

CITY OF OLNEY
CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 8, 2026

AGENDA #1 “CALL TO ORDER” The June 8, 2026, meeting of the Olney City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Olney City Hall located at 300 S. Whittle Avenue, Olney, Illinois, with Mayor Mark Lambird presiding.

AGENDA #2 “PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG-PRAYER” Council members and visitors joined in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Mayor Lambird led the group in prayer.

AGENDA #3 “ROLL CALL” The following Council members were present: Mark Lambird, Jack Eyer, Julia Eichhorst, Bryce Fehrenbacher, and Matt Miller. Also present were City Manager Frank Bradley, City Treasurer Jane Guinn, City Engineer Brandon Bridges and Deputy City Clerk Lori Zimmerle.

AGENDA #4 “PUBLIC COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS” No one from the public wished to speak.

AGENDA #5 “PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGENDA”

5-A “Approve Minutes of the Council Meeting on May 26 & June 3, 2026”

5-B “Approve and Authorize Payment of Accounts Payable June 4, 2026” Pooled Cash \$674,438.32, Manual Pooled Cash \$127,235.97, Petty Cash \$160.54, Foreign Fire \$4,126.40, ISO \$11,246.16, MFT \$325,328.71, IMRF \$24,003.94, Tourism \$5,000.00, Olney Business District \$451,669.53

5-C “Raffle License: Richland Co. Homemakers Education Association”

5-D “Raffle License: Olney Firefighters Association, Inc.”

5-E “Payment Request: North Avenue Waterline Replacement”

5-F “Payment Request: East Street Bridge Project”

5-G “Payment Request: Elliott Street Bridge Project”

5-H “Payment Request: Main Street Resurfacing”

AGENDA #6 “REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM CONSENT AGENDA” No items were requested for removal from the Consent Agenda.

AGENDA #7 “CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA” Councilman Eyer moved to approve the items on the consent agenda, seconded by Councilwoman Eichhorst. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

AGENDA #8 “CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA” No items were requested for removal from the Consent Agenda.

AGENDA #9 “PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, ETC.”

9-A “Façade Improvement Grant Request: 130 E. Market Street” The Council was provided with a Façade Improvement Grant Application for 130 E. Market Street as submitted by Fehrenbacher LLC. The Council was also provided with a copy of the grant program. The Richland County Development

Corporation (RCDC) is the administrator of the program and worked with Fehrenbacher LLC. on its grant application and collection of supporting documentation.

Action on this item was taken under 9-B.

9-B “Façade Improvement Grant Request: 317 E. Main Street & 121 S. Boone Street” The Council was provided with a Façade Improvement Grant Application for 317 E. Main Street and 121 S. Boone Street as submitted by Kings Furniture Store. The Council was also provided with a copy of the grant program. The Richland County Development Corporation (RCDC) is the administrator of the program and worked with Fehrenbacher LLC. on its grant application and collection of supporting documentation.

Councilman Eyer questioned the Market Street and Boone Street addresses as they were outside of the program’s eligibility area. Mayor Lambird said those two addresses were for the same business that fronted Main Street. It was stated that the program could be changed to include additional areas. This change could be on the next Council Agenda. Councilman Eyer moved to approve the \$5,000.00 Façade Improvement Grant requests, each, for 130 E. Market Street, 317 E. Main Street, and 121 S. Boone Street, seconded by Councilwoman Eichhorst. A majority voice vote was received.

9-C “Ordinance: Rezone 630 N. Silver Street (R-1), 702 N. Silver Street (R-4), 700 N. Silver Street (R-1), 601 Deveron Drive (R-1), 602 Deveron Drive (R-1), 716 E. Locust Street (R-1), 800 E. Locust Street (R-4), 611 N. East Street (R-1), 810 E. Locust Street (R-4), 607 N. East Street (R-4), 812 E. Locust Street (R-4), and 603 N. East Street (R-4) from Single-Family Residence Districts to C-2 (Commercial District)” The Council was provided with a proposed ordinance that would rezone 12 properties from Single-Family Residence Districts to C-2 (Commercial District), a copy of the Findings of Fact Letter from Plan Commission Chairperson Vicki Lobacz, and a copy of the draft Plan Commission meeting minutes from June 1, 2026.

On June 1, 2026, the Plan Commission heard these rezoning requests and recommended approval by the Council.

Councilwoman Eichhorst moved to approve Ordinance 2026-31, seconded by Councilman Miller. A majority voice vote was received.

9-D “Presentation: Drive-By Meter Reading System” Brad Stork and Lee Gregory, with RG3, presented the Council with information on their radio meter reading system. The meters were made in the USA by their company. The meters the City currently used had the capability of adding the radio device.

Councilman Fehrenbacher asked Brandon Williams, Water Distribution Supervisor, how much time was spent reading meters. Mr. Williams stated that it takes two men a week to read the meters. He added that the meters now worked with the Sensus meter system and could be retro fitted. The City’s current system was obsolete and could no longer be repaired.

If purchased, the City would first use a drive-by system that would utilize a laptop to collect readings. Later, a collector could be placed in neighborhoods to collect the readings, and they would then be uploaded to City Hall. Each meter cost approximately \$320.00.

Mr. Bradley explained that when it was all set up there would be a radio at each location and the laptop would collect the readings as the truck drove by. Also, if there was a customer having a problem, employees could go up to the radio meter and collect 120 days of history to show usage during that time. Approximately 75% of the City's meters could be retro fitted with the antennae. The batteries were calculated for 20 years, but realistically would be between 15-18 years in the current climate.

9-E "Discussion/Possible Approval: MFT Concrete Bid for Use in Miscellaneous Construction Work" The Council was provided with a bid tabulation and a bid acceptance form as provided by IDOT.

Mr. Bradley recommended accepting the low bid of \$3,800.00 from Schrey Systems.

Councilman Miller moved to approve the low bid from Schrey Systems, seconded by Councilman Fehrenbacher. A majority voice vote was received.

9-F "Discussion/Possible Approval: MFT Bids for Oil & Chip" The Council was provided with a bid tabulation and a bid acceptance form as provided by IDOT.

Mr. Bradley recommended accepting the bid of \$18,138.40 from 3 Sisters Logistics for the stockpiling and the bid of \$78,868.55 for the spreading from Mt. Carmel Stabilization Group for HFP, MC-30 and CA-16.

Councilman Fehrenbacher moved to approve the low bids as detailed above, seconded by Councilman Eyer. A majority voice vote was received.

9-G "Resolution: Amend the 2026-2027 Parks & Cemeteries Department Budget for Harmony Park" The Council was provided with a proposed resolution that would amend the Parks & Cemeteries Department budget for Harmony Park.

Mr. Bradley stated that Project Community had provided a \$63,000.00 donation to the City to pay invoices. The budget resolution would be to accept this donation.

Councilwoman Eichhorst moved to approve 2026-R-52, seconded by Councilman Miller. A majority voice vote was received.

9-H "Resolution: Accept Quote for a Patcher for the Street Department & Waive Formal Bidding Procedures" The Council was provided with a proposed resolution that would accept a quote for a patcher for the Street Department and waive formal bidding procedures. The Council was also provided with two quotes and a comparison sheet.

Mr. Bradley recommended accepting the bid from Total Patcher in the amount of \$85,000.00 and to waive formal bidding procedures.

Councilman Eyer moved to approve 2026-R-53, seconded by Councilman Miller. A majority voice vote was received.

9-I “Adoption of an IDOT Supplemental Resolution for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code” The Council was provided with a supplemental IDOT resolution for improvement under the Illinois Highway Code. This would be an additional document needed following the execution of a Budget Update Authority Letter with CSX which increased the East Street Bridge Project budget by \$90,231.00. This resolution would authorize \$90,000.00 out of the City’s MFT allotment.

Councilman Eyer moved to approve 2026-R-54, seconded by Councilman Miller. A majority voice vote was received.

9-J “Resolution: Amend the 2026-2027 MFT Budget for the East Street Bridge Project” The Council was provided with a proposed resolution that would amend the MFT budget for the East Street Bridge Project. The resolution would reflect the additional funding passed in the agenda item above.

Councilwoman Eichhorst moved to approve 2026-R-55, seconded by Councilman Fehrenbacher. A majority voice vote was received.

AGENDA #10 “REPORTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS”

10-A “Status Report - City Manager” Mr. Bradley reported that East Street and Elliott Street Bridge work was coming along and looking at approximately three more weeks on those projects. Storm sewer project on E. Scott Street was also moving forward and looking at two-week completion date. Main Street work was continuing, medians were complete, and work on the intersection of Main Street and Holly Road had begun. The E. North Avenue Watermain Project was going well and on schedule. The open position in the Water Distribution Department has been filled.

10-B “RCDC Report” There was no report.

10-C “Chamber of Commerce Report” Chamber Director Caiti Lambird thanked the Council for making last weekend a huge success downtown at the Squirrel Sounds 2026 Festival. She specifically thanked Mr. Bradley for helping with picnic tables and getting things taken handled.

The Chamber Luncheon would be on June 16 at Pizza Fast and would feature the Olney Public Library speaking about their reading program. She also recited the Fair Board’s events for the 250th Anniversary.

Lastly, July 31 would be the next 5th Friday and would include a mini-market for children to participate. Ginger Ale’s and some CEO students would help guide the little entrepreneurs.

AGENDA #11 “CLOSED SESSION: SALE OR LEASE PRICE OF REAL PROPERTY; ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY; AND APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT,

COMPENSATION, AND PERFORMANCE OF SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES” There was no closed session.

AGENDA #12 “RECONVENE OPEN SESSION” There was no closed session.

12-A “Approve Minutes of Closed Session on May 26 & June 3, 2026” This item was postponed until the next Council Meeting.

AGENDA #13 “ADJOURN” With no further business to discuss, Councilman Fehrenbacher moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Miller.

The meeting adjourned at 6:31p.m.

Lori Zimmerle
Deputy City Clerk