City of Oak Ridge Kaufman County, Texas City Council Meeting Minutes September 28, 2020 at 7:00 PM

Item 1 Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Al Rudin at 7:06 PM. Present were Council Members Janelle Davis, Rolando Guzman, Jimmy Quick, Nena Langford, and Scherri Holmes. City Secretary Donna Sprague was in attendance.

Item 2 Pledge

Council stood and said the pledge.

Item 3 Citizen Input

Mary Kinney again expressed her concerns on the widening of Hwy 34. She said it would place her house very close to the road. The Mayor said that all the people along this route should be concerned.

<u>Item 4</u> <u>Discussion on Future Construction of Commercial/Retail Lots</u> (Bill Parmer)

Mr. Parmer was the first business that Oak Ridge had approved. He had been a good neighbor to any resident that the property borders his. He has purchased an additional 20 acres, and is trying to decide how he wants to use the property. He has a buyer for about 2 acres that will put in a business that makes metal studs. The buyer would also have an office and warehouse. He said that the property would be on the front 9 acres, and there would be a 20' or 30' green belt between this development and the other owners of property. The Mayor said he could sell any part he wanted to once. If he plans to sub-divide any of the other acres it would require a plat being drawn up and approved by the Kaufman County Commissioners Court. At this point he is undecided, but says the person he is talking with really wants to relocate here as soon as possible. The council could not vote on the discussion, but did not seem to object to what he was making reference as of now.

Item 5 Approval of August 24, 2020 Public Hearing Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Scherri Holmes and seconded by Rolando Guzman to accept the minutes as written. All being in favor, motion carried.

<u>Item 6</u> <u>Approval of August 24, 2020 Council</u> <u>Minutes</u>

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

Item 7 Approval of September 14, 2020 City Council/Workshop Minutes

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

Item 8 Discuss, Consider, Approve Accepting Terrell ETJ and Release into City of Oak Ridge ETJ

Motion was made by Jimmy Quick and seconded by Scherri Holmes to approve the ETJ agreement drawn up in accordance with the MOU. All being in favor, motion carried.

Item 9 Action on August 2020 Financial

Report

Motion was made by Jimmy Quick and seconded by Scherri Holmes to accept the financial report for August 2020. All being in favor, motion carried. The Mayor praised the council for the good work they had done this year. He said we had accomplished a lot, but there was always more that needed to be done to serve the citizens of Oak Ridge.

Item 10 Motion to Pay Bills for September 2020

Motion was made by Nena Langford and seconded by Rolando Guzman to pay bills for August 2020. All being in favor, motion carried.

Item 11 Update on Roads

We all know that the long awaited replacement of Abner Road is now being done. It appears that the City will have to also take the road that runs along the new subdivision. The Mayor says that it is an undue burden on the city, but a State Law and an Attorney General Opinion are hard to fight. Most of the road is used by county residents, and the county owns the north part of the road from the center. The Council was also stating their concern about the proposal of widening of St. Hwy.34. The Mayor is arranging a meeting with TxDot to discuss this matter in the near future.

<u>Item 12</u> <u>Update on Police Department With Discussion on Code Enforcement Officer</u> It was not represented so nothing to report.

<u>Item 13</u> <u>Discuss, Consider, Approve Inter-Local Agreement for Platting</u>
This was tabled for more input from City Attorney.

<u>Item 14</u> <u>Discussion and Set Date for next City Council Meeting</u>
Our regular Council Meeting date is October 26, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

Item 15 Discussion and Set Date for September Workshop/Council Meeting

The date set for Workshop is October 12, 2020 at 6:00.

Item 16 Update on Municipal Court

The Clerk said that court was held on September 16, 2020. There was a backlog of cases because of the shutdown for the COVID-19 Virus. All were resolved except for 2. One did not show and was sent a pre-warrant letter. The other is a minor, and is represented by an attorney.

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

No issues were discussed.

Item 18 Motion to

Adjourn

Motion was made by Scherri Holmes and seconded by Nena Langford to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 PM. All being in favor, motion carried

	ATTESTED:	
Al Rudin, Mayor		Donna Sprague, City Secretary