

**City of Oak Ridge**  
**Kaufman County, Texas**  
**City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**May 22, 2017 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 Scherri Holmes, Janelle Davis, Rolando Guzman, Jimmy Quick, and Nena Langford. City Secretary Donna Sprague and Code Enforcement Officer Jesse Wood were both present.

**Item 2**

**Pledge**

Council stood and recited pledge.

**Item 3**

**Citizen Input**

We had 2 residents. Mary Kinney wanted to know if Oak Ridge had ordinance on size of property for a home. The Mayor said that we followed the same guidelines as the County requiring at least 1 acre because of the septic system.

**Item 4**

**Approval of April 24, 2017 Minutes**

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

**Item 5**

**Approval of May 8, 2017 Workshop Minutes**

Motion was made by Nena Langford and seconded by Jimmy Quick to accept the minutes as written. Scherri Holmes abstained. All others being in favor, motion carried.

**Item 6**

**Action on April 2017 Monthly Financial Report**

Motion was made by Jimmy Quick and seconded by Rolando Guzman to accept the April Financial report. All being in favor, motion carried.

**Item 7**

**Motion to Pay Bills**

Motion was made by Nena Langford and seconded by Jimmy Quick to pay bills for the month of May. All being in favor, motion carried.

**Item 8**

**Report and Update on Police Department**

The Mayor reported that the Police Chief Stephen Combs met with the area director of TCOLE on Thursday for another audit. He reported that everything was in order. This audit was more in line with getting the City of Oak Ridge started in the right direction. The director was pleased with all that had been done. He stated that after one year of service, he would do a more critical audit to make sure all was in compliance.

**Item 9**

**Report of Code Enforcement Officer (Jesse Wood)**

A written report of activities was submitted to the Council. Jesse Wood said that he met with a resident who wanted a fence around all his property. He was informed that he could not do this. The resident said that the realty company did not inform him that he was in the City of Oak Ridge when he purchased the property. He assumed that he was in the country and could do anything he wanted. This is a problem, but unless the realty company gives this information, the council did not know how to correct this. Another ordinance making it mandatory would not correct the problem. He also spoke to a builder that wanted to use Hardy board on the new home he was building. He was told it had to be 75% brick.

**Item 10**

**Update on Roads**

The Mayor said the rain last weekend had cancelled their plans. He had also been sick. He and Rolando plan to move the material that was left at River Oaks to the City Hall. This will bring the material closer to continue patching Abner Road.

**Item 11**

**Set Date for Next City Council Meeting**

The date was set on the uniform date of June 26, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

**Item 12**

**Discussion and Set Date for June Workshop Meeting**

The date was set for June 12, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

**Item 16 Mayor/Council Items of Community Interest and/or Items for Future Council Considerations ( No Action to be Taken)**

The new website is being done now. Kerry Guzman asked the council to pick out the layout they liked most so the company could do it like the council wanted. Since the same company services Talty, and most of the council liked it, they said they would prefer something like that. The Mayor said as long as they could pay fines, and had all the information a citizen needed to conduct business, he was fine with whatever is decided.

Scherri Holmes said that there needed to be a schedule for the mowing of the lawn. It had to be mowed at least every two weeks. If it gets too high and thick, it is impossible to mow with a regular mower. Jimmy Quick said he had the mower donated to the City almost ready to go; it only nees the oil to be changed. He said that if it was housed here, it could be used by anyone.

Jimmy Quick asked if the police would have uniforms, and if we provided them. The Mayor said that was another item that must be added to budget in workshop. He also asked about the police cruiser having a Dash Cam. The Mayor said that all those figures should be ready for the workshop in June.

The Mayor said that we have had 2 audits by TCOLE and passed both, so we will now receive the city's ORI number which will allow us to purchase equipment, etc. in the salvage yard in Ft. Worth, Texas. The mayor said that he and the chief will be going there as soon as we get that number.

The Mayor also said that he had asked Chris Peace, the Chief Appraiser, to come to the Town Hall meeting to discuss the appraised values for citizens to learn how the process works. The Town Hall meeting is scheduled for June 15, 2017, at 7:00 pm. It will also be a time to address the sales tax issue that is so critical for Oak Ridge.

**Item 17**

**Motion to Adjourn**

Motion was made by Nena Langford and seconded by Scherri Holmes. All being in favor, motion carried. The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:36 PM.

ATTESTED:

Al Rudin, Mayor

Donna Sprague, City Secretary