

CITY OF OVILLA MINUTES

Monday July 26, 2021

**City Council Special Budget Workshop #3
105 S. Cockrell Hill Road, Ovilla, TX 75154**

In accordance with order of the Office of the Governor the CITY COUNCIL of the CITY OF OVILLA conducted a meeting at 5:00 PM, Monday July 26, 2021, via Zoom 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 Meeting of the Ovilla City Council to order at 5:33 PM, with notice of the meeting duly posted.

The following City Council Members were present and participating either in person or by Zoom:

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

Mayor Dormier announced the absence of PL1 Huber, and the presence of participating Council Members, thus constituting a quorum. Department directors and various staff were also present and on the Zoom call.

CALL TO ORDER

PL3 Griffin gave the invocation and Mayor Pro Tem 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:

None

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM 1. DISCUSSION – Workshop and continued review of the preliminary Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget.

Mayor opened discussion stating that this was a continuation of the previous budget workshops at the of Council. City Manager Pam Woodall advised that the governing body's recommended updates from the previous workshop were presented.

Topics discussed:

GENERAL FUND

Administration:

- Health Insurance final numbers have not been confirmed by company, to date, however staff made notable changes to ensure premiums remained as current with no increase.
- Still waiting on Ellis County Appraisal District certified totals.
- Accountant position was discussed as well as the salary for that position.

FIRE:

- GF Revenue: ESD#4 notified Chief Kennedy of an increase of \$6,000 to Ovilla.
- Sale of the Brush Truck for the Fire Department at \$150,000 using those proceeds for purchase of a smaller brush truck.

Public Works:

- Ford Dump Truck for Public Works
- Skid Loader
- Street Improvements per CIP
- First Payment Installment added from Right of Way
- John Deer
- 1 Ton dump-truck
- Playground equipment for Silver Spur Park

WATER/SEWER

- Door/Security Gate for Public Works building
- Emergency Generator
- The American Rescue Plan to fund: Electronic Water Meters with 1st installment as well as SCADA System

Overall updates

1. Staff received direction to begin the process to increase water/wastewater rates due to the cost increases the city will incur with Dallas Water Utilities and Trinity River Authority. Staff advised that the last rate increase to the customer occurred in 2018.
2. The consensus of the Council was to fund 3% wage increases across the board in the budget, including specific salary increases of certain employees.
3. The Municipal Development District (MDD) will meet to discuss, approve, and send recommendation to the governing body to fund \$300,000 for the first phase of the police station renovation.
4. The Economic Development Corporation (EDC) will approve their budget on August 16 and forward recommendation to Council. Staff is proposing that the EDC fund a pavilion and public restrooms in Founders Park at \$380,000 to \$400,000.

The consensus of the Council was to move forward to fund all noted items in the budget.

Discussion only.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

N/A

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

None

PL4 Hunt moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by PL3 griffin. There being no further business, Mayor Dormier adjourned the meeting at 7:20 pm.



Richard Dormier, Mayor

ATTEST:

G Miller, City Secretary

Approved September 13, 2021

Richard Dormier, Mayor
Rachel Huber, Place One
Dean Oberg, Place Two