City of Oak Ridge Kaufman County, Texas City Council Meeting Minutes January 22, 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 Rolando Guzman, Jimmy Quick, Scherri Holmes, and Nena Langford. City Secretary Judy Crow was in attendance also. Council member, Janelle Davis, was not in attendance due to illness.

Item 2

All present stood and recited the pledge allegiance.

Item 3 Citizen Input

Residents, Nico Murillo with Shew Farm and Hector Saenzpardo attended the council meeting. Mr. Saenzpardo voiced his concern about his recent culvert not passing code restrictions. Mayor Rudin explained that the Kaufman County regulations require the culverts be concrete and specific diameters, and we could not go against the county regulations. Mayor Rudin stated he would contact and have the County look at the pipe, as County would have to approve it before the City of Oak Ridge could allow it. **County did approve the pipe due to a change in TXDOT regulations.**

Discuss, Consider, Action to host a Farmers' Market in the City of Oak Ridge Item 4 Ms. Murillo addressed the Council to see if the City of Oak Ridge would allow a Farmers' Market and was willing to assist the City of Oak Ridge with the Farmers' Market. Ms. Murillo noted that Kaufman County wouldn't let her sell all that she wanted to sell, when she approached them on their Farmers' Market. Council member, Scherri Holmes, stated that Janelle Davis had tried getting a Farmers' Market going in the past, but it did not go over well. Rolando Guzman and Mayor Rudin commented that they would be in favor of a once-a-month weekend only Farmers' Market, but would not be in favor of or support a full time or daily Farmers' Market. Mayor Rudin brought up parking and traffic issues would be a concern, plus staying within the City of Oak Ridge's ordinances. Outside vendors would need permitting by the City of Oak Ridge. He suggested that she keep it a small farming project and not a Farmers' Market. Trying to understand the location of Ms. Murillo's farm, Mayor asked Ms. Murillo if her farm was the one that previously requested to have a cannabis farm. Ms. Murillo got extremely upset over the cannabis question, voicing her anger at Mayor Rudin for a few minutes and left stating that she'd do whatever she wanted to do. She didn't need council's approval and did not want to work with the City of Oak Ridge on a Farmers' Market. All the Council, Mayor, and Citizens present were in a state of shock over the angry responses and actions by Ms. Murillo.

Item 5 Discuss, Consider, Action on December 2023 Financial Report
Motion was made by Scherri Holmes and seconded by Jimmy Quick to accept the December 2023
Financial Reports as written. All being in favor, motion carried.

Item 6 Discuss, Consider, Action on December 2023 Category Balance
Motion was made by Jimmy Quick and seconded by Nena Langford to accept the December 2023
Category Balance as written. All being in favor, motion carried.

Item 7

Motion was made by Nena Langford and seconded by Jimmy Quick to approve January 2024 payments. All being in favor, motion carried.

Approve City Council Minutes of January 8, 2024

Motion was made by Scherri Holmes and seconded by Jimmy Quick to approve City Council Minutes of January 8, 2024. All being in favor, motion carried.

Item 9 Discuss, Consider, Action to Amend Swimming Pool Ordinance to prevent failure to install fences around pools

Considered options of requiring inspections of pool and fence at same time, and not issuing a use permit until inspections are passed. Council decided to move this to next workshop meeting for more consideration.

Item 10

Discussion on Police Department

Chief Bill Weatherly was not present. Captain Clell Murray attended in his place. Cameras for Police Cars are being shipped to be installed. Officers are still issuing tickets and working additional hours.

Item 11

Discussion on Roads (Oak Lane Progress)

Per Mayor Rudin, weather has prevented them from working on Oak Lane. Mayor was notified that there was a bad culvert and he gave approval to replace the damaged culvert.

Item 12

Code Enforcement Update (David Lacy)

David Lacy updated council with a monthly activity sheet for the code enforcement duties performed during the month of December 2023 and some of January 2024. Several new fences without permits. Still picking up various signs and doing inspections. Updated the council on culvert code violation.

Item 13 Set date for February Workshop/Council Meeting (February 12, 2024 at 6PM) Above date and time accepted for the City of Oak Ridge Workshop/Council Meeting.

Item 14 Set date for February 2024 Council Meeting (February 26, 2024 at 7PM)

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

Item 15 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 a future Farmers' Market at one of February 2024 meetings.

Item 18

Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Scherri Holmes and seconded by Rolando Guzman to adjourn the meeting at 8:24PM. All being in favor, motion carried.

ATTESTEL

Judy Crow, City Secretary

Al Rudin, Mayor