

# **CITY OF OVILLA MINUTES**

***Monday, 11 August 2008***  
***Regular City Council Meeting***

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A Regular Council Meeting of the Ovilla City Council was called to order by Mayor Turner at 7:03 P.M. with the following City Council Members present:

William A. "Bill" Turner	Mayor
Ralph Hall	Mayor Pro-Tem
Tom Leverentz	Council Member, Place 1
Richard Dormier	Council Member, Place 2
Bill Vansyckle	Council Member, Place 3
James Wade	Council Member, Place 5

The Invocation was given by Council Member Dormier.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Leverentz.

## **COMMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

- Mayor Turner announced the sad news of the sudden passing of Mr. G. T. Mulholland, a long time resident.
- Mr. Doug Hunt spoke about Ovilla's future, revenue, taxes and the litigation with Triumph.
- Ms Stephany Trammel spoke regarding building permit issues with the City and Bureau VERITAS.
- Mr. Phil Lynch offered his respects to Mr. Mulholland, noting he was a friend and an antagonist.

## **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

- Police Department
  - Police Chief Mike Moon was present for comments regarding the monthly police report. Chief Moon briefed everyone regarding the upcoming Ovilla Night Out, scheduled for October 7. Council Member Wade discussed the striping of 664, signs, maintenance for vehicles and the Ovilla Auto Service with Chief Moon.
- Fire Department
  - Fire Chief Pickard was present for comments regarding the monthly fire report. Chief Pickard reminded all present that the burn ban was still effective. The new Larry C. Marlow Fire Annex was progressing well. Council Member Wade questioned Chief Pickard about a city vehicle use policy and concerns about the cost of gasoline.
- Public Works
  - Public Works Director Jason Robinson complimented Code Enforcement/Animal Control Office Mike Dooly for his diligent work in obtaining owner authorizations for the tree and brush clean up of Johnson Lane in preparation for the street reconstruction. Additionally, Mr. Robinson read a letter aloud that was received from the City of Oak Leaf praising Mr.

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Dooly for his professionalism and great business rapport with surrounding entities. Council Member Wade questioned the status of the City's roof repair. Council Member Dormier questioned Mr. Robinson's status of the CIP (Capital Improvements Projects) list. Mr. Robinson stated he was working on both issues.

- Finance Department
  - Miykael Reeve, City Accountant gave an overview of the monthly Municipal Court Report, quarterly credit card report, quarterly investment report and financials. Ms. Jessica Tilger, Municipal Court Clerk was complimented for her prompt learning and proficient use of the new court software, In-Code.
- Administration
  - City Administrator, Randy Whiteman voiced his pleasure to be with Ovilla. Mr. Whiteman stated the staff was dedicated and thanked the Council for their confidence in his hiring of the City Administrator position.

#### **CONSENT ITEMS:**

- Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 15 July 2008.
- Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on 28 July 2008.
- Financial Transactions for the month of July 2008.

Council Member Vansyckle made a motion that Council approve the consent items as presented. Council Member Wade seconded the motion.

**VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.**

#### **INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION:**

**ITEM 1. Discussion/Action** – Consideration of a proposed tax rate for the Fiscal Year 2009 and take a record vote.

City Administrator gave an overview regarding the proposed tax rate for the Fiscal Year 2009. The General Fund Estimated Revenue was attached for review. Mayor Turner complimented Miykael Reeve for her diligent work on budget preparation.

Council Member Leverentz made a motion that Council hereby propose a tax rate for the Fiscal year 2009 of .667997 cents per one-hundred dollars of evaluation. Council Member Vansyckle seconded the motion.

***This Motion Required A Record Vote:***

Council Member Wade	Aye	Council Member Dormier	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Hall	Aye	Council Member Leverentz	Aye
Council Member Vansyckle	Aye		

**VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.**

**ITEM 2. Discussion/Action** – Consider and schedule dates for two Public Hearings and the final vote on the Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year 2009.

Mr. Whiteman explained that the Texas Property Tax Code Law required the governing body to notify the public of two dates specifying, "Notice for Public Hearing on Tax Increase." Staff recommended the following schedule for the two Public Hearings:

**First Public Hearing:** Monday, August 25, 2008, A Regular City Council Meeting to be held at the City Hall Council Chamber Room, 105 S. Cockrell Hill Road at 7:00 PM.

**Second Public Hearing:** Monday, September 8, 2008, A Regular City Council Meeting to be held at the City Hall Council Chamber Room, 105 S. Cockrell Hill Road at 7:00 PM.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hall made the motion that Council hereby approve the following Public Hearing schedules and final vote on the proposed tax rate for the Fiscal Year 2009. Council Member Vansyckle seconded the motion.

**VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.**

**ITEM 3. Discussion/Action** – Consideration of an Ordinance Amending Section 2 of Ordinance 07-014 (Sign Ordinance) Relating to Definitions: Providing a Severability Clause; Providing a Penalty Clause and Providing an Effective Date.

City Administrator stated that the attorney (T.O.A.S.E.) recommended the change in the definition of "billboard" in the city's current ordinance.

Council Member Dormier made a motion that Council hereby approve and adopt an ordinance amending Section 2 of Ovilla's Sign Ordinance 07-014 relating to definitions. Council Member Leverentz seconded the motion.

**VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.**

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

***An Agenda was posted pending a tentative need for an Executive Session. Mayor Turner announced that there would not be an Executive Session.***

### **City Council Announcements**

Council Member Wade announced that Ovilla Auto Parts and Service assisted an Ovilla officer change a flat tire on a city patrol vehicle.

Council Member Vansyckle distributed information regarding a "junked vehicle" change he wanted implemented in Ovilla's Code of Ordinances. Additionally, Council Member Vansyckle stated he wanted Ovilla staff to prepare and conduct a survey regarding solid waste pickup and recycling.

Council Member Leverentz commented that Mr. Mulholland and his differing opinions would be missed.

Mayor Turner stated many prayers would be going to the Mulholland family.

Mayor Turner reminded all present of the upcoming Heritage Day set for September 27, 2008.

### **Adjournment**

Council Member Vansyckle made a motion to adjourn the meeting of August 11, 2008. Mayor Pro-Tem Hall seconded the motion.

**VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.**

ATTEST:

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William A. "Bill" Turner, MAYOR

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Pamela Higgins, CITY SECRETARY

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