

City of Oak Ridge
Kaufman County, Texas

City Council Workshop Minutes
September 10, 2018 at 6:00 PM

Item 1

Call to Order

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

Item 2

Discussion on Hwy. 34 & CR 138 Project

The Mayor met with representatives of all jurisdictions involved with this decision making. The CR 138 started in 2016 with a proposal from the City of Terrell. They were interested in routing truck traffic away from Moore Avenue (US Hwy 80) in Terrell. There have been no funds set aside for this development. It has been set aside for now, and suggested that a new route be proposed by the City of Oak Ridge that would not involve so many properties. On the Hwy 34 project nothing has been decided. The most popular route that is proposed would cost the State too much. It runs into the wetlands in the bottom, and would require many bridges. It may be considered to leave the Highway 34 as it is and widen it for a turn lane. This would be the most cost effective way to take care of the rerouting for the future. This meeting also discussed the City of Terrell ETJ, and how it came into Oak Ridge. The Mayor has an additional meeting to come to some agreement on this that would benefit both cities.

Item 3

Discussion on River Oak/Water Oak Project

Water Oak is scheduled for repair on the 24th and 25th of this month. The cost right now would be \$67,484.83. That amount is subject to change. The road would work better if the entire road were 20' wide, but some is 18', and it even narrows to 16' at the far end. The residents may be inconvenienced for 2 days while the repair is being done. The city has a quote to repair River Oak, but unless we can make a short term loan from bank it will have to wait. This is a project that the the city has been working toward for about 4 years, and the sales tax revenue has made it possible. If the issue had not been defeated the first time on ballot we would be able to have done more.

Item 4

Discussion on Zoning Ordinance (Jesse Wood)

The Zoning Ordinance is in conflict with the Fence Ordinance. The Council discussed and decided they needed to amend the Fence Ordinance to correct the difference to make it easier to understand. This will be approved at the next council meeting.

Item 5

Update on Court Activities/City Fees

Donna Sprague reported that 79 citations were written in August. She reported that 3 were taking Deferred Disposition, 12 taking Defensive Driving, and 18 on active payment plans. She sent out 19 pre-warrant letters last month.

Item 6

Report on Income and Expense of City

The Council was presented a detailed report on the finances of the city. We have met the budgeted amount. The funds dedicated to the road fund is now \$51,641.98. This consists of sales tax, and permit fees that are set aside for roads only. It also has funds from traffic citations.

Item 7

Discussion on Possible Bank Note

The Mayor is still in discussion on this issue.

Item 8

Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Jimmy Quick, and seconded by Nena Langford. All being in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM.

Al Rudin, Mayor

ATTESTED:

Donna Sprague, City Secretary