

City of Oak Ridge
Kaufman County, Texas
City Council Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2018 at 7:00 PM

Item 1

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Al Rudin at 7:00 PM. Present were Council Members Jimmy Quick, Nena Langford, Scherri Holmes, and Janelle Davis. Rolando Guzman was unable to attend. City Secretary Donna Sprague, and Code Enforcement Officer Jesse Wood were present.

Item 2

Pledge

Council stood and recited pledge.

Item 3

Citizen Input

Mary Kinney spoke stating she sees a lot of people walking down St. Hwy 34, and she checks on the City Secretary every Wednesday. Jimmy Rowe spoke to council about the Police Department. He had read the posted budget for the year 2018/2019, and the minutes that addressed the program that we have entered into as a pilot city. The Mayor explained to his satisfaction how the program worked, and that it is clearly a win/win situation. It benefits small cities that cannot afford to pay officers, and it benefits the officers, as well as the school districts involved. The other comments came from Ray Sorter on how to be included in the bids for lawn service. The Mayor told him that when the current contract is up in March 2019, interested parties would be notified on web site, and also in the local newspaper. The city requires a bond since the mowing also covers the State property that is located on the highway, and any damage to any vehicle would make the city liable. Mr. Cannon told the council that he knew of a person planning to place a travel trailer on their property, and believed they intended to live there. The Mayor said anyone could place a travel trailer on their property, but if they intended it as a residence, that would not be permitted.

Item 4

Approval of August 27, 2018 Minutes

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

Item 5

Approval of August 27, 2018 Budget Minutes

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

Item 6

Approval of August 28, 2018 Special Annexation Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Janelle Davis and seconded by Nena Langford to accept the minutes. All being in favor, motion carried.

Item 7

Approval of September 10 Workshop Minutes

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

Item 8

Action on August 2018 Financial

Report

Motion was made by Scherri Holmes and seconded by Janelle Davis to accept the minutes. All being in favor, motion carried.

Item 9**Motion to Pay Bills**

Motion was made by Jimmy Quick and seconded by Nena Langford to pay bills for September. All being in favor, motion carried.

Item 10**Approval of Ordinance 40-16B Amendment**

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

Item 11**Approval of Traffic Ordinance 51-18 Amendment**

This was tabled. The Mayor is working on this and has not had time to complete the work.

Item 12**Approval of American National Bank Road Bond Note**

The Mayor considered cashing in the Certificate of Deposit to do both roads in River Oaks Estates. It was his intent to replace the money as soon as the funds were available. This did not become necessary when he discovered that the Certificate of Deposit would serve as security on a short-term loan through the bank. American National Bank is also increasing the interest paid on the Certificate. For years it had just rolled over with the same interest. With his good sense of management, he was able to take care of the money needed. Motion was made by Jimmy Quick and seconded by Janelle Davis to borrow the necessary money to pay for both roads to be surfaced. All being in favor, motion carried.

Item 13**Update on Police Department**

Lt. Thacker was present, and stated the new police vehicles were working out well. The Mayor said he would get with the Chief and request a written report monthly in the future.

Item 14**Approval of Water Oak/River Oak Project**

The work will be done by a professional street builder. Council had approved and had the money to cover one of the streets, but needed to be able to borrow the necessary money to do both streets at the same time. Motion was made by Jimmy Quick and seconded by Scherri Holmes to move forward with the project.

Item 15**Report By Code Enforcement Officer (Jesse Wood)**

The Code Enforcement Officer presented the council with a written report of the activity that he had done during the past month. He has had health problems that prevented too much activity in September.

Item 16**Update on Roads**

The Mayor said Abner had to be reworked again soon. The two councilmen and the mayor will get together and work out a date for a weekend when they can all be available.

Item 17**Discussion and Set Date for next City Council Meeting**

Our regular Council Meeting date is October 22, 2018, at 7:00 PM.

Item 18**Discussion and Set Date for October Workshop Meeting**

The Workshop will be on October 8, 2018. This will be the last workshop of this year because of the holidays in November and December.

Item 19 Mayor/Council Items of Community Interest and/or Items for Future Council Considerations (No Action to be Taken)

No Discussion was made on this issue.

Item 20

Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Jimmy Quick and seconded by Scherri Holmes to adjourn meeting. All being in favor, motion carried. The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:16 PM.

Al Rudin, Mayor

ATTESTED: _____
Donna Sprague, City Secretary