

CITY OF OVILLA MINUTES
Monday, 19 July 2010
Ovilla Town Hall Meeting with
Mayor Vansyckle and the City Council
OVILLA ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH
3251 Ovilla Road, Ovilla, TX 75154

Mayor Vansyckle called the Town Hall Meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. The following City Council Members were present:

Tom Leverentz	Mayor Pro-Tem, Place 1
Michael Dickey	Council Member, Place 2
James Wade	Council Member, Place 3
Doug Hunt	Council Member, Place 4
Richard Dormier	Council Member, Place 5

All members were present, thus constituting a quorum. The Town Hall Meeting was held at the Ovilla Road Baptist Church. City Administrator Randy Whiteman and various department-head staff members were also present.

Place 2 Dickey gave the Invocation.
Place 4 Hunt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Comments, Presentations and Reports and Appointments

There were no departmental reports or consent items as this was an informal meeting to seek citizen input regarding the road conditions in Ovilla.

Mayor Vansyckle and members of Ovilla City Council were present and participated in this discussion. There were no votes or any formal actions taken on subjects discussed during the meeting, as the forum only presented an exchange of ideas and information among Mayor Vansyckle, Council and members of the public.

DISCUSSION ITEM: Seek Citizen Input on Road Conditions & Citizen input with Mayor Vansyckle and Council in discussion on possible funding sources, prioritizing projects.

Mayor Vansyckle opened the meeting advising all in attendance that handouts on Ovilla roads were on the table at the room entrance. Mayor Vansyckle reminded everyone that this informal meeting was about the road conditions of Ovilla and that Council was seeking citizen input for long-term goals.

The following individuals voiced concerns of various roads in Ovilla:

1. Mr. John Murray, 909 Red Oak Creek Road
2. Mr. Vernon Cates, 114 Cumberland Drive
3. Mr. Steve Wilkes, 102 High View Court
4. Mr. Jeffrey Lindsey, 703 Buckboard
5. Mr. David Griffin, 602 Cedar ridge Court (not a large turn-out for the size of the city)

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

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Doug Hunt, Place Four
James Wade, Place Three
Richard Dormier, Place Five

6. Ms Self, 103 Cumberland Court
7. Mr. Patrick Paluga, 706 Buckboard Trail (contracted refuse company damaged roads)
8. Mr. Ken Taylor, 103 Holly Lane
9. Mr. B.J. Tucker, 704 Georgetown
10. Mr. Karl Zaccone, 102 Cumberland Court
11. Ms Norma Epstein, 617 Malloy (suggested a liquor election to help pay for new roads)
12. Mr. David Smoot, 911 Red Oak Creek Drive
13. Mr. Ken Reese, 746 Cockrell Hill Road
14. Mr. Lloyd Parker, 605 Georgetown Road
15. Mr. David Weyand, 717 Buckboard

All citizens voiced similar concerns; unacceptable road conditions, safety hazards, establish street priorities, lack of staffing in the Ovilla street maintenance department, and how to pay for the current problems of the roads. Mayor Vansyckle and Council kept open communication with the citizens and listened to their suggestions. Each member of the Council thanked the citizens for coming and sharing their concerns. Mayor Vansyckle and Council informed the citizens that there was approximately \$150,000 annually budgeted for roads and that was not nearly enough. Ovilla's equipment was inadequate for major projects. City Administrator Randy Whiteman suggested the city could use Dallas and Ellis Counties through inter-local agreements. Both counties had reasonably good equipment.

Adjournment

Place 4 Hunt, made a motion to adjourn the meeting of July 19, 2010, at 8:50 P.M. Mayor Pro-Tem Leverentz seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

Bill Vansyckle, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pamela Higgins, City Secretary

Approved: November 8, 2010