

CITY OF OVILLA MINUTES
Monday 23 August 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. 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.
City Administrator Randy Whiteman and various department-head staff members were also present.

Pastor Joel Robbins of the Ovilla United Methodist Church gave the Invocation.
Place 2, Dickey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Comments, Presentations and Reports and Appointments

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

1. Pastor Joel Robbins of the Ovilla United Methodist Church spoke a little about himself, and OUMC. Pastor Robbins invited all to attend.
2. Ms Jimmie Wade stated she wanted to speak on Item 7 and would wait until it was addressed.

PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS:

- **Mayor Vansyckle read aloud a Proclamation for the Daughters of the American Revolution, Old Chisholm Trail.**
- **CIP Committee meeting update:** Place 5 Dormier gave an overview of the meeting.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

- ◆ Finance Department Accountant Sharon Jungman
 - Financials as of June 30, 2010.
Water sales were below expectations.
- ◆ Administration City Administrator Randy Whiteman
 - Ellis County Precinct #4 asked Council to identify and advised them of the roads Ovilla planned for resurfacing and pothole repairs for FY2011.
 - Loop 9 update was shared.
 - City Administrator Randy Whiteman advised Council with information on the process of updating Impact Fees from Chapter 395 of the Local Government Code.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- ◆ Minutes of the June 28, 2010 Regular Council Meeting.

Mayor Pro-Tem Leverentz made a motion to approve the consent item as presented. Place 4 Hunt seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

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

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

INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION:

- ITEM 1. Discussion/Action** – Consider Council approval of a recommended appointment from Chief Mike Moon of an “unpaid” police officer, Mark Bounds, (reserve) to carry a weapon (LGC §341.012) as a participating representative of the Ovilla Police Reserve Program. *The City Council of the City of Ovilla, Texas, reserves the right to meet in a closed session on any item listed on this Agenda should the need arise, pursuant to authorization by Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071 (consultation with attorney), 551.072 (deliberations about real property), 551.073 (deliberations about gifts and donations), 551.074 (personnel matters), 551.076 (deliberations about security devices), 551.087 (economic development), 418.183 (homeland security).*

Under the Local Government Code, Council must approve any unpaid police officer to carry a weapon as an officer of the Ovilla Police Reserve Program.

Mayor and Council adjourned into Executive Session at 7:24 P.M.

Council reserves the right to meet in a closed session on any item listed on this Agenda should the need arise, pursuant to authorization by Texas Government Code, 551.074 (personnel matters).

Mayor and Council reconvened into Regular Session at 7:42 P.M.

Mayor Pro-Tem Leverentz made a motion that under the Local Government Code (LCG) 341.012, Council deny the appointment of Mark Bounds to act in the capacity of and perform the duties as an Ovilla Police Reserve Officer for the City of Ovilla. Place 4 Hunt seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

- ITEM 2. Discussion/Action** – Consider approval/acceptance of a TX Forest Service Grant for a large brush truck.

Fire Chief Donnie Pickard advised that this grant application was approved and submitted years ago, prior to this Council. The grant was for \$173,000; 10% of which the city was responsible – meaning \$17,300. Chief Pickard suggested Council allow the department to sell an older truck to reimburse/off-set the initial percentage expense. This would be a good transaction and very beneficial for the Fire Department. The City had fourteen days to respond.

Place 4 Hunt made a motion that Council accept the grant from the TX Forest Service in the amount of \$173,000 for a large brush truck, of which \$17,300 will be the City’s portion, appropriated in the FY2011 Budget and allow the City Administrator to sign all necessary paper work related to the grant acceptance process. Place 5 Dormier seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

- ITEM 3. Discussion Only** – Workshop and review of the proposed Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Budget.

City Accountant Sharon Jungman advised Council that she would update the Fire Department’s budget to reflect the \$17,300. Additionally, she will update the insurance premiums.

VOTE: Discussion only. There was no action on this item.

ITEM 4. PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED TAX INCREASE: Per Tax Code, Chapter 26, The City of Ovilla's first of two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year.

Discussion Only – Consider citizen comments on tax rate proposal.

Mayor Vansyckle opened the Public Hearing at 8:02 P.M.

In a previous meeting, Council proposed the effective tax rate; therefore, Public Hearings are not required. Council still suggested staff prepare for a Public Hearing allowing Ovilla residents to voice their opinions.

Mayor Vansyckle asked those speaking in favor of the proposed tax rate to please come to the podium:

1. There was none.

Mayor Vansyckle asked those speaking in opposition of the proposed tax rate to please come to the podium:

1. There was none.

2. **Mayor Vansyckle closed the Public Hearing at 8:04 P.M.**

VOTE: Discussion only. There was no action on this item.

ITEM 5. Discussion/Action – Discuss and review the final markup of the proposed employee handbook and forward to legal counsel for review.

Mayor Pro-Tem Leverentz had been working with staff to compile a working and applicable personnel manual for Council review.

Mayor Pro-Tem Leverentz made a motion that Council accept the proposed employee manual and forward to legal counsel for review prior to adoption. Place 5 Dormier seconded the motion. Place 3 Wade voted in opposition.

VOTE: The motion passed four in favor and one in opposition.

ITEM 6. Discussion Only – Review and discuss upcoming Heritage Day and Council progress reports regarding their assignments to aid in the success of Heritage Day.

Place 4 Hunt distributed an expense list, sponsor list and a parade list to date. Former Mayor and long-time resident Charlie Morton is heading the judge's committee for the parade floats.

VOTE: Discussion only. There was no action on this item.

ITEM 7. Discussion Only – Discuss possible sewer extension on Main Street.

Mayor Vansyckle allowed Ms Jimmie Wade to speak. Ms Wade asked for the City's financial assistance to place sewer on Main Street.

Place 4 Hunt gave his opinion questioning why the City would consider spending funds on a sewer line that would benefit only four property owners. He believed the owners should pay for the sewer line. Council continued discussion on cost estimates.

VOTE: Discussion only. There was no action on this item.

Council's Request for Consideration of Future Agenda Items

No action or in-depth discussion may occur during this item. It is intended to provide an opportunity for the Council to inform each other and the public about events and situations that are of general interest.

- Place 5 Dormier:** Shiloh Road Bridge.
- Place 4 Hunt:** None.
- Place 3 Wade:** None.
- Place 2 Dickey:** Summer mosquito control.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Leverentz:** Review road funds to see what is left in current FY Budget.
- Mayor Vansyckle:** Obtain bids for pole barn to protect equipment; complete governance policy.

Adjournment

Place 3 Wade made a motion to adjourn the meeting of August 23, 2010, at 8:54 PM., Mayor Pro-Tem Leverentz seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

Bill Vansyckle, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pamela Higgins, City Secretary

Approved: November 08, 2010