City of Oak Ridge Kaufman County, Texas City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes January 9, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Item 1 Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Al Rudin at 6:05 PM. Present were Council Members Janelle Davis, Jimmy Quick, Nena Langford, Scherri Holmes, and Rolando Guzman. City Secretary Donna Sprague was present.

Item 2 Pledge

All present stood and recited the pledge.

Item 3 Citizen Input

No Resident had comments.

Item 4 Discussion on MOU with Tier 1

This item will be tabled, and discussed again at the March meeting. Police Chief Bill Weatherly said that he has been in talks with I L Texas. They had both agreed that in order to not interrupt the flow of this school year it would be better that I L Texas cancelled the contract they had with Tier 1. They could then go into a contract with the City of Oak Ridge.

Item 5

Discussion on Police Department

Chief Weatherly was present and discussed some of the problems that the Police Department were facing. He said that he is trying to work out a new schedule with officers so the city would have more time allotment.

Item 6

Approve Payment of December 2022 Bills

Motion was made by Scherri Holmes and seconded by Nena Langford to approve the payment. All being in favor, motion carried.

Item 7

Action on December Financial Statement

Motion was made by Nena Langford and seconded by Scherri Holmes. All being in favor, motion carried.

Item 8 Approve Minutes of December 12, 2022 Workshop Council Meeting

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

Item 9 Update on Roads

Still working through issues on Oak Lane. Engineer Company plans in early January to start their part of the process. Letters are going to be mailed within the next few days on easement issues.

Item 10

Discussion on Abner Road Issues

There have been 3 wrecks on Abner Road in the last few months. The road has no shoulders and the ditch in these 3 areas are very deep. When vehicles go off the road, they loose control and flip the vehicles into the deep ditch. The County plans to do headers to try to stop this. The City is in discussion as to the best solution for the part in city,

Item 11

<u>Update on Court Activities/City Fees for December 2022</u>

The Court Clerk presented a printout of the activities for the month of December. She reported that 34 citations were issued in December. Most of the citations were written within the city for people who refused to acknowledge the speed signs. They do not see Abner and Oak Valley as residential streets.

Item 12

Report on Income and Expense of City for December 2022

The City Secretary said that we had collected 25% of the budgeted amount. We are beginning to see large deposits on tax collections. That is a good report for the first 3 months of this budget year.

<u>Item 13 Motion to Close Regular Meeting an go Into Executive Session (Provided in Gov't Code 551-074)</u>

Motion was made by Nena Langford and seconded by Scherri Holmes to move to executive session at 7:08 PM.

Item 14

Motion on Item 1 Discussed in Closed Session on Police Chief

Open session resumed at 7:21 PM. Motion was made by Jimmy Quick and seconded by Rolando Guzman to grant the Police Chief \$500.00 per month as Reimbursement of Out of the Pocket Expense. This is the same amount budgeted for the previous Police Chief.

Item 15 Motion on Item 2 Discussed in Closed Session on Step Raises

Motion was made by Jimmy Quick and seconded by Scherri Holmes to grant a step raise yearly to the office staff. This would automatically be given on the anniversary of the hire date by the employee. It would consist of a \$1.00 per hour raise each year, and be capped at \$20.00 per hour. All being in favor, motion carried.

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

No discussion

Item 18

Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Nena Langford and seconded by Scherri Holmes to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 PM. All being in favor, motion carried.

Al Rudin, Mayor

ATTESTED

Donna Sprague, City Secretary