

City of Oak Ridge
Kaufman County, Texas
City Council Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2017 at 7:00 PM

Item 1**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Al Rudin at 7:02 PM. Present were Council Members Scherri Holmes, Janelle Davis, Nena Langford, and Jimmy Quick. Rolando Guzman did not attend. City Secretary Donna Sprague and Code Enforcement Officer Jesse Wood were both present.

Item 2**Pledge**

Council stood and recited pledge.

Item 3**Citizen Input**

We had two residents present. The Mayor welcomed them and asked if anyone wanted to speak. We did have one comment from Mary Kinney; she disagreed with the comments made to Code Enforcement Officer by one of her neighbors in his report. At this point, the Mayor asked to recess the meeting so he could place a new battery in recorder at 7:10 PM and resumed at 7:12 PM.

Item 4**Approval January 23, 2017 Minutes**

Motion was made by Scherri Holmes and seconded by Jimmy Quick to accept the minutes as written. All being in favor, motion carried.

Item 5**Approval of February 16, 2017 Workshop Minutes**

Motion was made by Scherri Holmes and seconded by Jimmy Quick to accept the minutes as written. All being in favor, motion carried.

Item 6**Action on January 2017 Monthly Financial Report**

Motion to accept the report was made by Nena Langford to put aside any line-item transfers until we had the figures from TML on cost of additional insurance. Motion was seconded by Jimmy Quick. All being in favor, motion carried.

Item 7**Motion to Pay Bills**

Motion was made by Nena Langford and seconded by Jimmy Quick. All being in favor, motion carried.

Item 8**Discussion/Action on Needed Items for Police Department**

Assistant Chief Tom Peoples had a list of needs for Police Department and stated that as soon as the Sheriff issued a MOU (memorandum of understanding), the building would be inspected by TCOLE. Upon approval, the Police Department would need the following: Fuel Card, Light Bar for Vehicle, Decal carrying the Name of City of Oak Ridge, (both of these items have been purchased by individual and donated) They will need ticket books with the attached affidavit for court purposes. They possibly will need a cell phone to communicate with in-house phone and public. Chief Peoples was asked about the reserve officers that will be on staff in the near future. He said they would provide everything except the badges. Also, he was asked if a person had a problem on their property, would that not be considered an emergency, and how would they notify the police? He said he would get the non-emergency number from the call center.

Item 9**Report From Code Enforcement Officer**

Jesse Wood presented a written report for Council. In the report, he was asked some questions for clarification. He answered the questions to the satisfaction of Council.

Item 10 Discussion/Action on Setting Speed Limit Signs on All Residential Streets

Motion was made by Jimmy Quick, and seconded by Janelle Davis to set the speed limits as follows:

Abner Road was set at 25mph.

CR 139, CR 140, CR 279, and CR 279A were set at 35mph.

All the rest in residential sub-divisions were set at 15 mph. Once the signs are posted, there will be a 30-day grace period before a person would be ticketed.

All being in favor, the motion carried.

Item 11**Discussion/Update on Roads (Possible Loan)**

Class B Cities cannot qualify for a CO. The option would be to convert to a Class A City. This would require a population of 600 residents or more and at least 1 or more manufacturing establishments within its corporate limits. At present, we do not meet those criteria. The Mayor was disappointed that there was no way to repair the streets in the manner he would wish.

Item 12**Set Date for next City Council Meeting**

The council set the date for Monday March 27, 2017, at 7:00 PM.

Item 13**Discussion and Set Date for March Workshop Meeting**

The Council set March 16, 2017, at 6:00 PM for Workshop.

Item 14 Mayor/Council Items of Community Interest and/or Items for Future Council Considerations (No Action to be Taken)

Jimmy Quick told Council that he was scheduled for double knee replacement surgery in the near future, and he would not be able to help on road repairs for a couple of months. He might have to miss some of the meetings, but he wanted it to be over with all at once. The Code Enforcement said a resident had requested to build his fence at 8' instead of the 6' the ordinance has set. This will be discussed at the next workshop.

Item 15**Motion to Adjourn**

Motion was made by Nena Langford and seconded by Jimmy Quick. All being in favor, motion carried. The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.

Al Rudin, Mayor

ATTESTED:

Donna Sprague, City Secretary