

City of Oak Ridge
Kaufman County, Texas
City Council Meeting Minutes
August 24, 2020 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 Janelle Davis, Rolando Guzman, Jimmy Quick, and Scherri Holmes. Nena Langford was unable to attend. City Secretary Donna Sprague was in attendance.

Item 2

Pledge

Council stood and said the pledge.

Item 3

Citizen Input

Mary Kinney again expressed her concern for the delivery services speed. She ask if TxDot was planning to work on St. Hwy 34. The Mayor said he did not know, that was up to the State.

Item 4

Approval of July 27, 2020 Council Minutes

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

Item 5

Approval of August 10, 2020 Council/ Workshop Minutes

Motion was made by Jimmy Quick and seconded by Rolando Guzman to accept the minutes as written. All being in favor, motion carried.

Item 6

Discuss, consider, and Approve 2020-2021 Budget

Motion was made by Jimmy Quick and seconded by Scherri Holmes to Approve the 2020-2021 Budget. All being in favor, motion carried.

Item 7

Discuss Consider, and Approve 2020 Tax Rate

The Council had agreed at the public hearing to leave the tax rate at \$.13 per \$100.00 Valuation. Motion was made by Jimmy Quick and seconded by Rolando Guzman to set the 2020 tax rate at \$.13. All being in favor motion carried.

Item 8

Action on July 2020 Financial Report

Motion was made by Scherri Holmes and seconded by Jimmy Quick to accept the July 2020 Financial Report. All being in favor, motion carried.

Item 9

Motion to Pay Bills for August 2020

Motion was made by Janelle Davis and seconded by Scherri Holmes to pay bills for August 2020. All being in favor motion carried.

Item 10

Update on Roads (Discuss, Consider, Act on Country Lane Drainage)

The Mayor stated that Commissioner Mike Hunt and the Engineer the County paid had looked at Country Lane. The Engineer told the County that this was only the 2nd time he had to tell anyone that there was no solution to a road. On the County part the Commissioner is considering doing away with all ditches. That would let the drainage find its natural course. That leaves a decision for the City to decide what can be done for the part in City. The Mayor suggested starting at the

place that the County portion ends, and slope the ditches downward to St Hwy 34. This would let the ditches drain. He said that there were 2 culverts under road that were 24". Not sure if they were needed when road is resurfaced. Rolando Guzman suggested to make a crown in the road so that the water would drain on either side. Jimmy Quick said that the developer had done such a poor job of the addition and its streets, and now we were going to have to clean up the mess. It was decided that the Mayor would contact Ray Brumley an engineer out of Canton that the city had used before. It is hoped that he can use the information already paid for by the County and work out the best solution. Either way the entire process will cost the city a lot of money to try and solve the problem. As far as Abner goes the Commissioners were to meet Tuesday, and accept the work to be done. There was some discussion about the large part of Abner Road that faced the new sub-division that the city has annexed. The Mayor said he had contacted our City Attorney, and was waiting for his reply.

Item 11 **Update on Police Department**

It was not represented so nothing to report.

Item 12 Discuss, consider, and act on Request by Oak Valley Development to Place Sign on City Property

The Mayor had been in touch with the developer after they submitted an area that they thought would be acceptable to City. The Council looked at the area, and agreed with the Mayor that if the sign was put 5' closer to the ditch then it could be considered. The problem is the residents on Abner Road need access to their postal bank.

Motion was made by Jimmy Quick and seconded by Scherri Holmes to honor the request as long as they met the ordinance size, and moved closer to ditch. All being in favor, motion carried.

Item 13 **Discussion and Set Date for next City Council Meeting**

Our regular Council Meeting date is September 28, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

Item 14 **Discussion and Set Date for September Workshop/Council Meeting**

The date set for Workshop is September 14, 2020 at 6:00.

Item 15 **Discuss, Consider, Act on any Disannexation on FM 2728**

This was brought up in a workshop where Mr. Williams was searching for a solution to his wanting to build a home that did not meet the Ordinance standards. He suggested disannexation of an area that had been annexed at the request of the residents some years back. The council was not in favor of disannexation any property in Oak Ridge. Motion was made by Jimmy Quick to decline any such request. The motion was seconded by Scherri Holmes. All being in favor, motion carried.

Item 16 **Update on Municipal Court**

The clerk said that court had been set for September 16, 2020 at 5:30 pm. It had the potential of being a full court with 6 regular cases, and 11 show cause cases. She had contacted other courts and to be compliant with the Covid-19 the police would be needed to monitor the process. They would allow only one issue at a time to be resolved. The rest would remain in their cars until called upon to enter courtroom.

Item 17 Mayor/Council Items of Interest and/or Items for Future Council Considerations (No Action to be Taken)

No issues were discussed.

Item 18

Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Jimmy Quick and seconded by Scherri Holmes to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 PM. All being in favor, motion carried

Al Rudin, Mayor

ATTESTED:

Donna Sprague, City Secretary