

City of Oak Ridge
Kaufman County, Texas

City Council Workshop Minutes
May 8, 2017 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, Nena Langford, Janelle Davis, and Rolando Guzman. Scherri Holmes was not present. City Secretary Donna Sprague, and Code Enforcement Officer Jesse Wood were present.

Item 2

Discussion on Budget for 2017/2018

The Police Chief was present and asked that his Agenda Item 6 be addressed first with the budget so he could leave earlier. The Mayor agreed to combine the 2 since they were on the same issues. The chief stated that the Police Department was in the final days of completion. The City would need to buy a computer for personnel issues (only) connected to TCOLE. Nobody would have access to the computer; it is a dedicated line to Austin. He also addressed line by line the budget for police department, changing the figures based on his knowledge. He spoke at length on an impound yard set-up behind City Hall, and how that would be used. Donna Sprague had received another cost on Workers Compensation for the Police. TML is checking to see if an unpaid reserve officer would need workers compensation. It is believed by the representative Carol Platt that it would have to be paid. She is checking and will get back before budget has to be finalized. The council went outside to see the Police vehicle while it was here. The mayor recessed the meeting at 6:59 PM for this purpose. The meeting was reconvened at 7:10 PM.

Item 3

Discussion on November Election Proposition 1

The county had provided the figures for the cost of preparing the city for the election. The city will conduct the election in the City Hall building. The county's cost for their part will be \$1,102.75. This is 1/3 of the cost that is usually billed for an election. The City Secretary, Donna Sprague, will be in charge of the election. She has had 42 years of experience in the election process in Kaufman County. Her main goal is to maintain the integrity of the election.

Item 4

Discussion on Roads

The primary concern right now is Abner Road. The Mayor has had 3 eye surgeries, and councilman Jimmy Quick will have double knee replacement surgery in a couple to weeks. The plan is if the weather permits to work on Abner Road on the 21st of May.

Item 5

Discussion on Yard of the Month

The sign is almost done. The council will be looking for the first yard to receive the award. A certificate will be awarded to each resident that is selected.

Item 6

Discussion on Police Department

This was combined with Item 2.

Item 7

Discussion on Using Credit Cards

Jesse Wood has used Card Swipe Service for the last 2 years in his business, with no complaints. The provider charges 2% to 4% and accepts Visa and Master Card. The council will discuss this at a later workshop.

Agenda Item # 5

Item 8 Discussion on Ordinance 3-12 and 3-12A Outdoor Burning

There is a clerical error in the typing of the ordinance. It can be corrected as Administrative Error. The Council said the ordinance needs to be studied for other possible changes to make the language clearer.

Item 9 Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Jimmy Quick, and seconded by Rolando Guzman to adjourn at 8:22 PM.

Al Rudin, Mayor

ATTESTED:

Donna Sprague, City Secretary