

City of Oak Ridge
Kaufman County, Texas

City Council Workshop Minutes
July 9, 2018 at 6:00 PM

Item 1

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Rudin at 6:00 PM. Present were Jimmy Quick, Rolando Guzman, Scherri Holmes, and Janelle Davis. City Secretary Donna Sprague, and Jesse Wood Code Enforcement Officer were present. Nena Langford was absent.

Item 2

Pledge

The Council stood and recited the pledge.

Item 3

Presentation of Appreciation to Denny Oats and Marcus Cook

These two men have each donated their time and equipment to the City countless times over the last 2 years. The Council wanted to thank them for their contribution. Mr. Oats was not present. Marcus Cook was presented with a certificate, and small gift card. He felt it was unnecessary, but he did appreciate the show of gratitude.

Item 4

Discussion on Traffic Ordinance 51-18

It was discussed and felt like it was needed, and will be approved on next agenda.

Item 5

Discussion on Star Transit

The Council discussed again the need to contribute on this program since most people pay themselves for the service. They did not find it was used in our small community.

Item 6

Discussion on Tax Rate for 2018

The council is not in favor of raising the tax rate. It should stay at 13 cents per \$100 value. Hearings will be conducted in August.

Item 7

Discussion on Roads

Abner Road has been repaired for now. The next street will be Water Oak then Live Oak. 279A needs a load of rock and the culvert needs some rock. The Mayor is again seeking the cost of replacing a road or two. He should have the amount estimates soon.

Item 8

Discussion on Yard of the Month

Two were suggested Kathy Kelly, and Henry Wallace. It will be voted on in next meeting.

Item 9

Discussion on Items for Web-Page

Nothing was need in this discussion.

Item 10

Update on Court Activities/City Fees

Donna Sprague the Court Clerk reported that 19 citations were written in June. This was down from May which had 37 citations written. There was no court activity for June. The council said they hoped the reason fewer citations were written is because the traffic is slowing down. The Court mailed 9 pre-warrant letters

Item 11

Report on Income and Expense of City

We have collected more money this year than was budgeted. Some of the increase was from the sales tax that was voted on in November 2017. The council wanted all the sales tax money be allocated to the road fund along with other money. The dedicated Road Fund is now \$35,670.81. This should allow the council to move forward on rebuilding some roads in Oak Ridge. This council had a 5 year plan, and can now see it beginning to work for the city.

Item 12

Discussion on Impound Yard

Until the council finds a retired person that would like to come to the impound yard to let people retrieve their vehicles it cannot be used. There are certain hours that the person would need to be available, and they would be paid for their service.

Item 13 Set Date in August for Budget Hearing Followed by Adopting Budget and Tax Rate

Budget Hearing is set for 6:30 PM on August 27, 2018. Council Meeting will follow at 7:00 PM.

Item 14

2019 Preliminary View of Budget

Donna Sprague presented the Council with a preliminary balanced budget for their review. There was some discussion. Overall the council was pleased that we came in under budget with meeting the needs of the community. The Budget will be finalized in August or September when the tax rate is set.

Item 15

Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Jimmy Quick, and seconded by Scherri Holmes. All being in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Al Rudin, Mayor

ATTESTED:

Donna Sprague, City Secretary