

City of Oak Ridge
Kaufman County, Texas

City Council Workshop Minutes
September 11, 2017 at 6:00 PM

Item 1 **Call to Order**
Meeting was called to order by Mayor Al Rudin at 6:05 PM. Present were Scherri Holmes, Jimmy Quick, and Rolando Guzman. Janelle Davis came in at 6:08. City Secretary Donna Sprague, and Code Enforcement Officer Jesse Wood were present.

Item 2 **Review of Ordinance 40-16A Fencing**
This was for clarification purposes. Ordinance and handout were not clear on meaning. This is an amendment to the original Ordinance 40-16. All agreed that this was the language they needed.

Item 3 **Discussion on the House to Receive Yard of Month Award**
The yard of the month recipient was chosen for September, but council was unclear how to proceed. Scherri Holmes said that once the yard is chosen at workshop. The next agenda will have the vote on the one chosen. Then the City Secretary will call on the following Wednesday to let the person know of the council decision. An appointment to deliver sign, and certificate to the owner will need to be made. As many council members as possible should go. Pictures should be made and put on webpage. The one chosen for September will be our first and will be acknowledged for October.

Item 4 **Discussion on Roads**
Now that the cold mix is delivered. The councilmen and mayor will start repairing Oak Ridge roads again. The work Saturday will be Oak Ridge, Oak Lane, and Robin Rd. The Mayor is still exploring solutions on Abner Road. He wanted to know of any responses to letter sent out to residents. Only one person living in Oak Ridge responded to Mayor. The other two on Next Door did not live in city just used the road daily. The need to post speed signs that were approved earlier was discussed. Jesse Wood was ask to order the signs soon in order for them to be posted where needed.

Item 5 **Discussion on Police Department**
It appears the last thing is being done that is to program the radios for police vehicles. That is being done now.

Item 6 **Discussion on Fence Ordinance 40-16**
Discussion was made and agreed that the small projects handout and the Ordinance should agree. There will be an amendment to Ordinance 40-16 to be voted on in the September meeting.

Item 7 **Discussion on November Election on Proposition 1**
We had been approved to hold the election for Proposition 1 here in the City Hall this year. The City Secretary had been ask to attend a workshop in Commissioners Court on the new concept of Vote Centers. This is a process that would let voters on election day vote anywhere in the County much like they can in early voting. Early voting is confined to 4 voting places, but election day will be for any place in the county holding elections. When fully implemented they will only provide voting in 65% of the existing pcts. By eliminating small voting boxes they will save a large amount of money each election, without the voters being disenfranchised. Actually it

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should increase voter participation. The council approved a letter to election authority approving the action.

Item 8 **Discussion on Posting Board on Building**
The bid for this was \$6,800.00 when the person verbally quoted about \$1,200.00. We cannot afford this cost. The Mayor said he would research and see if he could find one at lower price. If necessary we will discuss at the next workshop.

Item 9 **Discussion on 2017/2018 Budget**
There were a few minor changes made to budget. It is ready to be approved at next meeting.

Item 10 **Discussion on Several Issues by Code Enforcement Officer**
Fence was discussed in Item 6 and agreed on. He stated that handout and Ordinances should have same wording. This will be looked at in future workshops, and may need amendments to Ordinances.

Item 11 **Discussion on Discarded Mail Found at City Hall**
When council members were mowing they found a large amount of opened and unopened mail beside the building. The Mayor took it to the Postmaster in Terrell, and told them we had outside cameras if they wanted to review the film. They have never contacted the city to view.

Item 12 **Discussion on Progress of Web-Page (Kerry Guzman)**
It is ready to start. She will have to go through training to be shown how to move our files to the new web-page.

Item 13 **Discussion on Lawn Service in Budget**
This will be an agenda item to be discussed. We added an amount to pay for this service in the budget. It was too much for the council to do this year with all the rain.

Item 14 **Discussion on Proposal From LT Systems**
The Mayor is going to call and question some of the charges that are in the quote. It is preferred to buy the system, than to lease it.

Item 15 **Motion to Adjourn**
Motion was made by Jimmy Quick and seconded by Scherri Holmes. All being in favor, motion carried. The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:15 PM.

Al Rudin, Mayor

ATTESTED:

Donna Sprague, City Secretary