

City of Oak Ridge
Kaufman County, Texas

City Council Workshop Minutes
May 13, 2019 at 6:00 PM

Item 1

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Jimmy Quick at 6:13 PM. Present were Jimmy Quick, Janelle Davis, Rolando Guzman, and Scherri Holmes. Mayor Al Rudin was absent. City Secretary Donna Sprague was in attendance.

Item 2

Update on Court Activities/City Fees

Donna Sprague reported on the month of April. 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 April. Property Taxes, Franchise Fees, and Permits are all in line with the budgeted amount for each. Sales Tax has exceeded the amount budgeted. The money that has been set aside for the dedicated road fund will be used at the end of the month. It was discussed that since we did not secure a short term loan, and took money from general fund to pay for roads. That no money would be allocated to dedicated road fund until the general fund was paid back in full. The only money that will be put into the dedicated fund is the amount of permit fees that have been approved by council.

Item 4

Update on Roads

The Mayor had a meeting with Lackland this last week. Discussed was the outer loop for Wilson Road. The Mayor had questions about this, and it was explained to his satisfaction. The Development suggested a concrete road for CR 138, but since the city will have to maintain it would be better for asphalt instead. Mayor Pro Tem Jimmy Quick said that the first weekend that it did not rain that both Red Oak, and Abner had to be worked for potholes. They are both in bad shape.

Item 5

Discussion on the Yard of the Month

This was discussed that the person selected for this honor will be decided at the workshop not the monthly meeting. This will give the council more time to correspond with the resident. Motion was made by Scherri Holmes and seconded by Janelle Davis to name Denny Oats the July Yard of the month award. All being in favor, motion carried. The weather has not permitted the May award to be presented to John Kay. Since it is so late in the month he has been extended to be May and June so he will have a whole month of bragging rights.

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. The Mayor is contacting our city attorney to see how this can be done. This will be on the May 27,2019 agenda for approval.

Item 7

Discussion on Amending Ordinance 34-14

The City Attorney has sent a draft of the amendment. The council reviewed it and found it in line with what we were needing to control truck traffic on city roads. There was one minor change of a misspelled word in the draft. It will be on agenda for approval.

Item 8

Discussion on Impound Yard

The reason this has not been able to be done is all the wrecker companies have their own impound yards, and make money for themselves. It was suggested that we talk to Marlow who lives in this area and see if he would be interested.

Item 9

Discussion On Preliminary Budget

The Kaufman County Appraisal District sent their preliminary figures on appraised value for Oak Ridge. That made it possible for the council to start the process for budget. It will be subject to many changes before it is approved in August 2019.

Item 10

Discussion on Compliance Officer

R. J. Smith is the Compliance Officer for Oak Ridge. The council discussed that since he is in military school so often that any officer on duty could take care of the immediate needs for the city. If the Police Chief approves then they will be able to step in when needed.

Item 11

Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Scherri Holmes and seconded by Janelle Davis. All being in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Al Rudin, Mayor

ATTESTED:

Donna Sprague, City Secretary