

City of Oak Ridge
Kaufman County, Texas
City Council Meeting Minutes
March 25, 2019 at 7:00 PM

Item 1

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Al Rudin at 7:00 PM. Present were Council Members Jimmy Quick, Nena Langford, Scherri Holmes, Janelle Davis, and Rolando Guzman. City Secretary Donna Sprague, and Compliance Officer R. J. Smith were present.

Item 2

Pledge

Council stood and recited pledge.

Item 3

Citizen Input

Virginia Loreto was present, and wanted to know what had been done on the development across the street from her. She was told it is moving forward, and she was given a map of the proposed street.

Item 4

Approval of February 25, 2019 Minutes

Motion was made by Rolando Guzman and seconded by Scherri Holmes to accept the minutes with 3 minor corrections. All being in favor, motion carried.

Item 5

Approval of March 11, 2019 Workshop Minutes

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

Item 6

Proclamation of Motorcycle Safety (Susan West)

The motorcycle clubs were present, and started the proclamation for motorcycle safety for May. This group has been present for the last 3 years, and they always start with us. The Mayor and Council were delighted to honor their request. The council puts signs out all over the area to promote the safety of these riders.

Item 7

Action on February 2019 Financial Report

Motion was made by Jimmy Quick and seconded by Nena Langford to accept the financial report. All being in favor, motion carried.

Item 8

Motion to Pay Bills

Motion was made by Scherri Holmes and seconded by Nena Langford to pay bills for March. All being in favor, motion carried.

Item 9

Report from Compliance Officer (R. J. Smith)

This was tabled Officer Smith was called away on another duty.

Item 10

Discussion on Sole Provider Trash Pickup

As the city continues to invest huge amounts of city revenue to building professional streets. One of the major vehicles that destroy the streets are the large garbage trucks. It was discussed that placing weight limits on all city streets would be a start in addressing this problem. Motion was made by Scherri Holmes and seconded by Jimmy Quick to start the process of converting to a sole

provider trash pickup company. This will be discussed at the next workshop on how to move forward with this idea.

Item 11 Received No Bids for Lawn Service Approval of Extending Contract to Star Mowing
Motion was made by Rolando Guzman and seconded by Jimmy Quick to extend the service of Star Mowing for one more year.

Item 12 Update on Roads
This last weekend the council worked on Abner Road, and helped with some of the pot holes. The sides of the road is destroyed because so many people drive in ditches to avoid the holes. The work on Oak Ridge Drive, and Robin has been completed. In 6 months with good management the city has been able to pave 5 of the city streets. When funds are available the next ones to be replaced will be Red Oak, and Oak Lane.

Item 13 Update on Country Lane (Ditch Cleaning)
The city is ready to clean the ditches and place a new culvert to address the drainage problem. A resident on the road is going to be sent a letter that he should trim the trees that are on his property and growing over the road. The man that will clean the ditches said they had to be trimmed before he can get his equipment in to start the work. The resident has also routed water to flow into road, and he will be asked to correct that problem in the letter. Once all these things are taken care of then the work will proceed. The ditch cleaning will cost \$8500.00. The council discussed placing a load of hot mix on a part of the road that needs repairs.

Item 14 Update on Police Department
Chief Peoples stated that a state law forced all police departments into compliance with a program that is needed by the year 2020. He has requested funds through a grant. The cost to install will be about \$35,000.00 and the maintenance each year will be approximately \$3,000.00 to be budgeted by city. He asked the city to approve a resolution 2019-001 that is needed for the grant. He also stated that the computer company that provides our software gave him the name of 2 collection companys that are compatible with their service. He is going to look into this and report back. Motion was made by Janelle Davis and seconded by Rolando Guzman to approve the Resolution 2019-001. All being in favor, motion carried.

Item 15 Approval of Yard of the Month
Scherri Holmes showed the council the 3 or 4 residents that kept their property very well that she had witnessed. Motion was made by Scherri Holmes and seconded by Nena Langford to choose a house in Pontalba for the April yard of the month. The address will be given to me later so I can send a letter.

Item 16 Discussion and Set Date for next City Council Meeting
Our regular Council Meeting date is April 22, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

Item 17 Discussion and Set Date for April Workshop Meeting
The Council set the date for a March workshop to be April 8, 2019 at 6:00 PM.

Item 18 Update on Municipal Court
The Mayor wanted to list this on all agendas in the future. This is to update the Council on any issue that they needed to be made aware. The Court and Police are different functions not connected to the City Council, except for the budget process.

Item 19 Mayor/Council Items of Interest and/or Items for Future Council Considerations
(No Action to be Taken)

Jimmy Quick had been reviewing the zoning ordinance, and wanted it to be discussed at the next workshop.

Item 20

Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Scherri Holmes and seconded by Jimmy Quick to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 PM. All being in favor, motion carried.

Al Rudin, Mayor

ATTESTED: _____
Donna Sprague, City Secretary