

AGENDA ITEM 5

City of Oak Ridge
Kaufman County, Texas

City Council Workshop Minutes
June 12, 2017 at 6:00 PM

Item 1

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Al Rudin at 6:00 PM. Present were Nena Langford, Janelle Davis, Scherri Holmes and Rolando Guzman. Jimmy Quick came in at 6:03 PM on walker. He is still recovering from double knee replacement surgery. City Secretary Donna Sprague, and Code Enforcement Officer Jesse Wood were present.

Item 2

Discussion on Accepting CC Payments thru Website

Bambi Wade with Sterling Southwest did a presentation on her company's ability to handle our needs for credit card payment of fines, etc. It was very clearly explained. She is local and can address our problems if they occur. Her cost would be approximately \$1000.00 yearly. The Mayor said we had 2 other proposals to consider, and we would get back with her soon. We had a printout from Pace Payment Systems that the council reviewed. They are connected with the ezTask System which provides our Website. This will be decided at a future workshop after we get the third bid.

Item 3

Discussion on Police Department

The Mayor reported that our ORI number has been issued. We can now purchase needs for the city from a Federal Surplus Program at a reduced cost. We can also use the 1033 program to purchase used equipment for the repair of the roads. He has been moving toward this goal for the last year, and believes we will be able to repair city roads more easily and more effectively if we have the necessary equipment.

Item 4

Discussion on Yard of the Month

This project was started by Councilman Quick, and all is in place except the sign to be placed in the yard of our first recipient. Jimmy Quick will get the sign printed before the next meeting.

Item 5

Discussion on November Election on Proposition 1

The Mayor asked the council to look for copies of any utility bill, or purchase on line where the full sales tax of 8.25% was being charged. He said that based on his review, the rates are all over the place as to how this is calculated. He does not want to misinform any resident, but it is clear that on the ones who do charge 8.25%, the City of Oak Ridge does not receive the money. The Town Hall Meeting on June 15th will be at which time the residents can discuss it with the council.

Item 6

Discussion on Roads

The Mayor said that Abner and Zagota were both in need of repairs. This Sunday is Fathers' Day, but he said he would still try to do some work on Abner by himself.

Item 7

Discussion on Ordinance 3-12 on Outdoor Burning

Jesse Wood said that some of the language could be misleading. The Council recommended one minor administrative change that will be approved at the next council meeting.

Item 8 Discussion on Allowing Hardy Panels on New House

The council agreed that as long as the house is 75% brick or natural stone, any material can be used for trim except the materials listed in Ordinance 2-14. The materials not allowed are stucco, aluminum siding, or exposed cinderblock.

Item 9 Discussion on 2017/2018 Budget

Cost of uniforms for Police Dept. was discussed and added to budget. The Mayor mentioned that the budget has to be approved in the August 28th meeting. In the July council meeting, they will set the date for the budget hearing. It will be before the regular meeting for any resident who wants to be present. The budget is being finalized now.

Item 10 Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Jimmy Quick and seconded by Scherri Holmes. All being in favor, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Al Rudin, Mayor

ATTESTED:

Donna Sprague, City Secretary