

MINUTES OF REGULAR  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD  
JANUARY 15, 2015

The City Council of Olmos Park, Texas held a regular meeting on January 15, 2015 commencing at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Kenneth Farrimond presided and Council members present were Enzo Pellegrino, Sharon Plant, Kenyon McDonald, Casey Fry and Ronald Hornberger. Staff present was City Manager, Celia M DeLeon; City Secretary, Diane Gonzales; Fire Chief John Surber; Public Works Director Gilbert DeLeon and Police Chief Rene Valenciano. Also present were City Attorney, Frank Garza; and Robert Romero, 639 E. Mandalay.

Mayor Farrimond called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and determined a quorum was present.

Citizens to be heard: This time is provided for citizens to address the Council on issues and concerns. No action can or will be taken on issues raised under this portion of the meeting. Please state your name and address for the record and limit your remarks to a period not to exceed three minutes

No Citizens to be heard.

Appoint a City Engineer for January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015. Pursuant to City Code Chapter 2-14(a); take possible action

City Manager DeLeon stated she spoke to Mr. Gilver with regards to his contract and he agreed to renew his contract with no rate changes.

Councilman Pellegrino moved to approve the contract as submitted and appoint Gilver Engineering as the City's Engineer for January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

Councilman Hornberger seconded the motion.

The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

Appoint a member to the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) to serve a two-year term through December 31, 2016; take possible action

City Manager DeLeon stated she sent out an email blast requesting more applicants for the EDC and have not received any other than one for Dennis Martinez.

Councilman Fry moved to appoint Dennis Martinez as the new member to the Economic Development Corporation to serve a two year term through December 31, 2016.

Councilman McDonald seconded the motion.

The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

Discussion of farmer's market event at the Yard to include parking issues caused by the event; take possible action

Police Chief Valenciano stated there have not been any calls to the Farmer's Market for City of Olmos Park since the last two Saturday's.

Mayor Farrimond stated are we still alternating sides for the no parking signs each week on the streets?

Police Chief Valenciano stated yes we are alternating the sides of the streets for the signs and have had no complaints.

Councilwoman Plant stated my hairdresser mentioned to me that he could not believe that he can't park in the neighborhood and I explained to him the signage issue but apparently our signs don't say "this side of the street" they just say "no parking" so he thought that he could not park at all on the street. City Manager said they are getting some signs made that say "no parking on this side of the street" and I would suggest we send this out on our email blast and coordinate with the farmers market and let them know the signs will be alternating on both sides of the street.

Councilman Pellegrino stated is this affecting the Public Works Department in any way?

Public Works Director DeLeon stated no problems with the Public Works Department.

Police Chief Valenciano stated the new signs should be arriving in about two weeks.

Mayor Farrimond stated I have noticed some people park right to the corner of the street and that is very dangerous and makes it hard for other people to turn either way, is there a way we can move the signs back?

Police Chief Valenciano stated yes when the officer's patrol there is already a law in place of 20 feet when you turn so you have the turning radius. The officers are monitoring this as well.

Councilwoman Plant stated can we put up cones since the residents don't know about the law of 20 feet?

Police Chief Valenciano stated yes we can put some orange reflective cones on the ends of the street.

Consent Items:

- a. Approve Cash Disbursements December 2014;
- b. Approve City Council minutes December 18, 2014;

Councilman Pellegrino moved to accept consent items A through B.

Councilman McDonald seconded the motion.

The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

Departmental Reports: (Written reports submitted to City Council, no further discussion required, unless requested by City Council.)

- a) Police:
  - (1.) Incidents, arrests and activity during the prior and current months.
- b) Fire:
  - (1.) Fire and other service calls, activity and training activities during the prior and current months.
- c) Streets and Sanitation:
  - (1.) Monthly Report
- d) Administration:
  - (1.) Financial reports for December 2014;
  - (2.) Monthly overtime, CT, vacation, sick leave report

(3.) Building Department Report

(4.) Municipal Court Report

e) Manager's report:

(1.) Discussion of written reports (if needed).

Public Works Director DeLeon stated earlier today he had an incident with Mrs. Carol McMorris, she came to the Public Works yard and banged on the door and I came out and she said that we needed to open the City dumpster right now and that it was locked. I informed her that the dumpster was not locked and that the lid just was not open. She said that the lid had to be open and I informed her that the reason why the lid is not open is because we don't want any debris flying around or rodents getting into the dumpster or people getting into the dumpster. I assisted her opened the lid for her to throw her trash and she raised her voice at me and said how I was a spy and for me to keep doing what I was doing and a great job of spying on residents. She also told me that the nepotism works really well in Olmos Park and that our Police Chief is corrupt and was sorry she lived in Olmos Park but was glad that she is a United States citizen. Also, while she was unloading the boxes from her vehicle, she pushed my chest with two boxes.

Frank Garza stated Mr. DeLeon filled a police report for documentation.

Councilwoman Plant stated for the record would you explain the nepotism policy when the City Manager was placed as our new City Manager?

Frank Garza stated as per the contract and per the decision of the Council this is the only Department Director that the City Manager does not supervise. Gilbert DeLeon reports directly to the Fire Chief for all matters related to his department. On a question, who does the Fire Chief report to of course the City Manager; however on issues directly relating to Gilbert DeLeon or his department comes directly to the Council.

Councilman Pellegrino stated I wanted to note that the crime prevention numbers for December 2014 versus December 2013 are really impressive and wanted to thank the Police Department for that.

The departmental reports were received.

There was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

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Kenneth Farrimond  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Diane Gonzales  
City Secretary