Mayor Dormier called the Work Session/Training and the Regular Council Meeting of the Ovilla City Council to order at 5:30 PM, in the Ovilla Council Chamber Room, 105 S. Cockrell Hill Road Ovilla, TX 75154, with notice of the meeting duly posted.

The following City Council Members were present:

- Dean Oberg, Council Member, Place 2
- David Griffin, Council Member, Place 3
- Doug Hunt, Council Member, Place 4
- Brad Piland, Council Member, Place 5

The above-listed council members were in attendance constituting a quorum. Place 1, Mayor Pro Tem Kimberly Case was absent. The City Manager, City Secretary, department directors, and various staff were also present.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

PL 2 Oberg led the invocation and Place 3 Griffin led the reciting of the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the Texas Flag.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

   The City Council of the City of Ovilla, Texas, reserves the right to meet in a closed session on any item listed on this Agenda should the need arise, pursuant to authorization by Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071 (consultation with attorney), 551.072 (deliberations about real property), 551.073 (deliberations about gifts and donations), 551.074 (personnel matters), 551.076 (deliberations about security devices), 551.087 (economic development), 418.183 (homeland security).

   **Section 551.071. Consultation with Attorney:** (Work Session/Training with City Attorney including but not limited to the Open Meetings Act, Public Information, Development, Ethics, and Social Media Updates and Policies.)

Mayor Dormier adjourned the Council into executive session at 5:32 p.m.

Mayor Dormier adjourned the Council from the executive session at 6:32 p.m. stating that no action was taken in the executive session.

**COMMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS**

City Manager David Henley updated the council on the following items:

- Finance Clerk Introduction
- May 2024 Election Filing Dates

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**
Greg Wilhelm, 5440 Shallow Creek Dr., Midlothian, addressed the council regarding the upcoming primary elections.

Mayor Dormier moved Item #4 to take place prior to the Consent Agenda.

ITEM 4. **DISCUSSION/ACTION** – Consideration of and action on a preliminary plat request filed by Red Oak Independent School District being a 48.485 Acre Tract of land out of the John S. Patton Survey, Abstract No. 841 Ellis County, Texas, also known as Lot 1 in Block A of Red Oak New Middle School, an addition to the City of Ovilla, Texas.

Community Development Director Burton Barr presented the preliminary plat to the City Council. Mr. Barr advised that the plat is in conformance with the preliminary plat regulations set forth by city ordinance and has been recommended for approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mayor Dormier allowed citizen comments regarding Item #4 at this time.

Brenda Sanford, Red Oak ISD, addressed the council stating that Red Oak ISD appreciates the forward movement by the City Council and advised that she would like to dispel certain untruths that have been said in meetings and online. Ms. Sanford advised that the city and the district have been working on a Traffic Impact Analysis which includes turning lanes. Ms. Sanford further advised that the district is not rushing through the process of building the middle school but is in fact following all City of Ovilla zoning regulations and procedures.

Israel Cordero, 307 Johnson Lane, spoke in support of the Red Oak ISD Preliminary Plat approval.

Brian Bell, 919 Summer Hill Lane, Red Oak, addressed the council as a teacher from Red Oak ISD supporting approval of the Preliminary Plat.

Dani Muckleroy, 608 Green Meadows Lane, spoke in support of the Red Oak ISD Preliminary Plat approval.

Susie Mendoza, 232 Stonegate Way, Red Oak, spoke in support of the Red Oak ISD Preliminary Plat approval.

Debbie Temple, 144 Meadow Glenn Lane, spoke in support of the Red Oak ISD Preliminary Plat approval.

Carol Richtsmeier, 925 Red Oak Creek, addressed the council stating that she is not against the school, however, she has concerns regarding the transparency of the project. Ms. Richtsmeier stated that the city needs to adhere to the regulations set forth by the ordinances in place.

Amanda Simone, 257 Johnson Lane, spoke in support of the Red Oak ISD Preliminary Plat approval.

Clint Woodward, Red Oak Area Chamber of Commerce, spoke in support of the Red Oak ISD Preliminary Plat approval.

Tana Jimenez, 109 Suburban Dr., addressed the council regarding concerns related to the new school to be built in Ovilla. Ms. Jimenez advised that the council should be doing what is best for the citizens
of Ovilla and that she believes more emphasis needs to be placed on an analysis of the traffic in the area.

Mayor Domier closed citizen comments at this time.

The City Council discussed the presented preliminary plat. City Manager David Henley advised that there is a traffic study currently in draft form that is being addressed by attorneys from the city as well as the school district. Mr. Henley advised that the preliminary plat is the beginning of a lengthy process to develop the area which will include finalized traffic studies, final plat approval, and other requirements outlined in the city code.

PL 4 Hunt motioned to approve the preliminary plat filed by Red Oak Independent School District being a 48.485 Acre Tract of land out of the John S. Patton Survey, Abstract No. 841 Ellis County, Texas, also known as Lot 1 in Block A of Red Oak New Middle School, an addition to the City of Ovilla, Texas.

PL 2 Oberg seconded the motion.
No oppositions, no abstentions.

**VOTE: The motion carried unanimously: 4-0**

Mayor Dormier continued the meeting by returning to the Consent Agenda.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

| C1. | Financial Transactions over $5,000 |
| C2. | Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting December 11, 2023 |

PL4 Hunt motioned to approve all consent agenda items.

PL5 Piland seconded the motion.
No oppositions, no abstentions.

**VOTE: The motion to approve carried unanimously: 4-0**

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

**ITEM 1. DISCUSSION/ACTION** – Consideration of and action on Ordinance No. 010824-A, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Ovilla, Texas, amending Chapter 10, “Subdivision Regulation,” in the Code of Ordinances, City of Ovilla, Texas, by adding Division 17, entitled “Tree Preservation”; providing for the incorporation of premises; providing for amendments; providing a cumulative repealer/savings clause; providing a severability clause; providing a penalty not to exceed $500.00 per day for each offense; providing for engrossment and enrollment and incorporation into the Code of Ordinances; and providing an effective date.

Mayor Dormier advised the council that item 1 would be a discussion item only and that no action would be taken at this time. The Mayor stated that the ordinance would be placed on an upcoming agenda after a public hearing has been held.
The council discussed the proposed ordinance and gave direction to the city manager regarding protected trees, replacement cost, and other ideas that could potentially be included in the ordinance to come back to the city council next month.

ITEM 2. DISCUSSION/ACTION - Consideration of and action on Resolution R010824-A, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Ovilla, Ellis, and Dallas Counties, Texas, casting its vote for the fourth member of the Board of Directors of the Dallas Central Appraisal District.

PL 4 Hunt motioned to approve Resolution R010824-A, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Ovilla, Ellis, and Dallas Counties, Texas, casting its vote for Michael Hurtt as the fourth member of the Board of Directors of the Dallas Central Appraisal District.

PL 2 Oberg seconded the motion.
No oppositions, no abstentions.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously: 4-0

ITEM 3. DISCUSSION/ACTION – Consideration of and action on approving and authorizing the following Ovilla Type B Economic Development Corporation projects as part of the Type B EDC FY 2023-2024 budget: (1) City entryway signage; (2) Park walkway lighting; (3) Pickleball Court(s); and (4) Concrete Park Walkway.

City Manager Henley advised that the council had previously approved these items in the 2023/2024 EDC Budget. Mr. Henley stated that the EDC has also approved and recommended the above-listed projects.

PL 3 Griffin motioned to approve and authorize the following Ovilla Type B Economic Development Corporation projects as part of the Type B EDC FY 2023-2024 budget: (1) City entryway signage; (2) Park walkway lighting; (3) Pickleball Court(s); and (4) Concrete Park Walkway.

PL 5 Piland seconded the motion.
No oppositions, no abstentions.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously: 4-0

Item #4 was moved before the Consent Agenda.

ITEM 5. DISCUSSION/ACTION – Consideration of any item(s) pulled from the Consent Agenda for individual consideration and action.

None

RECEIVE DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS – NO ACTION OR DISCUSSION

- Departmental Reports
  - Police Department
    - Police Chief J. Bennett
  - Fire Department
    - Fire Chief B. Kennedy
  - Public Works Department
    - Public Works Director J. Kuykendall
  - Finance Department
    - Finance Director E. Scott
REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND/OR ANNOUNCEMENTS BY COUNCIL AND STAFF:

PL 4 Hunt announced the Annual Service League Spaghetti Dinner would take place at the Vertical Church on Friday the 16th of February.

ADJOURNMENT:

PL 2 Oberg made a motion to adjourn.

PL 4 Hunt seconded the motion.

There being no further business, Mayor Dormier adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

No oppositions, no abstentions.

VOTE: The motion to approve carried unanimously: 4-0