

**City of Oak Ridge**  
**Kaufman County, Texas**  
**City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**August 28, 2017 at 7:00 PM**

**Item 1**

**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Al Rudin at 7:17 PM. Present were Council Members Jimmy Quick, Nena Langford, Rolando Guzman, and Janelle Davis. Scherri Holmes 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**

We had 5 residents present. Wanda Sikes was the first to speak. She is concerned for the senior citizens, and the 4 cent proposed tax rate increase. She said even though it is not a lot of money, perhaps only \$60.00 for her, she was opposed to all increase calling it a burden on seniors. Denny Oats was the next speaker. He had a lot of questions about what direction the city was going. He has lived here a long time, and he does not like the condition of the tall grass around the city building. It was explained to him that the council had decided to mow it themselves using their own equipment this year to save the \$1000.00 budgeted. It had just become more than they could handle with all the rain. The budget for 2017/2018 has a line item for yard mowing this year. Mr. Oats said he would come next week with his equipment and mow the city hall grass. Mary Kinney was the last speaker. She said she thought the tax rate should be higher and felt that a city could not operate without the needed funds. She said any increase should cost no taxpayer more than \$10.00 per month, and she thought the residents could handle that. Two of our new reserve police officers were present with Assistant Chief Tom Peoples. They were asked several questions from the council and the residents. The Council thanked the residents for being there and showing an interest in city government.

**Item 4**

**Approval of July 24, 2017 Minutes**

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

**Item 5**

**Approval of August 14, 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 July 2017 Monthly Financial Report**

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

**Item 8**

**Approval of Contract on CC Payments Thru the Website**

The contract was awarded to Sterling Southwest with our contact person Bambi Wade. The motion was made by Jimmy Quick, and seconded by Rolando Guzman. All being in favor, motion carried.

**Item 9****Review of Certification of Appraised Values**

The mayor stressed the importance of all residents reviewing their values set by the Kaufman County Appraisal District. Appraisal is an opinion, and if a resident does not agree with the appraisal, it is up to the resident to go before the board for an adjustment.

**Item 10****Approval of 2017 Tax Levy**

Property Tax Code states that this action is necessary. In order to convert the certified appraisal roll to the tax roll, action is required by the governing body. Motion was made by Jimmy Quick, and seconded by Nena Langford to approve the tax roll. All being in favor, motion carried.

**Item 11****Approval of 2017/2018 Budget**

Motion was made by Jimmy Quick, and seconded by Janelle Davis to accept the 2017/2018 Budget. All being in favor, motion carried.

**Item 12****Approval of 2017/2018 Property Tax Rate**

Motion was made by Nena Langford to set the tax rate for 2017/2018 at \$.13 per one hundred dollars of value. Motion was seconded by Jimmy Quick. All being in favor, motion carried.

**Item 13****Approval to Request Bids on Lawn Service**

Motion was made by Rolando Guzman, and seconded by Jimmy Quick to go out for bids. All being in favor, motion carried. The lawn service will be expected to have insurance or a bond to protect the city from damage claims.

**Item 14****Report of Code Enforcement Officer (Jesse Wood)**

A written report was handed out for the review of the council. Officer Wood answered the questions that the council had concerning his report.

**Item 15****Update on Roads**

Several roads were mentioned that need a lot of work. Abner Road is the biggest problem for Oak Ridge. The Mayor wants to take the top layer off to prevent the large pot holes, and replace it with crushed concrete. He wants a letter to go out only to the residents who live on the section of Abner Road who live in the city limits to see if they will agree with his proposal. The Mayor had a load of cold mix delivered here at City Hall, and when the council members can find a good weekend, they will start back to work on the potholes on the other streets.

**Item 16****Update on Police Department**

The Assistant Chief brought 2 of the reserve officers to meet the council, and talk about how this will proceed in the next few weeks. He spoke of the other items they would need to purchase, such as ticket books. They spoke of the uniforms that they would wear. The Chief said that there would be a mandatory school in December on Sex Offenders that he and one other officer will have to attend. They expect the department to be up and running by the first of October with the use of 2 patrol cars.

**Item 17****Discussion on Oklahoma Lane**

The Mayor explained that when the road was closed, we were in complete compliance with the law at the time. Since that time we have been advised that we need to re-do some of the procedures, one being that because all landowners on the North side of Oklahoma Lane are in Oak Ridge, they have to sign a petition to close the street. The other side is in the County, and they have to petition the county as well. Once that is accomplished, then the City will pass a road closure ordinance. That will be forwarded to the County for their official action. At that time the Mayor would like to give the road back to all the landowners involved.

**Item 18**

**Line Item Transfers To Police Department**

Motion was made to move \$1169.73 from Furniture to Equipment, and take \$4,500.00 from Fuel & Maintenance to Equipment. After the adjustment was made to pay the \$412.26 that was overdrawn for equipment, that would leave \$5,257.47 in equipment to buy the necessary items. That motion was made by Jimmy Quick, and seconded by Rolando Guzman. All being in favor, motion carried.

**Item 19**

**Set Date for Next City Council Meeting**

The date was set on the uniform date of September 25, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

**Item 20**

**Discussion and Set Date for August Workshop Meeting**

The date was set for September 11, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

**Item 21 Mayor/Council Items of Community Interest and/or Items for Future Council Considerations ( No Action to be Taken)**

The Council discussed items to be placed on the next workshop.

**Item 22**

**Motion to Adjourn**

Motion was made by Jimmy Quick and seconded by Nena Langford. All being in favor, motion carried. The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 10:40 PM.

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Al Rudin, Mayor

ATTESTED:

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Donna Sprague, City Secretary