



CITY OF OVERTON

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CITY COUNCIL SC MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OVERTON, TEXAS THAT WAS HELD SEPTEMBER 21, 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 |
| Reggie Thompson | 4 | Y |
| Michael Paul Williams | 5 | Y |

Call to Order at 7:01 p.m.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were given by Councilmember Williams

Public Forum

Jason Self at 11208 County Rd 111 N, Kilgore, Texas 75662

Spoke about employment dispute – grievance. Would like to speak with Council about this.

Robbi Carnes 512 Kingsway, Overton, Texas 75684

What are the city's plans for the audits? Why was her request for pro bono work on audits declined? What is the city hiding? With the tax increase, where is the money going?

Requests of Council

Terry Waggoner spoke regarding concerns about City of Overton issues. He thanked the Council and said it was ridiculous that citizens were bashing them. Overton has issues and it isn't going to be fixed overnight. It will take time. He also asked if there is an Ordinance for drilling a well on property within city limits? He also suggested that the City Council start an Advisory Committee. Also asked if OEDC can help out.

Consent Agenda

- A. Consider and/or approve setting up a separate bank Account for the Corona Virus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Grant money.
- B. Consider and/or approve action regarding the Smith County 9-1-1 Communication District Budget Approval for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.
- C. Consider and/or approve action regarding a single Notice of Election posting in the newspaper that would split the cost.
- D. Consider approval of the following minutes: September 9, 2021

A motion was made by Councilmember Thompson and seconded by Councilmember Hall. Carried unanimously 5-0.

Business

A. Ratification Vote to adopt the budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 that will raise total property tax revenue. (Record vote required)

Councilmember Gilbert made a motion to Ratify Vote to adopt FY 2021-2022 Budget

Councilmember Thompson seconded the motion

Motion carried 5-0 (taken by the following roll call vote), Councilmember Hill was present by phone.

| | AYES | NAYS | ABSENT | ABSTAINED |
|--------------------------------|------|------|--------|-----------|
| Josh Hill, Place 1 | X | | | |
| Chris Hall, Place 2 | X | | | |
| Curtis Gilbert, Place 3 | X | | | |
| Reggie Thompson, Place 4 | X | | | |
| Michael Paul Williams, Place 5 | X | | | |

Present and Not Voting: Mayor C.R. Evans Jr.

B. Discuss a Cemetery Curfew Ordinance.

Councilmember Hill stated that we need to come up with a new Cemetery Hours Ordinance or enforce the old one.

C. Discuss and/or approve a Sewer Rate Increase.

This was discussed. Council needs to know how much of an increase, what are the rates now and a comparison with other cities.

D. Discuss and/or approve Overton Volunteer Fire Department's equipment request list.

TJ with Overton Fire Department spoke of four (4) things that needed to be purchased

1st being a new AED (current AED is outdated) for a cost of \$1,451.00

2nd being dress blues to help members look more professional for a cost of \$759.81

3rd being extrication gloves that will add dexterity while using the jaws of life or running chain saws and grass fire operations for a cost of \$1,215.81 and;

4th being flashlights that mount on bunker gear coats for a cost of \$974.35

For a total of \$4,400.97 (the fund is currently at \$16,012.31)

A motion was made by Councilmember Gilbert and seconded by Councilmember Hall. Carried unanimously 5-0. Councilmember Gilbert stated that this should not have had to come before Council

Future Meetings

A. Present upcoming meeting and events schedule

1. City Council Regular Meeting – October 21, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

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

CONVENE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION at 8:02 p.m.

The Overton City Council will convene in an Executive Session to discuss the following matters as authorized by §551.074 of the Texas Government Code – regarding personnel matters including the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.

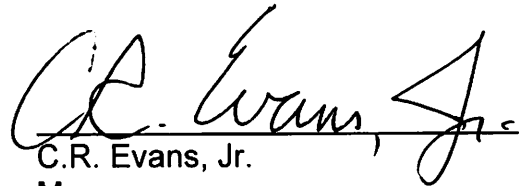
Discuss/take action on an excessive duty stipend for the City Secretary.

ACTION ON ITEM(S) DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION at 8:38 p.m.


City Council to take action deemed appropriate on an excessive duty stipend for the City Secretary.

No Action was taken

XI. **Adjournment** at 8:40 p.m.


C.R. Evans, Jr.
Mayor

ATTEST:


Laurie Kaczmarek
City Secretary

