City of Oak Ridge Kaufman County, Texas City Council Meeting Minutes February 26, 2024 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 Jimmy Quick, Scherri Holmes, Janelle Davis, and Nena Langford. City Secretary Judy Crow was in attendance also. Council member, Rolando Guzman was not in attendance.

Item 2

Pledge

Citizen Input

All present stood and recited the pledge allegiance.

Item 3

Citizens J. C. Cannon, and Katherine Melton were present. J.C. Cannon told the council that he would like to sell a piece of property less than 1 acre (possibly closer to ½ acre) on Oak Ridge Drive and keeps running into issues with the size of the property not being large enough for an aerobic septic system and understood there might be another septic option available. Mayor Rudin was contacting Bureau Veritas for assistance on options. Mayor also noted that the City Ordinance required the homes to be 1750sqft., and did not feel the lot size would permit that.

Item 4 Discuss, Consider, Action on ILA Precinct 1 for Roads (Mike Hunt) Mike Hunt addressed the council on CR139, CR140, and CR279 needing attention. Precinct 1 grades some of the roads once a month. CR140 is ½ County and ½ City. Akin looking at digging out ditches on CR 279. Decision needs to be made if the City wants to dig up base on CR279 and replace with rock. Mike Hunt recommended 6" or 4" rock to be used for base. After more discussion, City Council member, Scherri Holmes made the motion to accept 775 tons of 4" rock at \$30,000, and motion was seconded by Jimmy Quick. All favored, Motion carried.

Item 5 Discuss, Consider to host a Farmers' Market in the City of Oak Ridge Mayor Rudin stated he has our attorney reviewing the City Ordinances to see if they allow a Farmers' Market. He felt there were zoning restrictions that would prevent outside vendors from participating in a Farmers' Market, but would know more once he hears from the City's Attorney. Tabled for further discussion at the March 25, 2024 Council Meeting.

Item 6 Discuss, Consider, Action on January 2024 Income and Expense Reports

Motion was made by Nena Langford and seconded by Jimmy Quick to accept the January 2024

Income and Expense Reports as written. All being in favor, motion carried.

Item 7 Discuss, Consider, Action on January 2024 Category Balance
Motion was made by Jimmy Quick and seconded by Scherri Holmes to accept the January 2024
Category Balance as written. All being in favor, motion carried.

Item 8 Discuss, Consider, Presentation of New Format for Income and Expense and Category Balance Reporting

Mayor Rudin stated that combining the income actuals and category expenditure actuals while referencing the budget status by month in one report would be a benefit to all. Council reviewed and compared with individual reports.

Tabled to March 25, 2024 Council Meeting.

Item 10 Discuss, Consider, Action to Amend the Budget for 2023-2024

Motion was made by Jimmy Quick and seconded by Nena Langford to approve the Amended Budget for 2023-2024. All being in favor, motion carried.

Item 11 Discuss, Consider, Action to Amend Swimming Pool Ordinance to prevent failure to install fences around pools

Tabled for later date.

Item 12 Discussion on Police Department

Chief Bill Weatherly was not present. Captain Clell Murray attended in his place. Body cameras are now in use. Speed sign in use in Oak Valley now. Officers are still issuing tickets and working additional hours. Reported stolen vehicle in Tennessee was found in Oak Ridge. Several stolen vehicles were removed from site by Kaufman County Police and owner and others were arrested. Oak Ridge Police were informed after arrest.

Item 13 Discussion on Roads (Oak Lane Progress)

Per Mayor Rudin, Oak Lane is waiting on Texas Bit to get started. Need a quote on Wilson Rd. and CR140 repair. Have contacted Brad Akin on cleaning out ditches and checking out the huge pot hole on CR140. Residents and others are driving through the yard on CR138 creating issues, as a result of the road.

Item 14 Code Enforcement Update (David Lacy)

David Lacy updated council with a monthly activity sheet for the code enforcement duties performed during the month of January & February 2024. Several new fences without permits. Recommended that the City require fence permit and inspection before issuing permits for swimming pools. Still picking up various signs and doing inspections. Updated the council on culvert code violations.

Item 15 Approve City Council Minutes of February 12, 2024

Motion was made by Scherri Holmes and seconded by Jimmy Quick to approve City Council Minutes of February 12, 2024. All being in favor, motion carried.

Item 16 Approve Payment of February 2024 Bills

Motion was made by Nena Langford and seconded by Scherri Holmes to approve February 2024 payments. All being in favor, motion carried.

Item 17 Set date for March Workshop/Council Meeting (March 11, 2024 at 6PM)

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

Item 18 Set date for March 2024 Council Meeting (March 25, 2024 at 7PM)

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

Item 19 Mayor/Council Items of Community Interest and/or Items for future Council Considerations (No Action Taken)

Mayor Al Rudin and Council Members voiced to further discuss Farmers' Market, Fee Schedule, and Fence and Pool Permits at March 2024 council meetings.

Item 20 Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Jimmy Quick and seconded by Scherri Holmes to adjourn the meeting at 8:46PM. All being in favor, meeting adjourned.

Al Rudin, Mayor

ATTESTED

Judy Crow, City Secretary