

City of Oak Ridge
Kaufman County, Texas
City Council Meeting Minutes
September 25, 2017 at 7:00 PM

Item 1

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Al Rudin at 7:01 PM. Present were Council Members Jimmy Quick, Nena Langford, Scherri Holmes, and Janelle Davis. Rolando Guzman was 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

Mary Kinney was the only resident that wanted to speak. She thanked the Mayor and Councilmen for working so hard over the weekend repairing the pot holes on her street.

Item 4

Approval of August 28, 2017 Minutes and Budget Minutes

Motion was made by Jimmy Quick, and seconded by Nena Langford to accept the minutes. Scherri Holmes abstained from voting. All others being in favor, motion carried. Next item to require a vote of approval was the Budget Minutes. Motion was made by Nena Langford, and seconded by Jimmy Quick to accept the minutes on budget hearing conducted earlier the same night. Scherri Holmes abstained as she had been out with foot surgery. All others being in favor, motion carried.

Item 5

Approval of September 11, 2017 Workshop Minutes

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

Item 6

Action on August 2017 Monthly Financial Report

Motion was made by Scherri Holmes and seconded by Jimmy Quick to accept the August Financial report. All being in favor, motion carried.

Item 7

Motion to Pay Bills

Motion was made by Nena Langford and seconded by Scherri Holmes to pay bills for the month of September. All being in favor, motion carried.

Item 8

Update on Police Department Tom Peoples

Assistant Chief Tom Peoples was present for the meeting. He said that all the equipment and ticket books have been purchased. The Department should be operational on October 1, 2017. It has taken a long time to accomplish all that had to be done, but the Mayor said that by going slow, he is confident that all things have been done properly. The Mayor asked Chief Peoples about going to the surplus equipment yard. As soon as the Chief attends a school in Austin for one day, which will be soon, they will be able to access the facility. It has been the hope from the start that the City would be able to purchase road equipment to assist in repairing the city roads. The Chief also said that the City would have 3 equipped vehicles for their use. There would be a need later to purchase a hand held radio for communication purposes.

Item 9

Approval of Ordinance 40-16A an Amendment to Fencing Ord. 40-16

Motion was made by Scherri Holmes and seconded by Jimmy Quick to approve the amendment to the existing ordinance. All being in favor, motion carried.

Item 10

Discussion on Pontalba Subdivision

Wade Hebb has been one of the most successful developers in Oak Ridge. He has always done quality work, and always makes sure that all the Ordinances of the City are followed. His first street in the subdivision is almost full. He is going to extend his addition by developing another street or Phase 2. The Mayor told the council that this property is in our ETJ, and Mr. Hebb wants to continue to be a part of Oak Ridge. He will dedicate the next Phase to Oak Ridge in its plat.

Item 11

Report from Code Enforcement Officer (Jesse Wood)

He presented the Council with a written copy of his activities in Oak Ridge during the month. He was asked if he had ordered the speed signs for Oak Ridge. The speed signs have to be in place for 30 days before there can be a violation.

Item 12

Approval of Ordinance 48-17 (Oklahoma Lane Closure)

The Mayor said that a meeting had been called by he and Commissioner Mike Hunt on October 4, 2017, here at City Hall. All owners of the property on both sides have been invited to attend this meeting. The process will be explained to everyone that has property bordering the road. Once all the legal matters have been done, it is the hope of the Mayor that these property owners will be able to take the road into their property. He said any councilmember that wanted to attend was invited, but it was not required.

Item 13

Update on Roads

The Mayor said that the previous weekend, the streets of Oak Ridge Drive and Oak Lane were repaired. Then with the help of Denny Oats, they were able to take the rest of the hot mix and start working on Abner Road. Denny furnished his time and equipment, and the work went much better than with the shovels the council and mayor had been using. A couple of weeks earlier, he had brought his tractor and mower and cut the grass at City Hall. The Mayor said he wished we had a dozen more people like Denny Oats. He clearly takes an interest in the City and what this council is trying to accomplish.

Item 14

Set Date for Next City Council Meeting

The date was set on the uniform date of October 23, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

Item 15

Discussion and Set Date for October Workshop Meeting

The Council decided to skip October for a workshop. Most of the issues discussed in workshops this year have been resolved.

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

There was no discussion made at this time.

Item 17

Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Scherri Holmes and seconded by Jimmy Quick to adjourn meeting. All being in favor, motion carried. The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:21 PM.

Al Rudin, Mayor

ATTESTED: _____
Donna Sprague, City Secretary