

CITY OF OVILLA MINUTES

Monday, April 28, 2014

Regular City Council Meeting

105 S. Cockrell Hill Road, Ovilla, TX 75154

Mayor Dormier called the Regular Council Meeting of the Ovilla City Council to order at 7:05 P.M. The following City Council Members were present:

Ralph Hall	Mayor Pro Tem, Place 1
Larry Stevenson	Council Member Place 2
David Griffin	Council Member Place 3
Doug Hunt	Council Member Place 4
Dean Oberg	Council Member Place 5

Mayor Dormier noted all Councilmen present, thus constituting a quorum. Various department-heads and staff were also present.

PL5 Oberg gave the Invocation and Mayor Dormier led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, REPORTS AND/OR APPOINTMENTS

▪ **Citizens Comments / Citizens Forum:**

1. Mr. Steve Fiedler and Mr. Bill Crouch, properties owners on Main Street, voiced gratitude for the recent installation of the Main Street sewer line and stated they were already making plans for improvements to the downtown area. Both men asked for Council's consideration to close off traffic through Water Street to help with the development and safety of that area.
2. Ms Susan Herndon shared comparison photos of current and previous years taken of Thorntree Drive, praising the recent much-improved roadwork. She asked Council to consider widening the road.
3. Mr. Russ Herndon reiterated same as Ms Herndon.

▪ **Department Activity Reports / Discussion**

- Finance Department Accountant S. Jungman
 - March 2014 Financials were reviewed. The statements did not reflect mid-year revisions.
- Administration City Administrator C. Powell
 - Bi-weekly update activity report was reviewed. City Administrator shared that Ovilla's Annual Clean-up ran smoothly.

CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Authorize Mayor to execute a 5-year Tower Lease Agreement extension between the City of Ovilla and T-Mobile West L.L.C., effective June 01, 2014 through May 31, 2019.
- B. Committed Fund Balance Calculations for Quarter Ending 03-31-2014
- C. Quarterly Investment Report for Quarter Ending 03-31-2014

Mayor Pro Tem Hall asked to pull Consent Item A for further discussion before a motion.

PL4 Hunt made the motion that Council approves Consent Items B & C as presented, seconded by PL2 Stevenson. *No oppositions, no abstentions.*

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously: 5-0.

Mayor Pro Tem Hall confirmed with staff that T-Mobile did own their own meter for electrical service and that T-Mobile was fulfilling that financial obligation. Mayor Pro Tem Hall along with the consensus of the Council praised those particular staff members that negotiated a financially beneficial contract with T-Mobile.

Mayor Pro Tem Hall moved that Council approve Consent Item A as presented, seconded by PL3 Griffin.
No oppositions, no abstentions.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously: 5-0.

ITEM 1. DISCUSSION/ACTION – Consideration of and action on recommendation from the scholarship committee regarding applicant selection for the Best Southwest Scholarship Program.

The City Council Scholarship Committee, consisting of Mayor Dormier, Council Member PL3 David Griffin, and Council Member PL2 Larry Stevenson met on April 28, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. to review applications from students residing in Ovilla. The Committee shared their recommendation with Council for the Best Southwest Partnership Education Committee's scholarship recipient to be Ms Averil Walker. The BSW 2nd Annual Quarterly Luncheon is scheduled for May 29, 2014, at 11:30 a.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn in Duncanville where the scholarship recipients will be announced.

PL2 Stevenson moved that Ms Averil Walker be Ovilla's selected recipient for the Best Southwest Partnership Education Committee's scholarship program, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hall. *No oppositions, no abstentions.*

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously: 5-0.

ITEM 2. DISCUSSION/ACTION – Consideration of and action on Resolution R2014-013 delegating authority to the Police Chief to determine which type of emergency notifications are to be sent to the CTY subscribers including but not limited to severe thunderstorms, warnings, and watches as necessary.

After numerous severe thunderstorm warnings sent to Ovilla CTY subscribers the evening of Friday, March 28, city staff received over fifteen requests to be removed from the CTY notification system. The notification system is linked to the NOAA Weather system and due to the repetitiveness of the messages and for some, the irrelevance, and the fact that the NOAA notification coverage area is greater than Ovilla, citizens were choosing to be removed. There is a link on the City's web site to opt out of the system, but the system automatically collects landline data and adds that phone number back into the system quarterly. The current CTY notification threshold is set to start notifications at Severe Thunderstorm Warnings for both Dallas and Ellis Counties. Police Chief Mike Moon is the Emergency Management Coordinator. The City Administrator asked for Council's support in delegating authority to the Police Chief/Emergency Management Coordinator to determine the emergency notifications, including but not limited to severe weather warnings and/or watches.

PL3 Griffin moved that Council approve Resolution R2014-013, delegating authority to the Police Chief to determine which type of emergency notifications are to be sent to the CTY subscribers including but not limited to severe thunderstorms, warnings, and watches as necessary, seconded by PL5 Oberg. *No oppositions, no abstentions.*

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously: 5-0.

ITEM 3. DISCUSSION/ACTION - Consideration of a draft Social Media Policy and take action as necessary to direct staff.

The Police Department and the Fire Department have been using Facebook for several years, which have proven to be a very good tool in disclosing information to the public. It is necessary to regulate and manage the dissemination of information by city policy. Chief Moon has managed the Police Department's Facebook page and would be the City's Social Media Administrator designee for the City's social networking sites.

PL4 Hunt moved that Council return with a resolution and completed policy for Council's consideration, seconded by PL2 Stevenson. *No oppositions, no abstentions.*

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously: 5-0.

ITEM 4. DISCUSSION/ACTION – Consideration of and action for approval of proposed ERCOT Bylaws Amendment and Re-election of Unaffiliated Directors for the ERCOT Board of Directors and approve Mayor to execute the Official Consent and Ballot Form.

As a member city, Ovilla was notified by ERCOT asking for ballot response related to four items: the reelection of three Unaffiliated Directors to the ERCOT Board of Directors and a modification to ERCOT bylaws. Unaffiliated Directors: Mr. Crowell, Mr. Pfirrmann, and Ms Walsh – each continued to qualify to serve as Unaffiliated Directors and their tenures to date raised no issues that would merit a “no” vote.

Bylaws amendment: Regarding Board member eligibility - Change to allow a market participant in most of the utility-industry segments to be represented on the ERCOT Board by someone employed by an affiliated service company. ERCOT legal specialists recommended approval of all four items.

PL4 Hunt moved to approve the Bylaws Amendment and reelection of unaffiliated directors: Crowell, Pfirrmann & Walsh and approved the Mayor to execute the Official Consent and Ballot Form as presented, seconded by PL2 Stevenson. *No oppositions, no abstentions.*

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously: 5-0.

REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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| 1. Mayor Pro Tem Hall | Reminded staff that he would like to see changes in the purchasing guidelines.
Move forward with the process to close Water Street |
| 2. PL2 Stevenson | Review the street width on Thorntree |
| 3. PL3 Griffin | Once petition(s) are received for Water Street closing, prepare agenda item |
| 4. PL4 Hunt | Review the street width on Thorntree |
| 5. PL5 Oberg | None |
| 6. Mayor Dormier | None |

ADJOURNMENT

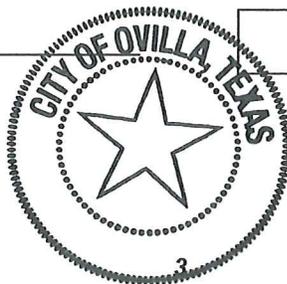
There being no further business, Mayor Dormier adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.


Richard Dormier, Mayor

ATTEST:


Pamela Woodall, City Secretary

Approved May 27, 2014



Richard Dormier, Mayor
Ralph Hall, Place One
Larry Stevenson, Place Two

Doug Hunt, Place Four
David Griffin, Place Three
Dean Oberg, Place Five