City of Oak Ridge Kaufman County, Texas City Council Meeting Minutes July 24, 2023 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 Rolando Guzman, Scherri Holmes, Jimmy Quick, and Janelle Davis. Nena Langford was absent. Retiring City Secretary Donna Sprague and City Secretary, Judy Crow were in attendance.

Item 2 Pledge

All present stood and recited the pledge allegiance.

Item 3 Citizen Input

Residents Israel Varela and Kerry Guzman were present at City Council Meeting. Ms. Guzman voiced a concern about Kaufman Co. burn ban laws. She noted that she recently went online to Kaufman Co. to notify she was about to burn some debris. Mayor Rudin told her we abided by Kaufman County's burn ban. Mayor also noted that we don't have burn permits, but our code enforcement officer needs to be contacted on any burn, so he can explain Ordinance 3-12 on Outdoor burning.

Item 4 Action on June 2023 Financial Report

Motion was made by Jimmy Quick and seconded by Scherri Holmes to accept the June 2023 Financial Reports as written. All being in favor, motion carried.

Item 5
Approve Payment of July 2023 Bills

Motion was made by Scherri Holmes and seconded by Jimmy Quick to approve July 2023 payments. All being in favor, motion carried.

Item 6

Approve City Council Minutes of June 26, 2023

Motion was made by Jimmy Quick and seconded by Scherri Holmes to approve City Council Minutes of June 26, 2023. All being in favor, motion carried.

Item 7

Approve Minutes of July 10, 2023 Workshop Council Meeting

Motion was made by Jimmy Quick and seconded by Rolo Guzman to approve City Council Workshop Minutes of July 10, 2023. All being in favor, motion carried.

Item 8 Approve Minutes of July 11, 2023 Town Hall Meeting

Motion was made by Rolo Guzman and seconded by Scherri Holmes to approve Town Hall Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2023. All being in favor, motion carried.

Item 9 Discussion on Police Department

Per Chief Bill Weatherly they are having their newest police vehicle serviced. Speeding is still a major issue in Oak Ridge. Will be putting safety signs back out. Started two extra police officers today. Still need 2 radios. Did get 3 armored plated vests. Per Chief Weatherly, we have had to contact Kaufman Co. when there are no Oak Ridge officers on duty to have wrecked vehicles removed. Chief Weatherly is working with Sheriff Beavers on these issues. Chief Weatherly also noted he is still working on CR139 issues. Chief Weatherly and Mayor Rudin discussed a possible Impound for illegally parked vehicles.

Have no resolution as of today's date.

Item 11 Update on Roads Discussion Oak Lane Update

Per Mayor Rudin, Will discuss further at next council meeting. Mayor suggested that we realign Oak Lane just enough to get the 6 to 8 ft for drainage, clean up end circle, and check the dead trees on end. Move road to the North, obtain easement to do work. Tabled for further discussion.

Item 12 Set Date for Public Hearing on 2023-2024 Budget for City of Oak Ridge (August 28, 2023 at 6:30PM)

Above date and time accepted for the 2023-2024 Budget for City of Oak Ridge.

Item 13 Set Date for Public Hearing on 2023-2024 Tax Rate at \$.13 Per 100 Dollars for City of Oak Ridge (August 28, 2023 at 6:45PM)

Above date and time accepted for the Tax Rate at \$.13 Per \$100 Dollars for City of Oak Ridge.

Item 14
Reviewed budget to make sure there was enough allotted for Code Enforcement Officer salary and mileage and expenses.

Item 15 Set Date for August 2023 Workshop/Council Meeting (August 14, 2023 at 6PM)
Above date and time accepted for City of Oak Ridge Workshop/Council Meeting.

Item 16 Set Date for August 2023 Council Meeting (August 28, 2023 at 7PM)

Above date and time accepted for City of Oak Ridge Workshop/Council Meeting.

Item 17

Motion was made by Jimmy Quick and seconded by Rolo Guzman to approve an OpenGov one year contract. All being in favor, motion carried.

<u>Item 18 Mayor/Council Items of Community Interest and/or Items for future Council Considerations (No Action Taken)</u>

Mayor Rudin asked Chief Weatherly if he could move one of the Speed Limit Towers from Abner Rd to Hwy. 34 to help speeding issues on Hwy 34. Chief Weatherly said he would work on that. Ms. Sprague brought to the council's attention that the front box that we post our signs in needs new plexiglass. Mayor Rudin would research getting that replaced. Ms. Sprague also asked if the council would like to consider adding the OSSF permit income to budget, but Mayor Rudin said No, as it would be decreasing drastically once Riverside completed their addition. Donna also brought up that we get several calls concerning stray animals and we have no place to take them. At this time Kaufman and Terrell refuse to let us bring animals to their shelters.

Item 14

Motion to Adjourn

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

Al Rudin, Mayor

ATTESTED: Judy Crow, City Secretary