

**City of Oak Ridge**  
**Kaufman County, Texas**

**City Council Workshop Minutes**  
**June 10, 2019 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, Janelle Davis, and Scherri Holmes. Councilman Rolando Guzman came in late at 6:25 PM. Nena Langford was absent for meeting. City Secretary Donna Sprague was in attendance.

**Item 2**

**Opening Sealed Bids for Sanitation Providers**

There were 2 bids submitted from Affordable, and Titan. The Council reviewed each proposal and decided to wait before awarding the contract. In order to meet the requirements we need for 3 companies to bid on the contract. There were 2 others that expressed an interest. The Mayor was going to try to reach out to them. We are not under any time lines so decided to wait.

**Item 3**

**Update on Court Activities/City Fees**

Donna Sprague reported on the month of May. She gave a detailed report on the activity during this time period. Stating that 118 warrants totaling \$46,933.64 had been sent to the law firm to help collect. She stated that another 23 warrants that had been reported to Omni would be sent after 61 days. This gives the defendant this time to pay without adding the additional 30% fee.

**Item 4**

**Report on Income and Expense of City**

The Council was presented a detailed report on the finances of the city for the month of May. Property Taxes, Franchise Fees, and Permits are all in line with the budgeted amount for each. Sales Tax has exceeded the amount budgeted. The dedicated road fund does not have any allocated funds at this time.

**Item 5**

**Update on Roads**

The Mayor had met with Commissioner Hunt and submitted an Interlocal Cooperation Contract for consideration. If approved at the Council Meeting in June it would allow for CR 139 to be graded 12 times during the year for a cost of \$2600.00. It would allow for CR 140 to be graded 12 times during the year for a cost of \$2400.00. The Council wanted estimates of doing the same for CR 279 and 279A for consideration.

**Item 6**

**Discussion on the Yard of the Month**

This was discussed Mr. John Kay has not received the award because it has been too wet to mow his yard. Scherri Holmes will reach out to him and try to arrange to meet.

**Item 7**

**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 8** **Discussion on Kaufman Co. Appraisal District Budget**

The Council reviewed the cost and amount of increase. Comments were made all in the negative.

**Item 9** **Discussion Abner Road Problem**

It was discussed that perhaps the city needed to go back to a rock road until the city could amass the tremendous amount of money to do ditches and pave the road. It was discussed about asking the commissioners in East Texas Counties about the oil that they use on their roads to control the dust problem. If this is done then the City could contract with the County to grade the road. This will be discussed in another workshop. Nothing was decided.

**Item 10** **Discussion On Preliminary Budget**

There was much discussion on several issues on the budget. Some changes were made. It will not be finalized until we receive the certified appraisal of all property.

**Item 11** **Discussion on Compliance Officer**

In the future all Oak Ridge Police Officers will perform the duties of Code Compliance Officer. The Officer on duty will have the obligation to take care of any complaint. They will each be compensated for their time in the same fashion as the other Compliance Officer.

**Item 12** **Discussion on Old Display Board**

Pricing needs to be done on an information board to be placed announcing City of Oak Ridge, Police Department, and Fire Department.

**Item 13** **Motion to Adjourn**

Motion was made by Scherri Holmes and seconded by Jimmy Quick. All being in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:11 PM.

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Al Rudin, Mayor

ATTESTED:

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Donna Sprague, City Secretary