

City of Oak Ridge
Kaufman County, Texas

City Council Workshop Minutes
April 8, 2019 at 6:00 PM

Item 1

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Al Rudin at 6:02 PM. Present were Jimmy Quick, Janelle Davis, Rolando Guzman, Nena Langford, and Scherri Holmes. City Secretary Donna Sprague was in attendance.

Item 2

Update on Court Activities/City Fees

Donna Sprague reported on the month of March. She gave a detailed report on the activity during this time period.

Item 3

Report on Income and Expense of City

The Council was presented a detailed report on the finances of the city for the month of March. Property Taxes, Franchise Fees, and Permits are all in line with the budgeted amount for each. Sales Tax has exceeded the amount budgeted. The money that has been set aside for the dedicated road fund will be used at the end of the month. It was discussed if we would need a short-term loan to rebuild the funds. The Council decided to wait until the end of the month to make that decision. It will depend on how much money comes in this month.

Item 4

Update on Roads

Country Lane and the ditches have been put on hold until a correct engineering plan can be done. The one done by County was not correct. When that is completed, then the work should move forward. The city's part of 279 is not affected, but the bridge on the county part is being replaced, and traffic is being re-routed until work is complete. There is a problem on Robin Road; after the paving was done, it was called to our attention that mail boxes are not in line with the road. This will cause the sides of the road to be broken down, and eventually ruin the new street. The Mayor called the post office and was advised that it was the responsibility of the property owner. The City will ask the residents to move the mail boxes within a foot of the edge of the new road. If they will not comply, then they need to go to Home Depot or McCoy's and get bags of the mixture to bring the space between mail box and new street even.

Item 5

Discussion on the Yard of the Month

This was discussed that the person selected for this honor will be decided at the workshop not the monthly meeting. This will give the council more time to correspond with the resident. Motion was made by Nena Langford and seconded by Jimmy Quick to name John Kay at 5070 Hwy 34 the May Yard of the month award. All being in favor, motion carried.

Item 6

Discussion on Updating NEC Electrical Codes

Council was in favor of updating the codes. The Mayor was going to check to see what year they needed to be changed to, and update our Ordinance. The Mayor is contacting our city attorney to see how this can be done.

Item 7

Discussion on Trash Trucks

The amount of money being spent to fix the roads in Oak Ridge make it necessary to look into seeking a sole provider trash pick-up company. The Council approved this in the last meeting. The City will place an advertisement in both the Terrell and Kaufman papers seeking bids on this work. Some discussion was to have smaller trucks with covered trailers. The trucks can be no larger than a single axle truck. All waste must be bagged, and trash company will need to accept household items. They will be asked to pay a 3% franchise tax to the City of Oak Ridge. The Company receiving the contract will need to bill the customer directly, and state the limit on bags each pickup. These sealed bids must be in by June 10, 2019 to be accepted.

Item 8

Discussion on Ordinance Addressing Living in Temporary Structures

Our Zoning Ordinance clearly states that this is not acceptable in the City of Oak Ridge. There is no need at this time for a new ordinance.

Item 9

Discussion on Country Lane

This was discussed in the update on roads.

Item 10

Discussion on Warrants and Jail Cost

Donna Sprague told the council that the Omni System was in place. The purpose of this program is to prevent any person from renewing their drivers license until the citation is paid. This will add an extra \$30.00 to the other fees associated with the fine. A Compliance Agency has been approved with the law firm of McCreary, Veselka, Bragg, and Allen to collect the warrants that have been filed. This will add 30% collection fee to the other costs. The City will not be charged anything the person owing the citation will be asked to pay. This law firm is already interfaced with our program providers, and our on line payment company. Many of the people that have the warrants issued against them have moved. This company has ways to get current information on the person.

Item 11

Discussion on Any Ordinance for Corrections or Amending

The Mayor Pro Tem Jimmy Quick had reviewed the Zoning Ordinance, and stated that everything that had been discussed in other workshops was covered in the Ordinance. He said there was no need to change or modify any at this time.

Item 12

Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Jimmy Quick and seconded by Scherri Holmes. All being in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Al Rudin, Mayor

ATTESTED:

Donna Sprague, City Secretary