City of Oak Ridge Kaufman County, Texas Town Hall Meeting Minutes July 11, 2023

Item 1 Call to Order

Public Hearing was called to order by Mayor Al Rudin at 7:02PM. Present were Council Members, Janelle Davis, Jimmy Quick, Scherri Holmes, and Rolando Guzman, and City Secretary, Donna Sprague. Nena Langford was not present. Residents present were Denny Oats, Wanda Sikes, John & Jan Ward, Enrique Gonzalez, and Kenneth Riley.

Item 2 Presentation, Discussion on Oak Lane

After Mayor Rudin recognized the residents in the audience, he gave a very detailed description of what the City of Oak Ridge was trying to accomplish. The main focus was the flooding conditions on the residents on the south end in heavy rain which have the main issues. Once he gave presentation to residents, he turned the meeting over to the Exceed Engineering Company Engineer, Matt. On the big screen, the residents were able to view the different suggestions or possible solutions that could be accomplished to solve the problems. Questions were asked by several of the residents and Matt answered each one to explain why things needed to be done a certain way.

There were actually three options given:

One option would move the road to the location drawn in the plat, which meant some people would loose 15ft or more of their property.

The second option, leave the road exactly as is, and get easements from all residents to do ditching and culvert work. This would have to be a unified decision of all residents of the street.

The third option was do nothing and the City just resurfaces the road and lets the residents deal with their own flooding issues.

At that point, Mayor Rudin took the meeting back over. He presented the City Attorney, Robert Brown, to answer questions about the easements. The Mayor told the residents that he and the council would like to resolve their flooding problems. Of the three options given by the engineering company, all the residents attending agreed they did not want the road moved after fifty years of having road in that location. The Mayor thanked them for getting that much accomplished. He requested they go the to remaining neighbors and explain to them the three options and that each would have to sign an easement to their property to accomplish this. Mayor also said it would take the engineering company a couple more months to finalize their engineering work after a decision is agreed upon by the residents and approved by the

council. Mayor told them we would have another Town Hall Meeting after the 6 residents attending had a chance to discuss these options with the other 7 residents that did not attend.

Motion to Adjourn Item 3

Motion to Adjourn was made by Scherri Holmes and seconded by Rolando Guzman at 8:37pm. All being in favor, motion carried.

Al Rudin, Mayor

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