

City of Oak Ridge
Kaufman County, Texas

City Council Workshop Minutes
July 10, 2017 at 6:00 PM

Item 1

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Scherri Holmes at 6:00 PM. Present were Janelle Davis, Scherri Holmes and Jimmy Quick. Mayor Al Rudin, Rolando Guzman, and Nena Langford were absent. City Secretary Donna Sprague, and Code Enforcement Officer Jesse Wood were present.

Item 2

Presentation on Scott Property by Xim Li

Mr. Li did not come to meeting. The City Secretary told the council about his proposed use of property as a Recreational Vehicle Lot. They were not favorable to this usage.

Item 3

Presentation on Scott Property by Bill Holley

Mr. Holley did not come to meeting for discussion. The City Secretary told the council that he would use the property if he purchased it for a lot for his trucking line. He had 3 or 4 mobile home movers, and would store them on property. The council was not favorable because the property is located on Abner Road, and trucks are tearing up the road.

Item 4

Discussion on Accepting CC Payments thru the Website

The council were given 3 bids on this service. They decided they would rather take them home and review them for discussion later. There will be still a couple of months before decision has to be made.

Item 5

Discussion on Police Department

The Mayor is the one that has updates on the Police Department. He was not present so there was no discussion on this topic.

Item 6

Discussion on Yard of Month

Jimmy Quick showed the council the sign that he had made to save the city money. The council has decided that before the next meeting, they would nominate homes for the award by taking pictures of the properties. They will vote on the first recipient of the award at council meeting on the 24th of July.

Item 7

Discussion on November Election on Proposition 1

Donna Sprague told council of the steps that would need to be done timely before the election. The council will need to name 3 people to come in after the election to count the ballots. Those residents will break the seal and unlock the ballot boxes, count the ballots, and end the election. They are to think of the people they would like to do this. They will have to set their salary as well. They will need to designate the two days for extended hours of voting. They were told it is standard to set the last two days of early voting from 7 o'clock to 7 o'clock. The contract with the county will also need to be signed at the next meeting.

Item 8**Discussion on Roads**

The Mayor usually drives all the roads to give the council a report. In his absence, Jimmy Quick said that Abner Road had a huge pothole in the center of road. Even though he has just been released, after his surgery to drive, he will go buy the bags of asphalt needed from Home Depot and try to fix it this weekend. Scherri Holmes told him to let her know, and she and her husband would help.

Item 9**Discussion on Purchasing Sign to Replace the One on Building**

The council agreed that the one on the building was dangerous for the council to continue to climb ladders to place the letters. The lettering almost always blows off, and can be retrieved all over the driveway. It was suggested that since the budget for this year has enough money left in the building maintenance fund to replace the sign, it should be used. The old sign, when taken down, can be put up outside with the legs, and be used for any additional postings.

Item 10**Discussion on 2017/2018 Budget**

The budget is very near completion. The council took a copy with them to make sure that it is what the city needs for next year.

Item 11**Discussion on Revisions to Ordinance 2-14**

Jesse Wood said that Buddy Markham was no longer doing inspections. The city would have to look at what they wanted to do in the future. He discussed most of his issues on Item 11, and Item 12 together. He said that Riverside Homes had purchased The Village, and were needing permits for 6 new homes. He had met with Wade Hebb the developer of Pontalba. The three of them were going to get together to explain what Oak Ridge required on new homes. This was in the hopes that our new developer would get off to a good start. Jesse Wood said that all names and information about Buddy Markham should be taken off our form. The council decided that all this could be taken care of in the Builders Development Guide. They changed some of the language to explain culverts and approach ramps. They wanted language in the Guide about house numbers being placed on houses that were visible from roadway. They wanted to inform residents that the house number should be on both sides of mailbox (if possible). They wanted to remove all of the information on Buddy Markham, and replace it with the City's approved inspector Eyncon LLC. All plan review and inspections will be paid directly to Eyncon. Elizabeth Wester with Eyncon Engineering sent a price list that was displayed on the guide. All this could be done in the guide, and the Ordinance did not need to be changed.

Item 12**Discussion on Inspections**

Jesse Wood included this in his presentation on Item 11.

Item 12**Motion to Adjourn**

Motion was made by Jimmy Quick, and seconded by Janelle Davis to adjourn the meeting. All being in favor motion carried. Mayor Pro Tem Scherri Holmes adjourned meeting at 7:37 PM.

Al Rudin, Mayor

ATTESTED:

Donna Sprague, City Secretary