

**CITY OF OVILLA MINUTES**  
***Wednesday, September 03, 2014***  
***Special City Council Meeting***  
***105 S. Cockrell Hill Road, Ovilla, TX 75154***

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Mayor Dormier called the Regular Council Meeting of the Ovilla City Council to order at 7:01 P.M. The following City Council Members were present:

Rachel Huber	Council Member, Place 1
Larry Stevenson	Council Member, Place 2
Doug Hunt	Council Member, Place 4
Dean Oberg	Council Member, Place 5
Absent:      David Griffin	Mayor Pro Tem, Place 3

Mayor Dormier announced present Council members, thus constituting a quorum. Various department-heads and staff were also present.

PL4 Hunt gave the Invocation and PL1 Huber led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**COMMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, REPORTS AND/OR APPOINTMENTS**

- **Citizens Comments / Citizens Forum:** None.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

C1. Minutes of the July 28, 2014 Regular Council Meeting

PL4 Hunt moved that Council approve the consent items as presented, seconded by PL2 Stevenson.  
No oppositions, no abstentions.

**VOTE: The motion carried unanimously: 4-0.**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Receive public comments on the proposed tax rate for FY2014-15:

**PUBLIC HEARING AND DISCUSSION – A TAX RATE of \$0.671900 per \$100 valuation proposed by the governing body of the City of Ovilla, with a Maintenance and Operation Rate of .5101 and a debt rate of .1618.**

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.671900 per \$100
PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE	\$0.671900 per \$100
EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	\$0.655815 per \$100
ROLLBACK RATE	\$0.730090 per \$100

Mayor Dormier opened the Public Hearing at 7:06 p.m., inviting comments on the proposed tax rate.

- I. Mr. Ralph Hall, 134 Meadow Glen, voiced concerns regarding the City's transparency and that more information needed to be shared with the public. Specifically regarding the increased M & O rate and the decreased debt rate, even though the City was going with the same rate. Additionally, Mr. Hall questioned the publication from Ellis County as compared to Ovilla's website and packet information.

There was no one else to speak.

Mayor Dormier closed the Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**ITEM 1.** ***DISCUSSION/ACTION – Consideration of and action*** on Resolution R2014-033 authorizing the Mayor to execute, for and on behalf of the City of Ovilla, Texas, a Project Specific Agreement by and between the City of Ovilla and Dallas County for reconstruction of Cockrell Hill Road from Ovilla city limit to Dallas County line.

Public Works Director advised Council that pre-construction signs would be placed a week in advance. Dallas County anticipated 12-full working days to complete the project.

PL4 Hunt moved to approve Resolution 2014-033 authorizing the Mayor to execute, for an on behalf of the City of Ovilla, Texas, a Project Specific Agreement by and between the City of Ovilla and Dallas County for reconstruction of Cockrell Hill Road from Ovilla city limit to the Dallas County line, seconded by PL2 Stevenson. No oppositions, no abstentions.

***VOTE: The motion carried unanimously: 4-0.***

**ITEM 2.** ***DISCUSSION/ACTION – Consideration of and action*** on proposed salary adjustments recommended by the Five-Year Staffing Plan Committee effective October 01, 2014 and take action as necessary to direct staff to revise proposed Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget.

The Five-Year Staffing Plan Committee met prior to the Special Council Meeting on September 03, and discussed proposed salary and wage adjustments for the police department personnel. The Committee recommended for Council's consideration to include in the proposed 2014-2015 Budget a one-dollar base salary adjustment and to allow up to a 3% merit increase.

PL5 Oberg moved that Council approve the salary adjustment as recommended by the Five-Year Staffing Plan Committee, effective October 1, 2014 and direct staff to revise the FY2014-2015 Budget accordingly, seconded by PL2 Stevenson. No oppositions, no abstentions.

***VOTE: The motion carried unanimously: 4-0.***

**ITEM 3.** ***DISCUSSION/ACTION – Consideration of and action*** on revised proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 and take action as necessary to direct staff.

The projected property tax revenue was revised to reflect \$1,309,020. The surplus of \$21,043 was recommended for wage and salary adjustments for the police department staff who have been with the City for six months or longer.

It has been proposed that the City consider budgeting to collect property taxes at 100% collection rate rather than the 98% collection rate, plus delinquent, and interest and penalties that add to 99%. If Council chooses to increase the budgeted rate of collection of property taxes in the General Fund, the estimated property taxes at 100% collection, \$1,335,734 would increase by \$47,757. At the request of Councilman Dean Oberg, the revised proposed budget included expenses through the close of July 30, 2014.

PL5 Oberg moved that Council approve the proposed revised budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015, seconded by PL1 Huber. No oppositions, no abstentions.

***VOTE: The motion carried unanimously: 4-0.***

**EXECUTIVE SESSION.** None.

**REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

1. PL1 Huber	None
2. PL2 Stevenson	None
3. PL3 Griffin	Absent
4. PL4 Hunt	None
5. PL5 Oberg	None
6. Mayor	None

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor Dormier adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

ATTEST:

*Pamela Woodall*  
Pamela Woodall, City Secretary



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Richard Dormier, Mayor

*Approved November 10, 2014*