

City of Oak Ridge
Kaufman County, Texas

City Council Workshop Minutes
February 16, 2017 at 6:00 PM

Item 1

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Al Rudin at 6:01 PM. Present were Jimmy Quick, Nena Langford, Scherri Holmes, Rolando Guzman, and Janelle Davis. City Secretary Donna Sprague, and Code Enforcement Officer Jesse Wood were present.

Item 2

Discussion on Roads Possible CD

Discussion was made by City Secretary, Donna Sprague. She worked up a Truth in Taxation Worksheet showing what the debt service would be if council decided to make a major repair of the roads.

Item 3

Discussion on Election

City Secretary, Donna Sprague presented her finding after consulting with the Election Dept. of Kaufman County. State law makes the City wait one year before they can proceed with the election on the failed Proposition 1. That will be in the November 7, 2017 election. The City Hall will not be needed for this election. It will be the propositions to amend the Constitution, and each time that is scheduled, the County combines the election precincts to save money. They never use City Hall. That will make it possible for us to conduct the election here for ourselves. In the last election, so many of our residents were given the wrong ballot, we want to assure that this will not happen again. Every person will be able to vote their intent. We will have more oversight for this election if we conduct it in-house. We have two options: use their machines or revert back to the paper ballot, using the sealed and locked metal ballot box. There will be a contract drawn up by county later for the council to consider. The cost will be less than half the cost if we conduct it in-house. The council gave permission to move forward with the election.

Item 4

Discussion on Speed Limits on City Roads

The Council had previously set the speed limit on Abner Road at 25mph. The signs need to be posted. There was a lot of discussion on setting a lower speed limit on all residential city streets. It was mentioned that children play outside, and it is unsafe for them if cars speed. This will be placed on the next council agenda for the vote.

Item 5

Discussion on Web Page

Kerry Guzman has been researching for a better web page for a long time. The one we have is so outdated it is hard to maintain. She has looked at several and has been convinced that the best one for a city our size is ezTask. She said that the City of Talty has this system; it is user-friendly and has all the features that would interest us. This will be discussed in the next workshop after all the council has a chance to view Talty's web page. If the Council decides to go with ezTask, it can be up and running within 90 days. It can be self-maintained, or they will do all the updates at no additional charge. The cost for the setup will be \$5,945.00, and the yearly maintenance would be \$2,795.00. Rolando wanted to have more information on the security of the system.

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Item 6

Discussion on Budget

The Mayor explained that TML would be charging us more for the workers' compensation to cover the police officers. They will be billing us soon on the exact amount. Later, when we have a vehicle, we would also have to insure it. When we set up the budget, we did not anticipate having to some budget transfers. He reported that the original car that was donated to the City was not up to required standards. He said the Chief had another car in mind, but the City would have to purchase it. The Chief will discuss this at the next Council meeting.

Item 7

Discussion on Yard of the Month

Jimmy Quick wants to acknowledge a different person in the City of Oak Ridge who does an outstanding job of caring for their yards each month. He suggested forming a committee to select the best kept yard, and presenting them with a sign to be placed in the yard for bragging rights. All the council thought it was a great idea and gave him approval to start with plans.

Item 8

Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Jimmy Quick and seconded by Scherri Holmes. All being in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Al Rudin, Mayor

ATTESTED:

Donna Sprague, City Secretary