

**CITY OF OVILLA MINUTES**  
**Monday, 27 July 2011**  
**Special City Council Meeting & Budget Workshop**  
**Fire Department Training Room**  
**105 S. Cockrell Hill Road, Ovilla, TX 75154**

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Mayor Vansyckle called the Special Council Meeting & Budget Workshop of the Ovilla City Council to order at 6:30 P.M. The following City Council Members were present:

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

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 4 Dormier led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION:**

- ◆ **Discussion Only**– Workshop and review of the proposed Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Budget.

The City Administrator opened discussion with the Utility Fund and invited the Public Works Director Brad Piland to begin line item explanations or to note any specific changes made. The most significant addition was a proposed added backhoe at \$71k.

City Administrator Randy Whiteman gave a synopsis of the Enterprise Funds.

Mayor Vansyckle announced a break at 7:40 P.M.

The budget meeting reconvened at 7:52 P.M.

City Accountant Ms Jungman began discussion explaining the requested adjustments submitted by Mayor Pro-Tem Leverentz. (Requested by staff during the previous budget meeting.) Randy said he believed that the taxes for M&O might go up as certified numbers were released. Additionally, the bond refunding recently approved by the Council had dramatically reduced the 2011-2012 debt payment. This reduction was due by primarily freeing up I&S reserves for a one-time savings on next year's debt service. Randy also said that other revenues were projected very conservatively. Ms Jungman briefly reviewed those revenues, along with insurance adjustments, liabilities, TMRS retirement revisions, vacation buy-backs and across the board requested 5% salary increases. (There were no raises during the past year.) Mayor Vansyckle requested to remove all salary increases. This resulted in some harsh discussion with department heads. Place 5 Dormier suggested a 3.5% salary increase. Mr. Whiteman said he would instruct the city accountant to create a comparison spreadsheet with that percentage and bring back to Council. Mayor Vansyckle interceded and instructed staff to begin with 2.5% - 5% salary increases and share those differences.

Mayor Vansyckle added that he was requesting additional funds to upgrade the CTY Blackboard Connect. This system enhancement was an approved agenda item during the July 25 regular meeting. This would ensure automatic and immediate future warnings/notifications of bad weather.

Mayor Pro-Tem Leverentz suggested Council consider paying the debt to Ellis County for roadwork performed – stating that \$100,000 was still owed. Next fiscal year's payment schedules were also taken into account. It appeared, based on communication with Mr. Brown of Ellis County, that Malloy Lane would be next in line for renovation.

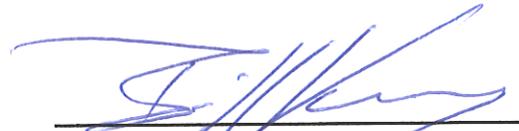
As an FYI, City Administrator Randy Whiteman advised Council that Midlothian Independent School District had contacted the city regarding three possible sites for a new elementary school. One matter of interest for Council to consider was that schools do not pay impact fees and that such an infrastructure would create a considerable expense to the city. Midlothian ISD and Ovilla were still deliberating over the site(s).

**VOTE: DISCUSSION ONLY. There was no action.**

### Adjournment

Place 5 Dormier made a motion to adjourn the special meeting of July 27, 2011 at 9:27 P.M.  
Place 4 Hunt seconded the motion.

**VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.**




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Bill Vansyckle, Mayor

ATTEST:




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Pam Woodall Higgins, City Secretary

**Approved: September 26, 2011**