



CITY OF OVERTON

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 17, 2022

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CALLED MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OVERTON, TEXAS THAT WAS HELD FEBRUARY 17, 2022 AT 7:00 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 1200 SOUTH COMMERCE, OVERTON, TEXAS.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>ATTENDED</u>
Curtis Gilbert	Mayor	Y
Josh Hill	1	N
Chris Hall	2	Y
Reggie Thompson	3	N
Monty Ward, Jr.	4	Y
Michael Paul Williams	5	Y

Staff in attendance were City Manager, Shane West, Police Chief Bryan Pool and City Secretary, Laurie Kaczmarek

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Invocation was led by Mayor Gilbert

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Williams

Public Forum

Beverly Russel of 22596 FM 2767, Kilgore - asked why we are using a bank that is not local? – (Item VII Business, Item F) Also complimented the City of Overton (all about Team Overton).

Presentation

Presentation by Patrick Woods from Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott, LLP regarding delinquent taxes on properties in the City of Overton.

This law firm will begin to collect delinquent taxes for the City of Overton. The delinquent tax roll will be handled by the attorneys.

Councilmember Hall asked how long will it take from start to finish? From tax warrant to courthouse about 3 – 4 months.

This will have a good economic impact.

Consent Agenda

Consider approval of the following minutes: January 20, 2022.

Motion was made, to approve Consent Agenda by Councilmember Williams and was seconded by Councilmember Hall.

Motion carried 3-0 - Councilmember Thompson and Councilmember Hill were not present

Business

Consider and/or act on approving Resolution 2022.2.17A regarding Interlocal Agreement with Rusk County.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OVERTON, TEXAS FOR THE TERMINATION OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF TAX WITH RUSK COUNTY; FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED COMPLIED WITH THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

There was no discussion on this item.

Councilmember Williams made motion to approve and Councilmember Hall seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0 - Councilmember Thompson and Councilmember Hill were not present

Consider and/or act on approving Resolution 2022.2.17B regarding enforcement of Interlocal Agreement with Rusk County.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OVERTON, TEXAS RESOLVES TO REQUIRE RUSK COUNTY TO ASSESS AND COLLECT THE PROPERTY TAXES; FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED COMPLIED WITH THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

There was no discussion on this item.

Councilmember Hall made motion to approve and Councilmember Williams seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0 - Councilmember Thompson and Councilmember Hill were not present

Take action pursuant to Interlocal Agreement with Rusk County regarding delinquent tax collection services for City of Overton and discuss and approve a contingent fee contract with Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins and Mott, LLP pursuant to the Texas Tax Code, said contract being for the collection of delinquent taxes owed to City of Overton. This agenda item being called for the purpose of considering the matters listed in Texas Government Code Section 2254.1036(a)(1). Requisite notice of these items is posted with this agenda in accordance with that section.

There was no discussion on this item.

Councilmember Hall made motion to approve and Councilmember Williams seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0 - Councilmember Thompson and Councilmember Hill were not present

Consider and/or act on approving Resolution 2022.2.17C for Police Authorized K-9 Retirement.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OVERTON, TEXAS AUTHORIZING RETIREMENT OF A PATROL SERVICE DOG "ROO" FROM K-9 UNIT AND DONATION TO DIANE AND RUSTY BUMGARDNER; FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED COMPLIED WITH THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Chief Pool presented this item. Roo our K-9 officer is almost 9 years old and has been with 4 different handlers. It is time for him to retire.

There has been only 1 felony arrest. K-9 budget is only \$700 and food alone costs about \$695, that leaves little left for callouts. The police handler is given 7 K-9 hours each paycheck and a vehicle is provided as well.

Councilmember Hall inquired about the felony arrest.

Councilmember Ward asked if there were any health issues. At the present time, no. Councilmember Ward would like Roo to live out this budget cycle. Summer is coming and Roo will be needed.

Chief Pool stated that K-9 is here ¼ of the time and only at night. Budget does not allow for this. But our officers do need vests, fire arms and training.

The Overton Police Department does not plan to permanently get rid of the K-9 program.

Councilmember Hall made motion to approve and Councilmember Williams seconded the motion.

Motion carried 2-1 – Councilmember Ward voting against and Councilmember Thompson and Councilmember Hill were not present

Consider and/or act on approving Ordinance 2022.2.17A amending Chapter 6, Section 6-17 to the City of Overton Personnel Policies and Procedures by adding Paid Quarantine/Isolation Leave.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OVERTON, TEXAS, AMENDING AND ADOPTING THE PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES GUIDE OF THE CITY OF OVERTON; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY OF THE PROVISIONS HEREOF; FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE WAS PASSED WAS CONDUCTED IN STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attorney Blake Thompson explained this is new legislation from the 2021 Legislative Session and is a direct result of Covid. It states that if Emergency Response personnel are exposed to a communicable disease, they are entitled to paid leave. This is a state law requirement now.

Councilmember Hall made motion to approve and Councilmember Williams seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0 - Councilmember Thompson and Councilmember Hill were not present

Consider and/or act on approving Resolution 2022.2.17D updating names on the City of Overton's bank and investment account with Prosperity Bank.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OVERTON, TEXAS AMENDING AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE ON THE CITY OF OVERTON BANK AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS WITH PROSPERITY BANK; FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED COMPLIED WITH THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

There was no discussion this item.

Councilmember Williams made motion to approve and Councilmember Hall seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0 - Councilmember Thompson and Councilmember Hill were not present

Discuss and take action to accept nominations and appoint 1 new member to fill the Overton Municipal Development District Board vacancy.

Mayor Gilbert suggested Jane Silvey.

Councilmember Hall made motion to approve adding Jane Silvey to the OMDD Board and Councilmember Williams seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0 - Councilmember Thompson and Councilmember Hill were not present

Consider and/or act on approving an automobile stipend for Public Works employee Destry Dike.

Mayor Gilbert stated that Mr. Dike is currently using his personal vehicle to do City of Overton work. Mayor Gilbert suggested a \$400/month stipend.

Councilmember Williams made motion to approve a \$400/month stipend and Councilmember Hall seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0 - Councilmember Thompson and Councilmember Hill were not present

Future Meetings

City Council Regular Meeting – March 17, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

No requests were made at this time.

City Administration's Monthly Reports

A. Administration Monthly Reports

City Manager's Report

Public Works Department Report

Shane West, City Manager presented these reports to the Council
There were no questions or concerns on these items.

Police Department Report

Bryan Pool, Police Chief presented these reports to the Council
Chief Pool also stated that there is a chance he will be moving his department to the Chamber Building on 121 E. Henderson Street.

There were no questions or concerns on these items.

Christus EMS report

Overton Volunteer Fire Department Report

There were no questions or concerns on these items.

B. Finance Monthly Reports

Income Statement

Expense Approval Report

Monthly Bank Statement

Sales Tax Report

There were no questions or concerns, regarding the Finance Monthly Reports, at this time.

Boards and Commissions

A. Overton Economic Development Corporation (OEDC) Board Update

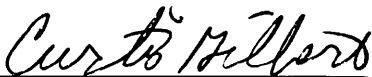
B. Overton Municipal Development District (OMDD) Update

Minutes for the OEDC meeting were presented to the Council. There were no new OMDD meeting minutes to present.

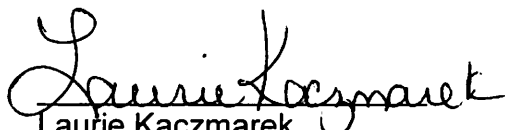
Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Hill, and was seconded by Councilmember Williams.
Motion carried 4-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm.


Curtis Gilbert
Mayor

ATTEST:


Laurie Kaczmarek
City Secretary

