

**CITY OF OVILLA MINUTES**  
**Monday, 14 March 2011**  
**Regular City Council Meeting**  
**105 S. Cockrell Hill Road, Ovilla, TX 75154**

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Mayor Vansyckle called the Regular Council Meeting of the Ovilla City Council to order at 7:00 P.M. The following City Council Members were present:

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

Absent      Doug Hunt      Council Member, Place 4

Noted members were present, thus constituting a quorum.

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

Place 5 Dormier gave the Invocation.

Place 2 Dickey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Comments, Presentations and Reports and Appointments**

Mayor Vansyckle read aloud a Proclamation for Poison Prevention Week

**CITIZENS COMMENTS / CITIZENS FORUM:**

1. Mr. Jeffrey Lindsey, 703 Buckboard, complemented the remodel of the Council Chamber room. Mr. Lindsey asked for additional police patrol on Westmoreland.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

- ◆ Police Department      Chief Mike Moon
  - Chief Moon offered sincere gratitude to the Service League and all citizens for the recent annual fundraiser. The proceeds (\$6,700) went to the police department.
  - Chief Moon introduced "Red" Fullerton, a new officer. "Red" was hired with 19 years police officer experience and was promoted to Sergeant.
- ◆ Fire Department      Chief Donnie Pickard
  - Advised receipt of two grants: EDUCT & TX Forestry Service.
- ◆ Finance Department      Accountant Sharon Jungman
  - City Accountant gave a brief summary of the Municipal Court Report.
- ◆ Public Works Department      City Administrator Randy Whiteman
  - Gave a brief review of the monthly reports.

◆ Administration

City Administrator Randy Whiteman

- City Administrator Randy Whiteman gave updates on the Seco Grant and ONCOR Grant. New energy efficient heat/air units, light fixtures and vents were replaced in areas of city hall, public works and the police department.

**CONSENT ITEMS:**

- ◆ Financial Transactions
- ◆ Minutes of the February 14, 2011 Regular Council Meeting.
- ◆ Resolution adding City Secretary & City Accountant to the Police Auxiliary Checking Account.

Mayor Pro-Tem Leverentz made a motion to approve the consent items as presented.

Place 5 Dormier seconded the motion.

Place 4 Hunt was noted absent.

*Mayor Vansyckle asked for a record vote by announcement of "Aye" or "Nay" from Council. All announced Aye. No oppositions, no abstentions.*

***VOTE: The motion carried 4-0; 1 absent.***

**INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION:**

**ITEM 1. Discussion/Action** – Consider Council approval of a recommended appointment from Chief Mike Moon of an "unpaid" police officer (reserve) applicant, Michael J. McNulty, to carry a weapon (LGC §341.012) as a participating representative of the Ovilla Police Reserve Program.

Mayor read the item background and asked if Chief Mike Moon wished to share any information with Council. Chief Moon advised that his new applicant's name was not McNulty, but McNulty. The spelling of the last name on the application was difficult to read.

Mayor Pro-Tem Leverentz made a motion that under the LGC 341.012, Council approves the appointment of Michael J. McNulty to act in the capacity of and perform the duties as an Ovilla Police Reserve Officer for the City of Ovilla.

Place 5 Dormier seconded the motion.

Place 4 Hunt was noted absent.

*Mayor Vansyckle asked for a record vote by a show of hands from Council. All hands raised in support. No oppositions, no abstentions.*

***VOTE: The motion carried 4-0; 1 absent.***

**ITEM 2. Discussion/Action** – Consider the annual Inter-local Contract by and between the County of Ellis and the City of Ovilla.

City Administrator advised that this was the annual inter-local contract and not indicative of any specific project.

Place 5 Dormier made a motion that Council approve an Inter-Local Agreement with Ellis County for road and bridge construction and/or maintenance.

Mayor Pro-Tem Leverentz seconded the motion.

Place 4 Hunt was noted absent.

*Mayor Vansyckle asked for a record vote by a show of hands from Council. All hands raised in support. No oppositions, no abstentions.*

***VOTE: The motion carried 4-0; 1 absent.***

**ITEM 3. Discussion Only** – Discuss and consider a proposed use of Park Development Fees to construct a public restroom facility at Heritage Park.

Place 3 Wade asked that Council review options for consideration to construct restrooms at Heritage Park. A balance sheet of the Park Impact Fund was distributed as well as the allowed use of the park development fees from Ovilla's Code of Ordinances and state law. Printouts of various facilities were shared and discussed. Mayor Vansyckle asked Place 3 Wade to continue his research and return with pricing for these proposed facilities.

***VOTE: There was no action on this item, discussion only.***

**ITEM 4. Discussion Only** – Discuss and consider the necessity of an ordinance governing the operation of golf carts on public streets.

This too, was a request for discussion from Place 3 Wade. A sample ordinance from another municipality was reviewed. It was questioned if this were applicable to Ovilla. Mayor Vansyckle voiced reservations regarding safety issues, noting the narrow streets in Ovilla. Chief Moon agreed and added that enforcement would be a concern.

Mayor Vansyckle stated that there would be no action on this item at this time.

***VOTE: There was no action on this item, discussion only.***

**ITEM 5. Discussion/Action** – Consider expenditures using excess funds identified in the FY2009-2010 Audit.

This item was briefed during the last meeting. The city accountant was instructed to return with spreadsheets based on the submittals from the previous meeting for considered expenditures.

The listed items were discussed:

- 2% Merit raises
- Purchase/payoff of new police unit
- Purchase of audio/visual equipment for Council Chamber
- Ellis County road improvement payments
- Misc. major/minor apparatuses for road maintenance

Mayor Pro-Tem Leverentz made a motion that Council direct staff to prepare an ordinance authorizing the transfer of \$17,506, of excess funds (from the 2009-10 audit) to the General Fund FY2010-2011 (budget amendment) to pay off the police vehicle.

Place 5 Dormier seconded the motion.

Place 4 Hunt was noted absent.

*Mayor Vansyckle asked for a record vote by a show of hands from Council. All hands raised in support. No oppositions, no abstentions.*

***VOTE: The motion carried 4-0; 1 absent.***

**ITEM 6. Discussion Only** – Discuss and review road rehabilitation reports, updates, projects, and consider the purchase of street equipment.

City Administrator gave the Council a report on road projects. The County had finished the culverts and wing-walls on Red Oak Creek. The City Administrator asked council to please drive by and view the work completed, and consider whether the Council believed that guardrails were still necessary. Shiloh Bridge erosion repair was finished and City crews had cleaned up the area, removed some trees and covered the exposed water line. Randy would be bringing an estimate to complete the east side, which was not part of the completed project for Council's review and consideration. The County was beginning to pull the edges on Willow Creek, East University, Cardinal and Meadowlark. They will also begin to stock pile base on the hill, but they will either have it all gone or enough gone to not present a problem for Ovilla's Annual Cleanup Day. Place 5 Dormier provided a 5-year Paving CIP (work in progress) to the Council. Mayor Pro-tem Leverentz advised that the CIP Committee was keeping an eye on Cockrell Hill Rd., and hoped to prolong any maintenance or upkeep for another year.

**VOTE: There was no action on this item, discussion only.**

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**Council's Request for Consideration of Future Agenda Items**

**Place 5, Dormier:** None.  
**Place 4, Hunt:** Absent.  
**Place 3, Wade:** None.  
**Mayor:** Follow up with pricing for restroom facilities.  
Director CA to research bond refunding.  
Prepare/present another action item for the use of surplus funds.

**Place 2, Dickey:** None.  
**Mayor Pro-Tem Leverentz:** None.

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**Adjournment**

Mayor Pro-Tem Leverentz made a motion to adjourn the meeting of March 14, 2011 at 8:22 P.M. Place 5 Dormier seconded the motion.

**VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.**

ATTEST:

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Bill Vansyckle, Mayor

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Pam Woodall Higgins, City Secretary

**Approved: April 11, 2011**