

**City of Oak Ridge**  
**Kaufman County, Texas**  
**City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes**  
**August 10, 2020 at 6:00 PM**

**Item 1**

**Call to Order**

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

**Item 2**

**Discussion on Property Owned by Charner Williams Requested Meeting**

He did not come to meeting.

**Item 3**

**Discuss, Consider, and Act on Zoning Ordinance 60-20**

There were 3 proposals to this zoning ordinance. The new sub-division under HB 2439 can build the houses with 75% Cementitious Siding. It is possible that HB 2439 will be repealed in the next session of the Legislature. If it is repealed the council needed to decide if they wanted to go back to the requirement of the existing Ordinance 2-14. The council had to decide which zoning plan would best serve the City of Oak Ridge. The Mayor went over each option, for the council consideration. He ask if there was any interest in the third option, which would allow the entire sub-division to be build out of cementitious siding. There was no interest from the council. Then he ask if there was any interest in the second option. There was no interest from the council. Then he asked if there was interest on the 1<sup>st</sup> option. This was responded by all present. He ask for motion.

Motion was made by Jimmy Quick and seconded by Janelle Davis to accept the 1<sup>st</sup> option. All being in favor, motion carried.

**Item 4**

**Update on Court Activities/City Fees**

Report was given by Court Clerk. There were 17 citations written in July. Court is being planned on September 16, 2020 unless it is cancelled due to COVID-19. She said that unfortunately the court would issue 10 new warrants in August for nonpayment.

**Item 5**

**Report on Income and Expense of City for July**

The City Secretary reported that the city had collected enough money to meet the needs of the budget. The City is still benefitting on the sales tax revenue. \$81,826.51 has been paid on paving roads in Oak Ridge this year. The Dedicated Road Fund has \$13,362.43 to date to take care of the next roads to be worked on.

**Item 6**

**Discuss, Consider, and Act on Line-Item Transfers**

The City Secretary had prepared a suggestion to correct the 2 over drawn accounts in the Operational Budget. She had prepared a suggestion to correct the 2 over drawn accounts in the Police Budget. The Council went over all the suggestions and agreed with the changes. Motion was made by Nena Langford and seconded by Jimmy Quick to accept the Line-Item Transfers as presented and discussed. All being in favor, motion carried.

**Item 7**

**Discussion on Code Enforcement Officer**

Upon the retirement of long time of Code Enforcement Officer Jesse Wood, the enforcement has fallen on the Police Department. This has not been a good working arrangement. The City Secretary told the council that we can put an article in the local papers, but she doubted there

would be any interest. The requirements are limited to a Certified Code Enforcement for the State of Texas, or a licensed police officer. She said she had asked several people if they knew anyone that would be interested. She suggested that we ask the Chief if he had one officer that would use his own vehicle (not the police car) and drive the streets of Oak Ridge once every week to see if there were any violations. For this the new budget will allow a fuel allowance. His duties should not exceed 10 hours a month at a salary of \$25.00 per hour. This could be a part-time job for an officer to be paid \$300.00 per month.

**Item 8 Discuss, Consider, and Act on Allowing Oak Valley Sub-Division to Place a Sign on City Property**

This was tabled so the Mayor could find out exactly where they wanted to place the sign. He also needed to tell him the size based on the ordinance.

**Item 9 Discussion on Roads**

The Mayor knew that Texas Bit had been awarded the contract to build Abner Road. Akin was awarded the contract to clean and create the ditches. He believes work will begin as soon as both these companies are available to start. He said that any resident that wanted a new culvert would need to buy one so it can be placed as work is done. It appears that the issue on Country Lane has been resolved with the county. The Engineers are working on the drainage problem. We still will have to wait on the county to take care of their end of the road.

**Item 10 Approval of Payment to G & S Salvage for Flooring in City Hall**

Motion was made by Jimmy Quick and seconded by Janelle Davis to approve the payment. All being in favor, motion carried.

**Approval of Payment to Southern Software on Grant Money**

Motion was made by Jimmy Quick to make the last payment from grant money and it was seconded by Nena Langford. All being in favor, motion carried.

**Item 11 Update on the Engineer Plans on Expansion to Building**

The Mayor had met with the Caubarreaux Associates Architects in Forney to discuss the needs of the city. He was told the approximate amount that would be in the budget. He was told that they could work with that figure, and he would have an estimate in a few days.

**Item 12 Review of Budget for 2020/2021**

The Budget has been worked on since July, but the council wanted to put the final figures in place. The budget will be approved at the August 24, 2020 meeting.

**Item 13 Motion to Adjourn**

Motion was made by Jimmy Quick and seconded by Nena Langford to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 PM. All being in favor, motion carried.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Al Rudin, Mayor

ATTESTED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna Sprague, City Secretary