

City of Oak Ridge
Kaufman County, Texas

City Council Workshop Minutes
March 11, 2019 at 6:00 PM

Item 1

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Al Rudin at 6:00 PM. Present were Jimmy Quick, Janelle Davis, Rolando Guzman, Nena Langford, and Scherri Holmes. City Secretary Donna Sprague was in attendance.

Item 2

Update on Court Activities/City Fees

Donna Sprague reported on the month of February. She gave a detailed report on the activity during this time period.

Item 3

Report on Income and Expense of City

The Council was presented a detailed report on the finances of the city for the month of February. Property Taxes, Franchise Fees, and Permits are all in line with the budgeted amount for each. Sales Tax has exceeded the amount budgeted. The City at this time is in good shape, and will meet budget needs. The money that has been set aside for the dedicated road fund will be used within the next 2 months. Oak Ridge Drive and Robin Road are scheduled to be paved soon.

Item 4

Update on Roads

As stated in the Income Report the 2 roads being paved are Oak Ridge Drive and Robin Road. The ditch on Country Lane is scheduled to be cleaned out and will cost \$8500.00. The Council will need to repair some holes on Zagota. Abner will be patched as needed.

Item 5

Discussion on the Yard of the Month

It will not be decided until March or April, but council will be looking for the next recipient.

Item 6

Discussion on Updating NEC Electrical Codes

Council was in favor of updating the codes. The Mayor was going to check to see what year they needed to be changed to, and update our Ordinance.

Item 7

Discussion on Trash Trucks

The amount of money being spent to fix the roads in Oak Ridge make it necessary to look into seeking a sole provider trash pick-up company. If approved then the council will go out for bids and present that to the residents.

Item 8

Discussion on Ordinance Addressing Living in Temporary Structures

The Mayor was going to contact the City Attorney and get him to draw up an Ordinance. The council said it needed to be clear about permanently living in the building. It was noted that some people might want to bring a travel trailer, and only work on their property on weekends. The Mayor said that might be accomplished by setting a time limit, and see the improvement to the land.

Item 9

Discussion on Country Lane

The Mayor said that the culvert has been delivered, but until the ditches are cleaned out it would not be wise to put it in. The bid on cleaning the ditches is \$8500.00. The council said it was a lot of money, but had to be done.

Item 10

Discussion on Warrants and Jail Cost

It has been suggested that we follow the lead of other small jurisdictions. We are going to look into Omni and a Compliance Agency to help collect these fees. When entered in Omni the person will not be able to renew their Driver License until citation and fees are paid.

Item 11 Discussion on Updating New Construction Ordinance Making it in line with Code Compliance Citations.

After reviewing the Ordinance there was not anything that needed to be done at this time.

Item 12

Discussion on Resolution 2019-001

This is for a grant for the Police Department. It states that if not complied with the terms of the grant that the city will repay the amount.

Item 13 Review and Discussion on Cost to Clean out Ditches on Abner and Country Ln.

This was discussed in the other items in this agenda. The cost to clean out ditches on Country Lane will be \$8500.00, and Abner Road will be \$17,000.00. The only one that can be done now in Country Lane.

Item 14

Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Nena Langford, and seconded by Scherri Holmes. All being in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Al Rudin, Mayor

ATTESTED:

Donna Sprague, City Secretary