

City of Oak Ridge
Kaufman County, Texas
City Council Meeting Minutes
July 27, 2020 at 7:00 PM

Item 1

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Jimmy Quick at 7:00 PM. Present were Council Members Janelle Davis, Rolando Guzman, and Scherri Holmes. Mayor Al Rudin was unable to attend. City Secretary Donna Sprague was in attendance.

Item 2

Pledge

Council stood and said the pledge.

Item 3

Citizen Input

Mary Kinney spoke to council about the continuance of fireworks in neighborhood. She said that it was bad on the 4th, but it had not stopped. Councilmember Scherri Holmes said that there had been police working on the 4th, but agreed that she still heard the fireworks from her house. Mr. Charner Williams spoke to council about wanting to build a barn-o-minum on the 8 acres he had purchased. He said that they would have built a home 7 or 8 months ago when they purchased the property, but had issues with neighbor that had not been resolved. He said that they had next considered putting a tiny house on property, but found out that was not acceptable for long term. His third option was to rebuild a mobile home that was unlivable on his property. His fourth option was to try to be de-annexed. The council listened to all of his want list, and agreed to place his situation on the next workshop for discussion.

Item 4

Approval of June 22, 2020 Council Minutes

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

Item 5

Approval of July 13, 2020 Public Hearing Minutes

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

Item 6

Approval of July 13, 2020 Council/ Workshop Minutes

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

Item 7

Discuss, consider, and act on Ordinance 60-20 Amending Zoning Map

The Council has still not come to the point of acceptance on the Ordinance 60-20. Rolando Guzman said he needed more time to understand the issue better, and Scherri Holmes said that she was not ready to make her decision. Scherri Holmes made the motion to place it on the next workshop and Rolando Guzman seconded the motion. Mr. Don Lackland was there, and said he realized that the decision would have far reaching consequence. He said that he could start working on the next phase, but before the plat could be approved, he would have to have the zoning ordinance. All of the council voted to table and discuss at workshop.

Item 8

Action on June 2020 Financial Report

Motion was made by Janelle Davis and seconded by Rolando Guzman to accept the June 2020 Financial Report. All being in favor, motion carried.

Item 9

Motion to Pay Bills for July 2020

Motion was made by Scherri Holmes and seconded by Rolando Guzman to pay bills for July 2020. All being in favor motion carried.

Item 10

Update on Roads

The Mayor stated that Commissioner Mike Hunt and the Engineer for the State had looked at Abner Road. The Mayor believes that the work could start in the next few weeks. Councilmen Jimmy Quick and Rolando Guzman said they would try to get together this weekend and put some of the rock and hot mix in as many holes as they could. He said that residents trying to help had actually hindered by placing bricks, and pieces of concrete in the holes.

Item 11

Update on Police Department

Officer Bryan Pickler said that a trailer had been reported stolen last week in Oak Ridge. The Court Clerk showed the council the new way the officers were writing their citations. The elimination of hand written citations makes it much easier to read.

Item 12 Discuss, consider, and act on Request by Oak Valley Development to Place Sign on City Property

Motion was made by Rolando Guzman and seconded by Scherri Holmes to table until the next Workshop. All being in favor, motion carried.

Discuss, consider, act on Request for Ranch Business Sign

Upon review of this request the council agreed that this request met all the sign requirement, and was to be placed on the owner’s property. Motion was made by Rolando Guzman and seconded by Scherri Holmes to accept this request for sign. All being in favor, motion carried.

Item 11

Discussion and Set Date for next City Council Meeting

Our regular Council Meeting date is August 24, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

Item 12

Discussion and Set Date for August Workshop/Council Meeting

The date set for Workshop is August 10, 2020 at 6:00.

Item 13

Set Date and Time to hold Public Hearing on Tax Rate and Budget

Motion was made by Scherri Holmes and seconded by Rolando Guzman to set the date and time at August 24, 2020 at 6:30 PM.

Item 13

Update on Municipal Court

The Court Clerk said that the Prosecutor and Judge had approved a court date of September 16th, 2020 to have court. It may be subject to change if the COVED-19 does not improve. She said that warrants would be issued on several in the month of August for non-compliance of traffic citations. Letter were mailed to each, and nobody responded.

Item 14 Mayor/Council Items of Interest and/or Items for Future Council Considerations (No Action to be Taken)

No issues were discussed.

Item 15

Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Scherri Holmes and seconded by Rolando Guzman to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 PM. All being in favor, motion carried.

ATTESTED: _____

Al Rudin, Mayor

Donna Sprague, City Secretary