

# CITY OF OVILLA MINUTES

**Monday July 22, 2021**

**City Council Budget Workshop #2**

**Fire Department Training Room**

**105 S. Cockrell Hill Road, Ovilla, TX 75154**

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In accordance with order of the Office of the Governor the CITY COUNCIL of the CITY OF OVILLA conducted a meeting at 6:00 PM, Thursday July 22, 2021, via Zoom (or in person) in order to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings (also called "social distancing") to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

The public was also permitted to attend in person however, also permitted to offer public comments via Zoom as provided by the agenda and as permitted by the presiding officer during the meeting.

Mayor Dormier called the Council Budget Workshop of the Ovilla City Council to order at 6:12 PM, with notice of the meeting duly posted.

The following City Council Members were present:

Rachel Huber	Council Member, Place 1 (Absent)
Dean Oberg	Council Member, Place 2
David Griffin	Council Member, Place 3
Doug Hunt	Mayor Pro Tem, Place 4
Michael Myers	Council Member, Place 5

Mayor Dormier noted the present and participating Council Members, thus constituting a quorum. PL1 Huber was noted absent. Department directors and various staff were also present in person or on the Zoom call. The city secretary and deputy city secretary were noted absent.

## CALL TO ORDER

PL3 Griffin gave the invocation and P4 Hunt led the reciting of the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance. and the Pledge to the Texas Flag.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, COMMENTS

None.

## CITIZEN COMMENTS:

1. MS Dani Muckleroy praised Council for providing for police, fire and public works departments and asked that Council take serious consideration when discussing the budget to adequately provide for the police, fire, and public works departments. She specifically noted that Council be considerate of salaries and having adequate staff.

## CONSENT AGENDA

None.

## REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM 1. **DISCUSSION/ACTION** – Workshop and review of the preliminary Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget for and direct staff as necessary.

Mayor Dormier advised the review and discussions would resume from the previous budget workshop, starting with the budget proposals of the Street Department. Staffing sheets were provided. The Finance Director advised that a new fund "Non-Departmental" was created this year in both the Water/Sewer Fund and the General Fund. This fund covers costs associated with basic utilities of

electricity, telephones, IT services for all municipal buildings, and engineering fees for the 664 widening.

Specific Street considerations:

- Skid-loader at \$63,292 – Council consensus was to leave in the budget.
- Dump truck - \$95,388 – Council consensus was to leave in the budget.

The Capital Improvements Projects (CIP) was updated to reflect rehabilitation to specific streets that will paid from street sales and use tax and the street fund. Those streets were listed: Elmwood, Northwood, Oakwood, Willow Creek Court and Shiloh – totaling approximately \$490,742 – Council consensus was to leave in the budget.

Specific Park Considerations:

- John Deere bunker and field rake - \$14,070 – Council consensus was to leave in the budget.
- 1-ton truck with dump bed - \$64,000 – Council consensus was to leave in the budget.
- 60-inch turn mower - \$12,000 Council consensus was to leave in the budget.
- Playground equipment for Silver Spur - \$17,827 - Council consensus was to leave in the budget.

Mayor Dormier called a recess at 7:36 pm

Mayor Dormier called the meeting back into session at 7:51 pm.

Finance Director gave a brief review of funds 70, 75, and 80, (Water and Wastewater Funds), that were continuation expenditures. Staff was in communication with engineers for the relocation of utilities on the 664 expansion. The Finance Director noted that \$195,000 for engineering fees and lines relocation is in the budget.

Specific Water Administration Considerations:

- Door and gate security - \$11,300 - Council consensus was to leave in the budget.
- Emergency generator – \$13,000 - Council consensus was to leave in the budget.

Dallas Water Utilities and Trinity River Authority notified the city of increases. These increases will have to be passed on to the customer. Staff will return with ordinances at a future meeting. Revenue is already down this year, resulting the need for reduction in fund balance.

Staff filed for grant funds (expected anytime) from the American Rescue Grant, which is specific to water/drainage infrastructure. If received, staff will purchase electronic meters and a Scada system. The two items were not in the budget, not until funds are received.

Specific Water Considerations:

- Truck – \$36,000 – not approved.

Overall Budget Review Included:

- Up to a 3% increase across the board for all employees that are not on probation.
- Salary increases proposed for the Public Works Director and Finance Director.
- TMRS increased from 9.91% to 10.38%
- Health insurance coverage remained without increase.

No motion was made by the Council; however, the Council consensus was to leave specific consideration requests/expenditures in the budget for now. Staff was directed to remove a truck consideration from the Water Fund. At the next budget meeting all items approved to date would be in the budget.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

N/A

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

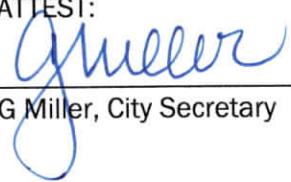
1. Mayor Dormier	None
2. PL1 Huber	Absent
3. PL2 Oberg	None
4. PL3 Griffin	None
5. PL4 Hunt	None
6. PL5 Myers	None
7. City Manager	None

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem PL4 Hunt moved to adjourn the Council budget workshop meeting, seconded by PL2 Oberg. There being no further business, Mayor Dormier adjourned the meeting at 10:25 pm.



ATTEST:

  
G. Miller, City Secretary

Attachment: Citizens Forum sheet – Dani Muckleroy