



CITY OF OVERTON

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 2, 2021

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CALLED MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OVERTON, TEXAS THAT WAS HELD SEPTEMBER 2, 2021 AT 7:00 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 1200 SOUTH COMMERCE, OVERTON, TEXAS.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>ATTENDED</u>
C. R. Evans Jr.	Mayor	Y
Josh Hill	1	Y
Chris Hall	2	Y
Curtis Gilbert	3	Y (by phone)
Reggie Thompson	4	Y
Michael Paul Williams	5	Y

I. **CALL TO ORDER** - Mayor Evans called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

A. Invocation was led by Mayor Evans.

B. Pledges of Allegiance were led by Councilmember Williams.

Councilmember Thompson arrived at 7:13 pm.

II. **PUBLIC FORUM**

Robbi J Carnes of 512 Kingsway, Overton, Texas spoke and had 3 questions for Council to consider for the next meeting:

TCEQ – do we owe money/fines?

What debt do we have?

Our audits

III. **PUBLIC HEARING** was opened at 7:11

Open Public Hearing

A. Receive comments regarding Budget for Fiscal Year 2022
There were no comments at this time.

B. Receive comments regarding the proposed 2021 Ad Valorem Tax Rate of \$0.739950/per \$100 valuation (\$0.477259 for M & O and \$0.262691 for I & S) for Fiscal Year 2022.

Denise Hill at 712 Henderson, Overton, Texas spoke about proposed tax rate and questioned why we aren't looking into past due collections instead of more taxes.

Mayor Evans stated that they are being looked into.

Shane West, Interim City Manager, answered that we need to get things taken care of before raising taxes.

Denise Hill: please take comments into consideration.

Bryan Pool, Police Chief would like to do a Stimulus Week to reduce fines to encourage people to come in and pay fines with the hopes of getting the city some revenue. This will be up to the judge. Mayor Evans will speak to Judge Walters about this.

Denise Hill: asked the mayor to call the judge to get this addressed and put on the next agenda. She thanked Mr. West for all he has been doing for the City of Overton. She also thanked Chief Pool for all he has been doing.

Charlie Graham with the City of Henderson spoke of the water and sewer issues. Mayor Evans tried to end conversation but City Manager and audience wanted to let him continue.

Councilmember Thompson stated that he appreciated all the help Charlie and the City of Henderson has given the City of Overton.

When asked, Charlie stated, City of Henderson is doing their part to help free of charge.

Councilmember Hill stated that he also appreciated City of Henderson's help.

- C. Receive comments regarding the proposed 2021 Cemetery Ad Valorem Tax Rate of \$0.050000/per \$100 valuation for the Overton Municipal Cemetery Maintenance and Operations for Fiscal Year 2022.

Councilmember Hill: What is this for?

Mayor Evans: It is for mowing and repairs.

Councilmember Williams: Trees were cut down.

Councilmember Hill: How much money are we taking in versus what is being paid out?

Mayor Evans: There is a City Cemetery fund and the money goes for maintaining the cemetery.

Calvin (maintains the cemetery): gets paid \$850 every 2 weeks for mowing the cemetery.

Denise Hill: Would like to know what the tax money is for?

Councilmember Williams: stated that the money fixed the wall, the fence, cut down trees and cleaned up around the cemetery. Things haven't been taken care of since Rachel passed away.

Mayor Evans: Stated that taxes are not increasing for cemetery.

Close Public Hearing at 7:52

Mayor Evans announced the following statement:

The City Council of the City of Overton will vote on a proposed tax rate for general operation (M & O) and Debt (I & S) for the 2021 tax year that would increase total tax revenues. The Council will also vote on a proposed tax rate for the Cemetery Fund for the 2021 tax year. Both votes will occur at the Regularly Called City Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, September 9, 2021 in City Council Chambers located at City Hall, 1200 South Commerce Street, Overton, Texas 75684.

IV. Consent Agenda

Consider approval of the following minutes: August 19, 2021

Motion to approve made by Councilmember Thompson, seconded by Councilmember Williams. Carried unanimously 5-0.

V. Business

A. Consider and/or approve Resolution 2021-09-02A for Corporate Authorization with Texas Bank & Trust.

Motion to approve made by Councilmember Thompson, seconded by Councilmember Hill. Carried unanimously 5-0.

B. Consider and/or approve Resolution 2021-09-02B for the issuance of credit cards from Texas Bank & Trust.

Motion to approve made by Councilmember Gilbert, seconded by Councilmember Hill. Carried unanimously 5-0.

C. Hear and discuss the FY2021-2022 proposed Budget.

Councilmember Hill stated that we are going to adopt this Budget with future amendments.

D. Consider and/or approve Resolution 2021-09-02B for an Interlocal Agreement with Rusk County for Mutual Aid.

Chief Pool and a member of the Rusk County Sheriff's office spoke about this agreement. They will be here for us and we will be here for them.

Councilmember Hill stated this is something that has not been done before and this is progress. This is good for the City of Overton.

Motion to approve made by Councilmember Gilbert, seconded by Councilmember Thompson. Carried unanimously 5-0.

VI. Future Meetings

A. Present upcoming meeting and events schedule

1. City Council Regular Meeting – September 9, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

B. Mayor to receive request, if any, for leave of absence from any Council Member for future meetings.

Councilmember Hill will not be at this meeting but will be available by phone.

VII. CONVENE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council convened into Executive Session at 8:06 p.m. to discuss the following:

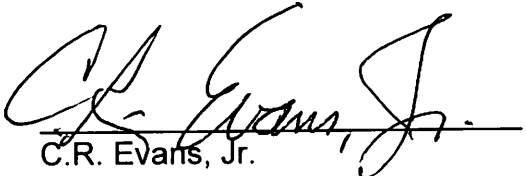
1. Discuss/take action on posting the City Manager position.

VIII. ACTION ON ITEM(S) DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Manager position will be posted per Interim City Manager, Shane West's request.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 9:55 p.m.


C.R. Evans, Jr.
Mayor

ATTEST:

Laurie Kaczmarek
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City Secretary

