

**City of Oak Ridge**  
**Kaufman County, Texas**  
**City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**April 24, 2017 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 Scherri Holmes, Janelle Davis, Rolando Guzman, Jimmy Quick, and Nena Langford. City Secretary Donna Sprague and Code Enforcement Officer Jesse Wood were both present.

**Item 2****Pledge**

Council stood and recited pledge.

**Item 3****Citizen Input**

We had 4 residents present. The only one to speak was Mary Kinney. She inquired about a white strip across her street. She asked about the meaning of the strip. The Mayor said the Highway Department was placing those to inform residents where they needed to stop before entering State Highway 34. She said there were also reflectors. This is another safety concern.

**Item 4****Approval of March 27, 2017 Minutes**

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

**Item 5****Approval of April 1, 2017 Emergency Minutes**

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

**Item 6****Approval of April 10, 2017 Workshop Minutes**

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

**Item 7****Action on March 2017 Monthly Financial Report**

Motion was made by Janelle Davis and seconded by Scherri Holmes to accept the February Financial report. All being in favor, motion carried.

**Item 8****Motion to Pay Bills**

Motion was made by Nena Langford and seconded by Jimmy Quick to pay bills for the month of April. All being in favor, motion carried.

**Item 9****Report of Code Enforcement Officer (Jesse Wood)**

A written report of activities was submitted to the Council. Most of the discussion was about the Ham Operator Tower; that if the resident purchases the property, he might want to put up a 50 foot tower in his back yard. The Council was informed that a petition, objecting to the tower, was being circulated by neighbors. The City has no ordinance to address this and will have to do much research to know how this is to be handled in the future.

**Item 10****Approval to Purchase Microsoft Office for Police Dept.**

Rolando Guzman had been researching, and was put in charge of the purchase. Motion was made by Jimmy Quick and seconded by Scherri Holmes to purchase the software. All being in favor, motion carried.

**Item 11** **Police Department Update**

The Mayor stated that TCOLE had made the final inspection on Wednesday April 19, 2017. They were pleased with the process, and said that only a few cities passed on the first inspection. The Council expressed their appreciation to Chief Combs and Assistant Chief Peoples for getting the city approved. Many man hours went into this process, and these two men did it with no cost to the City of Oak Ridge. Chief Combs would have attended the meeting, but he had just lost his mother-in-law on Saturday. Once we receive the official report from TCOLE, the city will be able to start functioning as a Police Dept. The Mayor also reminded the council that once the approval is official, then the city will get a Federal number referred to as an ORI, and the city will be able to purchase from the facility in Fort Worth items for Police Department and road equipment at a reduced cost. The only stipulation is that the city will use or keep the item for 5 years before they sell or destroy the equipment.

**Item 12** **Approval of Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month Proclamation**

The meeting was attended by Sue West and Mike Dowvum representing 2 of the motorcycle clubs in Kaufman County. The Mayor read the proclamation, and signed 6 copies so that each motorcycle club would have a copy. Motion was made by Jimmy Quick and seconded by Scherri Holmes to approve the proclamation. All being in favor, motion carried.

**Item 13** **Update on Roads**

There have been no complaints on the roads in the last few months. As soon as the council gets good weather on the weekend, they are going to finish the work started on Abner Road.

**Item 14** **Set Date for next City Council Meeting**

The council set the date for Monday May 22, 2017, at 7:00 PM.

**Item 15** **Discussion and Set Date for April Workshop Meeting**

The council set the date of Monday May 8, 2017, for the next workshop meeting.

**Item 16 Mayor/Council Items of Community Interest and/or Items for Future Council Considerations ( No Action to be Taken)**

The only item was the yard of the month and how that is to be accomplished. Jimmy Quick said he would have something for the council to see at the workshop. There will be a certificate issued to each person receiving the recognition.

**Item 17** **Motion to Adjourn**

Motion was made by Jimmy Quick and seconded by Nena Langford. All being in favor, motion carried. The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:59 PM.

ATTESTED: \_\_\_\_\_

Al Rudin, Mayor

Donna Sprague, City Secretary