

CITY OF OVILLA MINUTES
Monday 25 October 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 7:02 P.M. The following City Council Members were present:

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

Absent:	Michael Dickey	Council Member, Place 2
	Pamela Higgins	City Secretary

Noted members were present, thus constituting a quorum.

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

Place 4, Hunt gave the Invocation.

Place 5,, Dormier led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Comments, Presentations and Reports and Appointments

Place 3, Wade proudly announced the birth of his daughter, Samantha, 8lbs. 9oz.

• **Citizen Comments**

1. Ms Donna Hunt asked to wait to address Council during Item 3.
2. Ms Marilyn Langenheder asked to wait to address Council during Item 3.
3. Ms Mary Helen Crow wished not to address Council but left written comments supporting Item 3.
4. Ms Peggy Perez announced her opening of the Ovilla Grocery Mart on November 11; offering free pizza and door prizes on opening day.
5. Mr. Phil Lynch thanked the City Administrator for answering a water question during the budget process.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

- ◆ Finance Department Accountant Sharon Jungman
 - Monthly Financials were reviewed as well as reserve fund calculations.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- ◆ Quarterly Investment Report for quarter ending September 30, 2010.
- ◆ Council Minutes of July 12, 2010 Regular Meeting.
- ◆ Council Minutes of July 14, 2010 Special Meeting.
- ◆ Council Minutes of July 16, 2010 Special 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.

INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION:

ITEM 1. Discussion/Action – Review progress of the CRIMES installation and consider spending auxiliary funds to offset any additional expenses not covered by the grant.

Chief Moon informed the Council that his reserve officer Chris Tibbs, who had been voluntarily installing the software for the Crimes Grant had returned to full-time work and could no longer volunteer his services. Mike had solicited quotes from contractors for the completion of the installation but since the grant had expired, he would need to use his Auxiliary Funds Account to pay for the non-budgeted expense.

There was no action on this item.

ITEM 2. Discussion/Action – Consider revisions to Chapter 2, “Animal Control”, of the City of Ovilla, TX Code of Ordinances.

Mayor Pro-Tem Leverentz made a motion that Council approve an Ordinance revising Chapter 2, Animal Control, with the changes suggested by Code Enforcement Officer / Animal Control Officer Mike Dooly as presented. Place 4, Hunt seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 3. Discussion/Action – Consider a contractual agreement between the City of Ovilla and the Ovilla Service League to allow the Ovilla Service League to use the city’s tax-exemption status for projects conducted by the League for the benefit of Ovilla citizens.

Mayor Vansyckle allowed those that had signed up to speak during this Item discussion:

1. Ms Donna Hunt read aloud the tax-exempt notice requirements.
2. Ms Marilyn Langenheder stated the city’s tax-exempt number had been used for 37 years by League.
3. Ms Mary Helen Crow stated she was in favor of the agreement.

The Mayor informed the Council that he thought a resolution had been found and that an agreement could be approved. However, the City Administrator had brought the Comptroller’s Office in to the decision process and so now, they would have to wait for the answer from them before they could proceed. Councilman Wade said he had also asked for an opinion from TML.

Council took no action awaiting responses from TML and the Comptroller’s Office.

There was no action on this item.

ITEM 4. Discussion/Action – Consider an annual administrative fee from the Ovilla 4-B Economic Development Corporation payable to the City of Ovilla.

Councilman Wade requested that Council reconsider the fee paid by the Ovilla 4B EDC. Councilman Wade said he wanted clarification as to why staff charged the EDC to use the Council Chamber Room when other committees were not charged. He also asked if the Council planned to start charging the other committees such as the Municipal Development District. It

was discussed that the EDC received administrative support beyond the use of the Council Chamber room and it was for the support they were paying not just the room. It was explained that the charge was negotiated with the EDC and approved by their Board and the amount was reduced from what was first requested. It was also conveyed that fees could be assessed to other groups by the Council if it were determined that they too, were receiving support from staff. It was noted that the EDC met in the Council Chamber room for over a year before they were assessed a fee.

There was no action on this item.

ITEM 5. Discussion/Action – Consider Shiloh Bridge status, receive monitoring updates and consider any action.

City Administrator Whiteman gave the Council an update on staff’s efforts to solicit bids for the bridge repair. One contractor had promised to respond but as of yet had not, and the city’s request for additional contractors had yet to supply any. Councilman Dormier suggested staff set a time limit to wait for those contacted and then move on without them if no response were received.

There was no action on this item.

Council’s Request for Consideration of Future Agenda Items

- Place 5, Dormier:** None.
- Place 4, Hunt:** None.
- Place 3, Wade:**
 - 1)** Water Street closure. **2)** Land Acquisition.
 - 3)** Permanent marker on Marquee for website.
 - 4)** Hard surface for parking at Heritage Park.
 - 5)** Public Facilities at Heritage Park. **6)** Employee Banquet.
 - 7)** Maintenance of ROW Ordinance.
 - 8)** Agenda preparation cutoff a week in advance.
 - 9)** Make initial agenda items “Discussion Only”.
 - 10)** List of who contacts the city attorney. **11)** Lighting Code.
- Mayor:** Cancel the scheduled November 22, 2010 meeting.
- Place 2, Dickey:** Absent.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Leverentz:** Gave his time to Place 3, Wade.

Adjournment

Place 3, Wade made a motion to adjourn the meeting of October 25, 2010, at 8:15 PM. Mayor Pro-Tem Leverentz seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Bill Vansyckle, MAYOR

Randy Whiteman, City Administrator

Approved: December 13, 2010

Pam Woodall Higgins, City Secretary

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

*Doug Hunt, Place Four
James Wade, Place Three
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