include a discussion for the placement of support rails.

NO MOTION. THIS WAS A DISCUSSION ITEM ONLY.

- ITEM 4. Discussion Only** – Discuss and Review Road Rehabilitation Report Updates and Projects.

City Administrator, Council and Public Works Director reviewed an updated list including a pothole repair list. Priorities were discussed in addition to the city's financial resources and budget. Ellis County informed city staff that construction crews were working behind schedule due to the extreme winter weather. Council Member Graham stated that the updated list needed a detailed outline of expenses.

NO MOTION. THIS WAS A DISCUSSION ITEM ONLY.

ITEM 5. Discussion Only – Discuss and Review Inventory Control in Various Departments.

Council raised questions of concern for department inventory control. Each department head provided Council with a memo assuring that all were conscientious and aware of their department's inventory responsibilities. Fire Chief Donnie Pickard also presented Council with a brochure of barcode technology management for a future budget needs assessment that would work for all departments.

NO MOTION. THIS WAS A DISCUSSION ITEM ONLY.

ITEM 6. Discussion Only – Discuss and Review Incentives for Residential Growth.

Mayor Vansyckle addressed this in hopes to generate increased growth in Ovilla. A few neighboring cities were suspending some of their impact fees for a set period of time in hopes to jump-start new growth. A simple list of Ovilla's current home construction permit fees and neighborhoods with unimproved lots were examined and discussed. There were approximately 75 unimproved subdivision lots in Ovilla. Mayor Pro-Tem Leverentz stated that offering a reduction in fees for potential builders was a noble idea, but Ovilla was a small community and Council needed to be very careful with the city's finances. Mayor Vansyckle asked Council to keep an open mind and share any promotional ideas.

NO MOTION. THIS WAS A DISCUSSION ITEM ONLY.

ADDENDUM TO AGENDA

ITEM 7. Discussion/Action – Consider a Meritorious Exception provided under Ordinance 07-014, Section 16 (A-C) to allow Shiloh Cumberland Presbyterian Church to repair and remodel the off-premise sign located at the southwest corner of FM 664 and Shiloh Road.

Five citizens signed up to speak regarding this Item.

1. Ms Juanita Porter Spoke in favor of a meritorious exception
2. Mrs. Alana Marquis Spoke in favor of a meritorious exception
3. Mr. John White Spoke in favor of a meritorious exception
4. Mr. James Marquis Spoke in favor of a meritorious exception
5. Mr. Vernon Sansom Spoke in favor of a meritorious exception

Pastor Sansom stated he appreciated Council's efforts and consideration regarding the remodel of the sign. Although, the sign would be outside the city limits, it is within Ovilla's ETJ (Extra Territorial Jurisdiction) and required Ovilla's approval. Commissioner Ron Brown signed a letter of approval for the proposed updated sign. Council Member Graham confirmed that the foundation of the sign would remain; only the face of the sign was proposed for change. Section 16 of the Ovilla Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance (regarding non-conforming uses) allows the placement/change by Meritorious Exception.

Council Member Graham made a motion that Council approve a meritorious exception to Shiloh Cumberland Presbyterian Church for the repair, remodel and reface of the off-premise sign located at the southwest corner of FM 664 and Shiloh Road. Council Member Hunt seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

Council's Request for Consideration of Future Agenda Items

Council Member Wade: Disappointed that a few items from his proposed future agenda items list had not been on the agenda.

Council Member Hunt: None

Council Member Graham: None

Council Member Dickey: None

Mayor Pro-Tem Leverentz: None

Mayor Vansyckle: Continue with a discussion for Red Oak Creek Road resurfacing.

Adjournment

Council Member Wade made a motion to adjourn the meeting of March 22, 2010, at 8:38 PM. Council Member Graham seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

Bill Vansyckle, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pamela Higgins, City Secretary

**APPROVED
APRIL 26, 2010**