

City of Oak Ridge
Kaufman County, Texas

City Council Workshop Minutes
May 14, 2018 at 6:00 PM

Item 1

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Al Rudin at 6:03 PM. Present were Jimmy Quick, Rolando Guzman, Scherri Holmes, and Janelle Davis. City Secretary Donna Sprague was present. Jesse Wood Code Enforcement was present. Nena Langford was absent.

Item 2

Discussion By William Parmer

Mr. Parmer had contacted all the utilities to find out what they required for RV Lot. He also offered to place an 8 foot privacy fence around the property so residents in area would not be able to see the facility. Jimmy Quick was concerned about such large trailers and pulling units getting on and off of Hwy. 34. He said the corner at end of Abner would be a problem, plus over 10,000 vehicles use Hwy. 34 each day which is now a problem. Scherri Holmes asked how much of the property was in a flood plain. She said in heavy rains Kings Creek would back up to the property. It was also discussed about 4 other similar parks within a 10 or 15 minute distance.

Item 3

Discussion on a Proposal (Chief Tom Peoples)

There needed to be more understanding about this project. Several issues were explained. Also the City Attorney is checking all the MOU and ordinances involved with this project. This is a one year pilot program, and Oak Ridge was chosen to put in place to see if it can be broadened to all small districts in the State.

Item 4

Discussion On Installation of Electronic Sign

Rolando Guzman suggested getting an electrician to do the work. He is in charge of finding a person to wire the building, and maybe the installation.

Item 5

Discussion on Roads

The next scheduled meeting to work on Abner Road is for the weekend of May 26th and 27th. The Mayor was going to see if the Police could block the road while it is being worked on. The traffic is heavy and the drivers have no respect for the workers. It was also suggested that the Mayor contact the Sheriff to see if Oak Ridge could get trustees to help with the work.

Item 6

Discussion of Renewal to TML Membership

This is the annual fee paid to TML for membership. They provide our insurance, and many other needed services.

Item 7

Review of Web-Page

Tabled nothing was needed on this at this time.

Item 8

Update on Court Activities/City Fees

The Police Department issued 35 Citations with 51 Violations. 23 are on payment plans, and 10 are working through Deferred Dispositions. 5 of those need to send in affidavit upon completion. Through April the Dedicated Road Fund from fines is \$10,494.35.

Item 9

Report on Income and Expense of City

In June the City starts working on the budget for 2018/2019. City Secretary reported that most of the funds were in line with the budget. The amount we budgeted in revenue for property taxes, franchise fees, permits, and fines would all be met. Some would exceed the amount which will give us more insight in how to budget for the coming year.

Item 10

Discussion of Preliminary Values by Appraisal District

Our city experienced growth this year, plus the values on existing property has increased. If the certified values do not change very much, and the rate of \$.13 per hundred does not change we can expect about \$6500.00 in increased revenue next year.

Item 11

Discussion on the Purchase of Trailer

The Mayor and Councilmen are using their personal trailers to haul this cold mix to the roads for maintenance. It is now working well, and if they need repairs the cost is on them. It is suggested to put road equipment in the next budget as a line item.

Item 12

Discussion on Garage Sales (Jesse Wood)

There was a problem over the weekend about a garage sale every week or so and bringing in other persons goods to sale. That is not against the ordinance, and multiple people can sell their goods together. The only requirement is to not have more than 4 garage sales a year, and they must register with the city. That does not seem to happen in most cases. If that occurs then citations should be written. There was a complaint about parking in resident's yards, and blocking the street. In that case the sheriff or police dept. should be called.

Item 11

Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Jimmy Quick, and seconded by Scherri Holmes. All being in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Al Rudin, Mayor

ATTESTED:

Donna Sprague, City Secretary