

CITY OF OVILLA MINUTES
Monday, October 10, 2023
Regular City Council Meeting
105 S. Cockrell Hill Road, Ovilla, TX 75154

Mayor Dormier called the Council Meeting of the Ovilla City Council to order at 6:30 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:

Kimberly Case	Mayor Pro Tem,	Place 1
Dean Oberg	Council Member,	Place 2
David Griffin	Council Member,	Place 3
Brad Piland	Council Member,	Place 5

The above-listed council members were in attendance constituting a quorum. Place 4, Doug Hunt, was absent. The City Manager, City Secretary, department directors, and various staff were also present.

CALL TO ORDER:

PL 3 Griffin led the invocation and PL5 Piland led the reciting of the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the Texas Flag.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, COMMENTS:

Mayor Dormier presented a proclamation to Deputy Fire Chief/Fire Marshall Kevin Mooney declaring a Fire Prevention Week in the City of Ovilla.

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

- Wreath Laying Honoring Veterans to be held on November 5, 2023, at 2:00 P.M.
- 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Budget
- 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Budget
- Development – ROISD, Broadmoor 2, Westmoreland/Ovilla Road

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Tana Jimenez, 109 Suburban Dr. spoke to the council regarding concerns about the new middle school being built by Red Oak ISD on Westmoreland.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- C1.** Financial Transactions over \$5,000
- C2.** Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting September 11, 2023
- C3.** Minutes of the Special Council Meeting September 19, 2023

PL 2 Oberg motioned to approve all consent agenda items.

Mayor Pro Tem Case 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 entering into a contract with Forvis LLP for audit services and audit preparation services for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 and authorize the City Manager to execute said contract.

City Manager Henley presented the council with an engagement letter from Forvis LLP that allows Forvis LLP to begin audit services for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year. Mr. Henley advised the council that they had previously approved a contract for audit services in 2020 which provided for a three-year contract with Forvis LLP.

Mayor Pro Tem Case motioned to enter a contract with Forvis LLP for audit services and audit preparation services for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 and authorize the City Manager to execute said contract.

PL2 Oberg seconded the motion.

No oppositions, no abstentions.

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

- ITEM 2. DISCUSSION/ACTION** - Consideration of and action on Ordinance 101023-A, an Ordinance of the City of Ovilla amending Chapter 1, Section 1.02.002 of the Code of Ordinances declaring an Official City Newspaper and declaring an effective date.

City Manager Henley advised the council that yearly the city is required to declare an official newspaper. City Secretary Taylor requested that the council declare the Ellis County Press as the newspaper of record.

PL3 Griffin motioned to approve Ordinance 101023-A, an Ordinance of the City of Ovilla amending Chapter 1, Section 1.02.002 of the Code of Ordinances declaring the Ellis County Press as the Official City Newspaper.

Mayor Pro Tem Case seconded the motion.

No oppositions, no abstentions.

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

- ITEM 3. DISCUSSION/ACTION** – Consideration of and action on entering into a Professional Services Agreement with Birkhoff, Hendricks, and Carter, L.L.P. for engineering services and authorize the City Manager to execute said agreement.

Mayor Dormier advised that he had requested that a general engineering contract be authorized so that the engineering of projects could begin on tasks under the \$50,000 threshold instead of being placed on hold due to city council approval of a task order.

Mayor Pro Tem Case motioned to approve a Professional Services Agreement with Birkhoff, Hendricks, and Carter, L.L.P. for engineering services and authorize the City Manager to execute said agreement.

PL5 Piland seconded the motion.

No oppositions, no abstentions.

*Richard Dormier, Mayor
Kimberly Case, Place One
Dean Oberg, Place Two*

*Doug Hunt, Place Four
David Griffin, Place Three
Brad Piland, Place Five*

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

Mayor Dormier exited the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

ITEM 4. DISCUSSION/ACTION – Consideration of and action on entering into a Professional Services Agreement with Birkhoff, Hendricks and Carter, L.L.P. to complete engineering analysis and reports for water and wastewater utility relocations for the FM 664 widening project and authorize the City Manager to execute said agreement.

City Manager Henley advised this task order will allow for the engineering of the FM 664 relocation of utility lines to begin. Mr. Henley noted that this project is a budget expense.

PL2 Oberg seconded the motion.

No oppositions, no abstentions.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously: 4-0

ITEM 5. DISCUSSION – Discussion relating to a “Wine Walk” to be hosted by the City of Ovilla as requested by Place 3 Griffin.

PL3 Griffin explained his idea for a “Wine Walk” to be hosted in the downtown area of Ovilla. Mr. Griffin stated that the event could have vendors and charge entrance fees. Mr. Griffin stated he thought that the interest in such an event would bring many to the area.

The council discussed the possibility with city staff. City Manager Henley advised that he would look into the possibility but, he would need to clear such an event with the legal team prior to beginning any preparation.

ITEM 6. ITEM 6. DISCUSSION – Discussion relating to power outages within the City of Ovilla as requested by Mayor Dormier.

City Manager Henley advised that he has been in contact with Oncor who has sent crews into Ovilla after concerns were raised due to the number of power outages that are occurring. Oncor has advised that they have trimmed trees in Ovilla which were brushing against power lines, and they have corrected a pole that was leaning which Oncor believes was causing some of the power issues.

ITEM 7. DISCUSSION – Discuss and receive an update on activities related to the 2023 Heritage Day celebration held on Saturday, September 23, 2023.

City Staff provided an update on Heritage Day. Staff advised that the event was a success with more entries into the parade, the car show, and vendors.

ITEM 8. ITEM 8. 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**

Richard Dormier, Mayor
Kimberly Case, Place One
Dean Oberg, Place Two

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Doug Hunt, Place Four
David Griffin, Place Three
Brad Piland, Place Five

- Police Department
- Fire Department
- Public Works Department
- Finance Department
- City Secretary

Police Chief J. Bennett
 Fire Chief B. Kennedy
 Public Works Director J. Kuykendall
 Finance Director E. Scott
 City Secretary B. Taylor

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).

No Executive Session

REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND/OR ANNOUNCEMENTS BY COUNCIL AND STAFF:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

PL2 Oberg made a motion to adjourn.

PL5 Piland seconded the motion.

There being no further business, Mayor Pro Tem Case adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

No oppositions, no abstentions.

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

Richard Dormier, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bobbie Jo Taylor, City Secretary

APPROVED: November 13, 2023



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Dean Oberg, Place Two

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Brad Piland, Place Five