

City of Oak Ridge
Kaufman County, Texas
City Council Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2019 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, Nena Langford, Scherri Holmes, Janelle Davis, and Rolando Guzman. City Secretary Donna Sprague, and Compliance Officer R. J. Smith were present.

Item 2

Pledge

Council stood and recited pledge.

Item 3

Citizen Input

Mary Kinney said that someone had attempted to fill in some of the potholes on her street, but the rain had already destroyed their efforts. Betty Williams came to meeting, and told council that she and her husband had lived in Oak Ridge for 50 years, but they had their home up for sale. Partly because they needed to be near their daughter, but mainly the unkept area they now lived in. That neighbors had no respect for the neighborhood, and were junking it up. The Mayor told both ladies that live on the same street that their road would have professional paving done in the very near future. He had signed the contract for the work, and it would depend on the weather, and their scheduling. The Mayor also stated that our new Compliance Officer R. J. Smith would be taking care of many of the complaints in the future. The Council will be looking at all the ordinances that have been issued, and make sure all wording is complete to cover any violation he might issue. Jeff Terry was a new resident of Oak Ridge, and was interested in observing. He was welcomed. Mr. Don Bernier had been given different views on his work on his property, and was seeking understanding. The Mayor gave him the needed information for him to get started on his project.

Item 4

Approval of January 28, 2019 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 February 11, 2019 Workshop Minutes

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

Item 6

Action on February 2019 Financial Report

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

Item 8

Decision on Person Wanting to Buy Property for Car Lot

He had requested to come to workshop, and did not attend. The Mayor ask if anyone wanted to make a motion to accept the request. It died for lack of a motion. Then the Mayor ask if anyone wanted to make a motion to deny the car lot. Motion was made by Janelle Davis and seconded by Nena Langford. All being in favor of denial of request, motion carried.

Item 9 Decision on Person Wanting to Buy Property for Recreational Vehicle Lot

This person had wanted to talk to council at workshop, but failed to appear. The Mayor ask the council if anyone wanted to make a motion to accept the proposal. It died for lack of a motion. The Mayor then asked if anyone wanted to make a motion to deny the proposal. Motion was made by Scherri Holmes and seconded by Jimmy Quick to deny. All being in favor, motion carried.

Item 10 Discussion and Approval of Work on Robin and Oak Ridge Dr.

Motion was made by Scherri Holmes and seconded by Jimmy Quick to make these 2 roads the next in the city to be paved. All being in favor, motion carried.

Item 11 Update on Roads

The Mayor met with Commissioner Hunt to get bids for ditch cleaning on Abner Road and Country Lane. He is waiting for the estimates. A Culvert will be installed on Country Lane, but until the ditches are formed it would not last. The road has no ditches, that is part of the problem with maintaining the roads. The County Engineer said that to properly drain the water the North side of roadway would need to be 1 to 2 inches higher than the South side. Commissioner Hunt said it would take 30 truck loads of dirt to be hauled off on Abner Road to clean the ditches. The Mayor said to the other councilmen that at least one large hole would need to be patched on Zagota as soon as they could find a good weekend for them to work on that.

Item 12 Report to Council the Amount in Tech. and Security Funds

The Mayor had requested this information prior to meeting. This money is dedicated money and can only be used for the purpose intended. He would like to put a screen on one of the walls, and have a way to project to that screen anything the court needed to see. Councilman Guzman is in the tech world, and was asked to look into this and report back the cost involved.

Item 13 Update on Police Department

The Police Chief was unable to attend, but Officer Smith reported to the council the activity of the last month on code compliance. He was instructed on some of the needed areas of his attention in the next month.

Item 14 Discussion on Sole Provider Trash Pickup

As the city continues to invest huge amounts of city revenue to building professional streets. One of the major vehicles that destroy the streets are the large garbage trucks. It was discussed that placing weight limits on all city streets would be a start in addressing this problem. It is also discussed that the city may want to go to one sole provider for the residents. A survey a few years ago did not show this as favorable to most of the residents.

Item 15 Approval of Setting Speed Limit on Abner Road to 15 MPH

Motion was made by Janelle Davis and seconded by Nena Langford to set the speed limit to 15 mph. All being in favor, motion carried. The Mayor stated that as we study the current ordinance he would like the language to read that any city speed limit was at the discretion of the council.

Item 16 Ordinance Review and Change Approval per Ordinance

This will start in workshops, but the Mayor wanted the council to start looking at the ordinance and see how the city could benefit by changes. He stated that soon a huge development was going to take place in Oak Ridge. It would have very expensive homes, and it was not good that neighbors across the street could junk up their places like the do. He told the compliance officer that he would need to make sure that everyone was complying with the ordinances. It is also a concern for the council that some people try to get around the building ordinance which would include

building a home on property, and live in sheds instead. All of this will be addressed in the Ordinances, making sure there is no room for misunderstanding the directives.

Item 17 **Discussion and Set Date for next City Council Meeting**

Our regular Council Meeting date is March 25, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

Item 18 **Discussion and Set Date for March Workshop Meeting**

The Council set the date for a March workshop to be March 11, 2019 at 6:00 PM.

Item 19 Mayor/Council Items of Interest and/or Items for Future Council Considerations
(No Action to be Taken)

There was no discussion on this.

Item 20 **Motion to Adjourn**

Motion was made by Scherri Holmes and seconded by Jimmy Quick to adjourn the meeting at 10:27 PM. All being in favor, motion carried.

Al Rudin, Mayor

ATTESTED: _____
Donna Sprague, City Secretary