

**CITY OF OVILLA MINUTES**  
**Monday, 29 September 2009**  
**Special Meeting**  
**105 S. Cockrell Hill Road**

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Mayor Vansyckle called a Special Meeting of the Ovilla City Council to order at 3:30 P.M. with the following City Council Members present:

Bill Vansyckle	Mayor
Tom Leverentz	Mayor Pro-Tem, Place 1
Michael Dickey	Council Member, Place 2
Jo Ann Graham	Council Member, Place 3
Doug Hunt	Council Member, Place 4
James Wade	Council Member, Place 5

Council Member Dickey gave the invocation.

Council Member Wade led the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Administrator Randy Whiteman and department-head staff members were also present.

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

Place 3 Council Member Jo Ann Graham gave a report of Heritage Day Festivities beginning that September 26 was a gorgeous day. Council Member Graham gave a huge thank you to staff for their participation in helping with Heritage Day, especially the hard work of Public Works Director Jason Robinson and his crew. The Ovilla Service League, Churches, entertainment and Council all received appreciation.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

- **Finance Department**
  - City Accountant Sharon Jungman was present for questions or review of the monthly financials. There was none.

**CONSENT ITEM(S):**

- N/A

**INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION:**

**ITEM 1.      Discussion/Action – Public Hearing and Consideration of Ordinance 09-014**  
Adopting and Approving the Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

***Mayor Vansyckle read Item 1 and opened the public hearing at 3:34 P.M.***

There was no one to speak during the public hearing.

***Mayor Vansyckle closed the public hearing at 3:35 P.M.***

City Accountant Sharon Jungman gave a power-point presentation of the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 proposed budget, noting this final proposed budget entailed all Council directed changes and corrections that were addressed during the August and September workshops. Ms Jungman and Council conferred over the certified taxable values provided from Dallas and Ellis Counties. The City Administrator, City Accountant, and Council reviewed the complete proposed

budget, which was based on the proposed tax rate of 0.6679. Mayor Vansyckle offered his appreciation to Ms Jungman for her dedication and hard work.

Council Member Wade made a motion that Council adopt Ordinance 09-014 setting the budget and making appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

Council Member Hunt seconded the motion.

Mayor Vansyckle called for a record vote:

- Mayor Pro-Tem Leverentz Aye
- Council Member Dickey Aye
- Council Member Graham Aye
- Council Member Hunt Aye
- Council Member Wade Aye

***VOTE: The motion carried unanimously, five Ayes, zero Nays.***

**ITEM 2. Discussion/Action** – Consider Adoption of Ordinance 09-015 Approving the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Tax Rate.

State Law requires that the governing body adopt the tax rate as an official action and sets it out in a written ordinance or resolution. During the August 12, 2009 Council Meeting and budget workshop, the governing body directed staff to prepare a budget with the same rate as last year.

- M & O 0.4771 cents per \$100 of valuation
- I & S 0.1908 cents per \$100 valuation
- **TOTAL 0.6679 CENTS PER \$100 VALUATION**

Council Member Graham made a motion that Council approve the property taxes for the FY2009-2010 by the adoption of a tax rate of **0.4771** cents per \$100 of valuation for maintenance and operations and **0.1908** cents per \$100 of valuation for debt service, for a total tax rate of **0.6679** cents per \$100 of valuation by the approval and adoption of Ordinance 09-015.

Council Member Wade seconded the motion.

Mayor Vansyckle called for a record vote:

- Mayor Pro-Tem Leverentz Aye
- Council Member Dickey Aye
- Council Member Graham Aye
- Council Member Hunt Aye
- Council Member Wade Aye

***VOTE: The motion carried unanimously, five Ayes, zero Nays.***

**ITEM 3. Discussion/Action** – Consider and approve scheduled meetings of the Ovilla City Council for the FY2009-2010.

A prepared fiscal year calendar of scheduled Council meeting dates was presented to Council. The City Administrator advised Council that having set dates improved the efficiency and professional productivity, adding that special meetings could be called and dates subject to amendment. Council Member Wade questioned the possibility of scheduling meeting times earlier in the day. Council Member Graham responded that she believed the meeting times needed remain later in the evening to allow for resident / citizen participation. Council Member Hunt agreed. Council inquired if an opinion poll could be placed on the city's webpage. The City Secretary stated she would set up an opinion poll and return with the results within the next few months.

Council Member Dickey made a motion that Council approve the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 scheduled meeting dates and alternate Council meeting dates as proposed and presented. Council Member Graham seconded the motion,  
***VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.***

**ITEM 4. Discussion/Action** – Consider and approve City holidays observed during the Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

City Administrator Randy Whiteman presented the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 proposed holiday calendar, depicting office closures and stated that the dates were customarily dates that the majority would normally be aware of and irrefutable.

Council Member Wade made a motion that Council approve the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 calendar of holidays.

Mayor Pro-Tem Leverentz seconded the motion.

***VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.***

### **Council's Request for Consideration of Future Agenda Items**

Council Member Wade had a number of requests: 1) audio council minutes were stored and for how long, 2) examine the possibility of improving medical services throughout the city on a 24-hour basis, 3) research the speed limit in the Historic District, 4) thank you to Mr. Bryan (city employee) for assisting him with a water leak at his home.

Council Member Hunt requested that staff research the cost of purchasing plat books.

Council Member Graham requested the informational package to North Central TX Council of Governments on Loop 9 be completed in a timely manner.

Council Member Dickey requested that Council make plans and agree on a workshop date for Council procedures.

Mayor Pro-Tem Leverentz requested a review of fines, citations, and schedule of fees. Additionally, Mayor Pro-Tem reminded staff of the moratoriums on wind energy systems and the gas and oil well drilling and begin preparations for the new ordinances and public hearing requirements with the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mayor Pro-tem Leverentz commented that staff did a great job on the budget and getting all the information to Council.

Mayor Vansyckle commended staff for responding and complying with the many budget requests and inquiries from Council.

### **Adjournment**

Council Member Wade made a motion to adjourn the meeting of September 29, 2009.

Council Member Hunt seconded the motion.

***VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.***

ATTEST:

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Bill Vansyckle, Mayor

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Pamela Higgins, City Secretary

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APPROVED