

City of Oak Ridge
Kaufman County, Texas
City Council Meeting Minutes
June 26, 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, Jimmy Quick, and Nena Langford. The Mayor announced that there was a quorum so the meeting could proceed. Janelle Davis and Rolando Guzman were absent. 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 1 resident present. Mary Kinney spoke about a pot hole at the entrance at her street that had been fixed, but the large amount of rain Oak Ridge had received had washed some of the material out. Mayor Rudin told her he would have a look at it in the next few days to see what could be done to fix her problem.

Item 4

Approval of May 22, 2017 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 5

Approval of June 12, 2017 Workshop Minutes

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

Item 6

Action on May 2017 Monthly Financial Report

There was much discussion about the remaining time before a new budget was approved. The Council checked to see if all items had sufficient funds to cover this year. Motion was made by Scherri Holmes and seconded by Nena Langford to accept the May Financial report. All being in favor, motion carried.

Item 7

Motion to Pay Bills

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

Item 8

Line Item Transfers

Motion was made by Jimmy Quick to move \$3425.00 to Web Hosting reducing Grounds by \$1050.00, and Legal General by \$2375.00. His next motion was to increase Membership/Dues by \$163.00 and reduce inspections by that amount. Motion was made to increase Insurance for TML by \$172.48 by reducing Facility Maintenance by that amount. Last motion is to increase insurance to TML by another \$1137.20 by reducing Road Repair. The motion was seconded by Scherri Holmes. All being in favor, motion carried.

Item 9

Action on Request from Star Transit

Star Transit is requesting that Oak Ridge pay \$706.03 yearly for them to operate in Oak Ridge. One Councilmember said they were under the impression that everyone using the service had to pay for the use. The Mayor said that he was only aware of 2 residents that possibly used the transportation, and that much to pay yearly was a lot per individual. Jimmy Quick made the

motion and Nena Langford seconded that we not pay the amount billed. All being in favor, motion carried.

Item 10 **Approval of Administrative Change to Ordinance 3-12**

The wording in the Ordinance was confusing. To make it clearer for anyone to understand Page 2 (B) (2) shall read: Burning is permitted within the corporate limits of the city in accordance with page 3 paragraph 2 of local amendments.

Item 11 **Report and Update on Police Department**

Assistant Chief Tom Peoples was present. He is to meet with Commissioners Court and Sheriff Bryan Beavers in the next 2 weeks to see if area 911 dispatch will be able to take the calls for Oak Ridge, and see what the cost will be. The Mayor stated that in the beginning it was said that small cities would not be charged, but that has been changed. The Mayor told the Assistant Chief that because we were in the budget process, we would have to have to cost in the next few weeks. The Mayor asked when the Police Department would be operational, and was told that by the first of October, it would be in place.

Item 12 **Drainage Problem on Oak (Flooding)**

Chris Turner did not come to meeting, and had requested to be put on agenda. However, the Mayor said he had visited with the residents with the problem, and a solution was being worked out. He felt sure that it was being resolved. The barrier wall placed around the resident's property may have been the problem, but it was there because they had been flooded in the past. The ditches seem to be the major cause of the flooding. The Mayor said he had to get with Txdot about cleaning out the ditches on Hwy. 34. He believes this would prevent flooding in the future. He said that any resident that had taken pictures of their property during the rains, and the flooding they experienced would help present his case to Txdot if they would get them to him.

Item 13 **Report of Code Enforcement Officer**

A written report was submitted to council. There was some discussion.

Item 14 **Update on Roads**

The Mayor will call Old Castle and have a load of material delivered to the City Hall for the needed repairs on the roads. He believes that it will work better if it is here for use. He said that a culvert has to be placed on the back part of the property to get ready for deliveries of road material and heavy equipment. They worked on Abner Road last weekend, but after the rain, it has problems again. The Mayor thanked Sam Marlow for his assistance in finishing the driveway for City Hall to Abner Road. This is not to be used for everyday travel. It will be closed off, and used only when there is a function at city hall like an election. Jimmy Quick is going to put a gate up as soon as he is able. The Mayor plans to make a trip to the Ft. Worth Salvage Yard soon to see if the city can purchase road building equipment to assist in repairing the roads.

Item 15 **Set Date for Next City Council Meeting**

The date was set on the uniform date of July 24, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

Item 16 **Discussion and Set Date for July Workshop Meeting**

The date was set for July 10, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

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

The Town Hall Meeting was attended by one resident. There seems to be nothing that can be done to make residents interested in city. A truck destroyed the message board last weekend.

The Mayor told councilmembers that we had received a check from TML, and the work would be started in the next week or so to replace. He mentioned that the person building the new board said that the message board on the City Hall could be replaced for about \$1000.00 that could be changed with a remote. That would stop the need for councilmembers having to go up on a very tall ladder to replace the lettering. The lettering blows off every time it comes a small wind. The Mayor wanted the council to go by and look at the one on his shop to see if the investment would be needed in the next budget.

Item 18

Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Nena Langford and seconded by Scherri Holmes. All being in favor, motion carried. The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:31 PM.

Al Rudin, Mayor

ATTESTED: _____
Donna Sprague, City Secretary