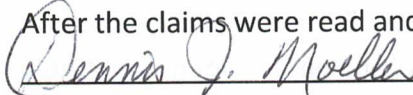


The Oldenburg Town Council met March 4, 2024 at 7:00PM at the Town Hall. After being called to order by President Dennis Moeller, the minutes of the regular February meeting were read. Greg made a motion to accept minutes as read, Dave seconded.

1. Hayley Laker addressed the council about Oldenburg Girls Softball League. She has been running the league for the last three years. She said they have been trying to improve something each year and to keep the cost down for players to play. Looking for support with improvements to dugouts. They have a trap shoot as a fundraiser and other businesses with donations, and volunteers to do the work. She asked if the town would be able to give support in any amount. Greg made a motion to give two thousand dollars. Denny & Dave seconded.
2. Denny reported that he called Sister Christa about Olivia & Theresa Hall. According to Sister Christa, RDOOR has not purchased the buildings. (Olivia or Theresa Hall). She reported that RDOOR did get a HUD Grant, but they were late for tax credits for 2023. They are going to apply in July for tax credits for 2024 and should know in November if they are awarded any. The sisters added and paid for the additional parking on Vine Street for the convent workers use not RDOOR. The original parking lot goes with the buildings.
3. Denny gave a presentation regarding police availability. He talked with Batesville Mayor John Irrgang and Police Chief Stan Holt. Batesville is not interested in providing additional patrolling in Oldenburg for two reasons: They already patrol at random for free and they don't feel additional patrolling is necessary as they think Oldenburg police do a very good job and Oldenburg is a very safe community.
Denny also contacted Sheriff Cates in Franklin County. Sheriff Cates also volunteered that Oldenburg police do a very good job and they feel Oldenburg is also a safe community. When they are called, they dispatch an officer when Oldenburg police are off duty if they can. It is up to the discretion of the responding officer if they should notify Oldenburg PD of the call depending on the severity of the situation. Batesville PD monitors those dispatch calls and will send someone if Franklin County can't. Bill and Eric both concurred this has happened in the past. Denny asked the crowd if they understood and if there were any questions. There were none.
Denny then presented a police availability enhancement that was agreed upon by the council. The Town will buy an Oldenburg Police cell phone. It will be carried by each officer as he is on duty and will be dropped off at the police station once off duty. This cell will ring when the 934-3556 number is called and the on-duty officer will pick up. This will be the first time an Oldenburg Police Officer can be contacted live by phone. If the officer is on duty but attending to a traffic stop or emergency or when no officers are on duty, the back-up message you hear today directing you to call 911 or talk with Franklin County will go into effect. Denny asked if there were any questions. There were none but there were several positive comments regarding the enhancement.

4. Dave had two bids for the tree trimming along Harvey's Branch, Behind Town Hall & Municipal Bldg. Enzinger's Tree Trimming & Rauch's Woodland. Rauch's bid was just for just the Municipal Building \$,6000 Enzinger's for Municipal Building \$1600. Enzinger's whole bid was \$8400. Greg made a motion to have Enzinger's do the entire job. Dave & Denny seconded.
5. Discussion was made to sell the 1995 F250 Ford Pick Up Truck & Snow Plow due to ongoing cost and lack of use. Greg made a motion to sell the truck. Dave & Denny seconded. Denny will get the truck running and have it advertised for sale. Sealed bids will be requested and opened at the April town council meeting.
6. Denny contacted Tom Nobbe regarding an outstanding bill for repair work done the the interior of the Firehouse/Town Hall. Per our lease, fire department should pay for interior work performed. Tom pointed out several projects done to the exterior of the building that the fire department paid for, most recently a new roof furnace. Decision was made for the town to pay the \$220.39 bill, but be more cognigent in the future before paying bill prematurely.
7. No progress on when the walking trail will start.
8. NO progress on the Federal Grant for Water Street.
9. Jeff Paul, Gary Munchel and Steve Stahley are working on a possible Cummins Grant. Steve reported there was no update, but they are still looking into it.
10. Bill reported that he talked to Franklin County Sherrif Cates and the vandals were caught and are juvenile's and that they are making restitutions.
11. The council looked over the Annual Financial Report with no questions. Greg made a motion to approve the 2023 AFR. Dave and Denny seconded.

After the claims were read and approved, the meeting was adjourned.



Dennis Moeller, President



Cynthia Laker, Clerk Treasurer