

City of Oak Ridge
Kaufman County, Texas
City Council Meeting Minutes
May 24, 2021 at 7:00 PM

Call to Order

Item 1
Meeting was called to order by Mayor Al Rudin at 7:00 PM. Present were Council Members Rolando Guzman, Janelle Davis, Jimmy Quick, and Nena Langford. Scherri Holmes was absent. City Secretary Donna Sprague was in attendance.

Pledge

Item 2
Council stood and said the pledge.

Citizen Input

Item 3
Mary Kinney spoke to council about the Hwy 34 Project. The Mayor said it would be discussed at length on Item 12.

Approve Payments of May 2021 Bills

Item 4
Motion was made by Nena Langford and seconded by Rolando Guzman to approve payment. All being in favor, motion carried.

Action on April Financial Report

Item 5
Motion was made by Jimmy Quick and seconded by Rolando Guzman to accept the financial report for March. All being in favor, motion carried.

Approval of April 26, 2021 City Council Minutes

Item 6
Motion was made by Nena Langford and seconded by Jimmy Quick to accept the minutes as written. All being in favor, motion carried.

Approve Minutes for May 10 , 2021 Workshop/Council Meeting

Item 7
Motion was made by Jimmy Quick and seconded by Nena Langford to accept the minutes as written. All being in favor motion carried.

Resident Requesting to Appear Before Court (Tameka Ramos 8264 Abner Rd.)

Item 8
Mrs. Ramos and her husband came to meeting stating they were new residents of Oak Ridge. They wanted to meet the Council and Mayor. They had questions about street lights, the shape that Abner Road was in at this time. Wanted to know if a sign could be placed on Hwy 34 to tell traffic to slow down before they arrived at Abner Road. She also wanted to know if speed bumps could be installed. The Mayor answered each question. The street lights are paid for by the residents that needed lighting. The road will be completely resurfaced by County when they take action on bond issue. TxDot would be the agency to contact about any signs on St. Hwy. 34, and the city will not install speed bumps because of liability issues. He also welcomed them to the city, and appreciate them wanting to get to know more about city government.

Item 9 Discussion on Builders Development Guide and Noise Ordinance (Councilman Jimmy Quick)

His residence is across from the new development. He works all week and would like to sleep late on Saturday morning. The Construction Company, when weather permits starts at daylight. He said that something needs to be done since we have an Ordinance that says they cannot start on Saturdays until 9:00 A. M. The Mayor said that every time this has been brought up he has contacted the developer. He had ask him to be at meeting, but he had a previous meeting. On the phone the Mayor was told that the Contractor was an independent company, and he would try to convey the concerns again.

Item 10

Update on Roads

The Mayor said that Country Lane is complete. There has been a drainage problem on Savannah, Brad Akin is working with homeowners to resolve their problem. It will not be a City problem since the street is the cities only responsibility. The developer did not do the drainage properly when he built the sub-division. The next road that will be looked at when funds are available will be CR140. No residents live on CR139 so that road will not be addressed at this time. The County will continue to grade once a month. The next road that the city might be paving would be CR 279, at least that road had 2 residents on it. Oak Lane will have to be last because it will cost a great deal of extra money to fix the culverts, drainage, and street.

Item 11

Discussion of Police Department

The officer in attendance said that from May 10th through May 24th the police had 96 hours of patrol, plus 16 more hours for reserve officers. 15 citations had been written during that time period, and one code violation. There had been 24 contacts with residents in Oak Ridge. The officer gave some good information on the new reader board showing the speeds that people travel on St. Hwy. 34. It will provide data that shows when the peak time for speeders is taking place. They can adjust their time to be in this area during those times.

Item 12

Discussion From Mayor Rudin on Last Meeting with TxDot

Mayor Rudin met with the Director of TxDot Mr. Jay Nelson concerning the feasibility study on St. Hwy. 34. The State has ruled out any alternate route, and have settled with enlarging Hwy. 34 along it's existing route. The road will vary from 110 feet in some locations, and up to 130 feet when it could expand without making additional hardships on residents. From Zagota to Kings Creek all the road would have curbs. South of Zagota into Kaufman would not have curbing. It will be a 5 lane roadway with no medium, only a turn lane. With this study being over now it has to have an Impact study, and then an Engineer's study. The Engineer study has many phases Soil study, Environmental study, Safety study, Once all this is finished then it will go back to TxDot to adjust the feasibility study to take into consideration all the changes. This is needed in order to draw the final plan. All this will take 2 to 5 years, and during that time the State will be seeking Federal funding for the project.

Item 13

Update on Building Extension and Finances to Date

The City Secretary told the Council that most of the bills had been paid at this time. We did go over budget by a small amount. The Mayor said he had a bid on the concrete ramp of \$6500.00. When this is over we may need a budget adjustment to cover the additional expense.

Item 14

Set Date for June City Council Meeting (June 28, 2021 at 7:00 PM.)

The meeting was set for this date and time.

Item 15

Discussion and Set Date for June Workshop/Council Meeting

The date set for Workshop is June 14, 2021 at 6:00

Item 16

Update on Municipal Court

The Court Clerk reported that Court was conducted on May 19th at 5:30 pm. The Prosecutor has made offers to all the ones having attorneys. The Court is waiting to see if the offer is agreed to by all parties. One is doing community service. All that was on the docket except one appeared to have their case heard. At least 2 have been rescheduled for the next court date.

Item 17 Mayor/Council Items of Community Interest and/or Items for Future Council Considerations (No Action to be Taken)

No comments were made.

Item 18

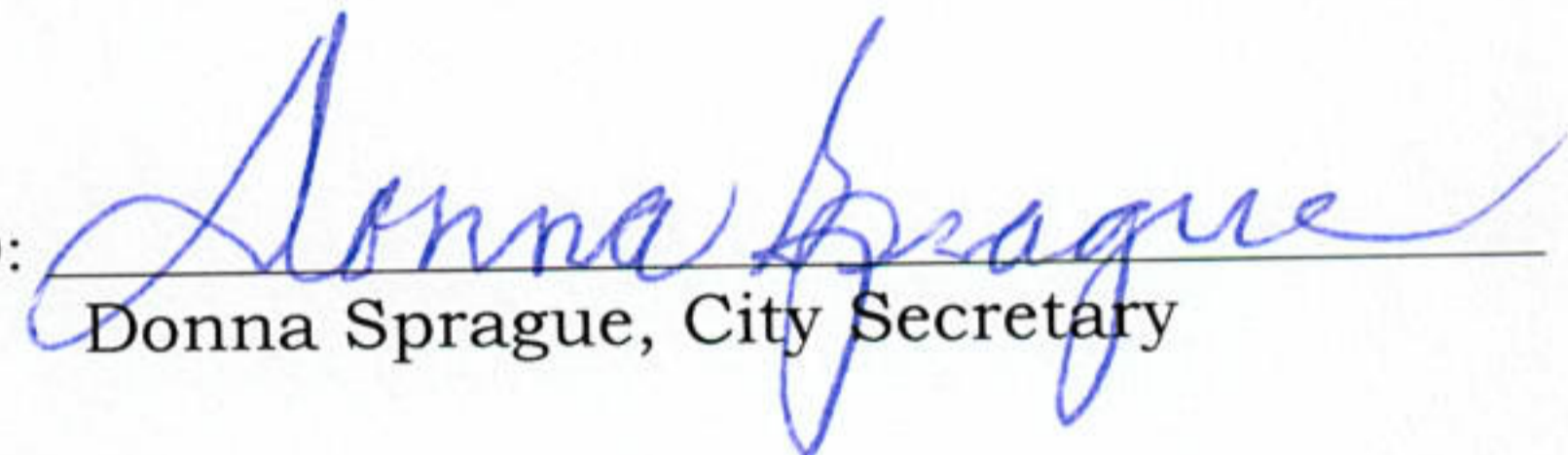
Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Nena Langford and seconded by Jimmy Quick to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 PM. All being in favor, motion carried



Al Rudin, Mayor

ATTESTED:



Donna Sprague, City Secretary