

City of Olivet

Public Hearing & Regular Session Minutes

October 10, 2017 – 6:45 p.m.

Council Call to Order

Present: Mayor Peterson. Commissioners Marsh, Maxwell, Bess, Hoffdahl, Barkley, Penny.
Absent: None

Visitor Section Welcome

Visitors Present:

Olivet Firefighters	Travis Lower	Danny LaPoint
Jennifer Miller	Courtney Laban	Tara Tyler
Jeff Bierly	Laura Barlund-Maas	Jason Orton
John Imeson, 9-1-1	Jennifer Broskey Family	Jane Kilbourn
Mike Judd	Claude Bartlett	Dawn Schramm
Andy & Trina Bayes	Theresa Pratt	Holly Thoms
Evelyn Calogero	OC Pres. Steven Corey	ECHS Volunteers

Olivet Fire Chief John Collins, along with the Olivet Firefighters, came to the meeting in their uniforms and dress blues to give their genuine appreciation to Commissioner Joe Barkley at his last council meeting. They thanked Joe for his many years of service to the City overseeing the Fire Department. They all presented Commissioner Barkley with an autographed fireman's helmet.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION by Marsh, supported by Penny, to approve the Agenda with additions.
Motion carried.

Approval of Previous Minutes

MOTION by Penny, supported by Marsh to approve the Previous Minutes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Eaton County Humane Society– Special Use Permit

MOTION by Bess, supported by Penny, to approve their Special Use Permit which allows the Eaton County Humane Society to increase their animal occupancy to 16 dogs and 18 cats. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Community Grant Presentation and OCEC Memorandum of Understanding Signing

Olivet College President Steven Corey presented the City of Olivet with a \$1,000.00 check from their Community Grant campaign, which will be used to purchase a new City Hall desktop computer.

Olivet College President Steven Corey and Mayor Gary Peterson both signed and entered into these Official Minutes the OCEC (Olivet Community Engagement Committee) Memorandum of Understanding. This document signifies a joint commitment between Olivet College and the City of Olivet.

B. Eaton County 9-1-1 Ballot Proposal

John Imeson discussed the details of the 9-1-1 Proposal which will be on the November 7, 2017 ballot for Eaton County. No motion.

C. Annual Insurance Renewal – Jason Orton, David Chapman Agency

Jason Orton presented and discussed the City's annual General Liability Insurance renewal policy. No motion.

D. Retirement Plan Discussion – Tara Tyler, MERS Representative

Tara Tyler presented a review of the City's current retirement plan and discussed other retirement options that were available. Mayor Peterson requested an employee meeting take place to review the options and come to a unanimous recommendation. No motion.

E. Sidewalk Replacement

Andy and Trina Bayes asked Council during the Public Hearing that their section of sidewalk on Winter Street be removed rather than replaced, due to lack of use. After the sidewalk is removed, they agreed to reseed and refill the area with topsoil. The cost for their Winter Street sidewalk removal will be half of the initial replacement proposal, or \$1,536.00, with \$768.00 to be paid by Andy and Trina Bayes, and \$768.00 to be paid by the City.

Motion by Hoffdahl, supported by Marsh to accept the list of sidewalk replacements with the exception of the Bayes' Winter Street frontage, which will be removed.

F. Walnut Trees

Following extensive discussion, Mayor Peterson and Commissioner Barkley determined the need to revisit the property at 618 Spruce Street, prior to the next Council meeting, to confirm whether the walnut trees in question were in the City right-of-way, and to decide at that point how to proceed.

Following extensive discussion, the Council determined the walnut trees located on the property at 620 Summer Street were within the City right-of-way and could not be cut down by the property owners.

G. Annual Leaf Pickup – Bids

Three closed bids were received for leaf pickup. Bids were opened at the meeting.

1st bid: GDH & Sons, Bellevue = \$15,500

2nd bid: Winchell Lawn Care, Bellevue = \$15,800

3rd bid: D&J Excavating, Olivet = \$14,385

Motion by Hoffdahl, supported by Penny, to accept the bid from D&J Excavating for the 2017 annual leaf pick-up. Motion carried.

H. Public Education – Fire Department

Commissioner Barkley discussed the Fire Department's request to spend up to \$1,700 for public education on fire safety. This was already a budgeted item. No motion.

Approval of the Bills

MOTION by Bess, supported by Maxwell, to approve the monthly bills. Motion carried.

Employee Reports

Clerk Bierly provided a written report. She said 60 students converged on City Hall to paint the Council Chambers and several other rooms during the Olivet College Service Day event on September 27th. Commissioner Hoffdahl supervised the project. The office is very busy gearing up for next month's bi-annual audit, which will then conclude our relationship with Plante Moran. The election is next month on November 7th. Absentee ballots have gone out, and Jennifer Miller offered to help with election preparations.

DPW Director Smith provided a written report. He said Service Day went great. The students worked on adding mulch in the park, and wood-sealing in the playground area. They also cleaned up the cemetery.

Police Chief Garcia provided a written report. He said September went smoothly, which also included more serious calls. Homecoming went well overall. He would like to incorporate procedures on Traffic Control requests from residents and organizations for special events.

Fire Chief Collins provided a written report. He said September was a busier-than-normal month. He liked the idea of creating the OCEC committee for the safety of the students. He would like to incorporate a Sprinkler Code on new construction in the City. He thanked City Hall for adding the burn ban information to the website. Chief Collins also gave a round of thanks to Commissioner Joe Barkley for all his help overseeing the Fire Dept. as their Commissioner.

Commissioner Comments

Marsh – Let's go home.

Barkley – He enjoyed every minute of the past 16 years. He really appreciated everyone at the Fire Department and all the volunteers. Thank you.

Penny – Thanks to all employees and visitors.

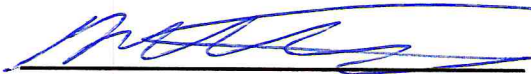
Hoffdahl – Congratulations to Joe Barkley. He’s had a great impact on the City of Olivet. Thanks to all the visitors.

Bess – Thanks to all the employees. Thanks also to Joe Barkley and Gary Peterson.

Maxwell – Thanks to Joe Barkley for all his years of service.

Mayor Peterson – He has noticed a big difference now that Consumers has replaced the street lights with LED lights.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:27 p.m.



Gary L. Peterson, Mayor



Erin Bierly, Clerk/Treasurer