Town of Oak Grove, AR Town Council Meeting October 6th, 2020

- * Meeting called to order at 7:00pm. All present asked to stand for pledge allegiance
- * Council members present Gary Gray, Jayme Wambold, Jackie Powers and Stephanie Shepherd (Recorder) ABSNET: Terry Hutchison
- * Council Minutes for SEPTEMBER 2020 read aloud by Stephanie Shepherd
 - o Motion made to accept minutes by Gary Gray; seconded Jackie Powers All Agreed
- * Present Monthly Bills paid in SEPTEMBER 2020
 - o Motion made to pay bills Jayme Wambold; seconded Gary Gray All Agreed
- * Present Reviewed Balance Sheet AUGUST 2020
 - o Present Preliminary Balance Sheet September (Some Bank Statements not yet received)
- * Rural Community Grant Project Underway
 - o Walking Trail Progress Currently 3 sectioned poured
 - Gates/Fence needed around playground and walking trail needed to decrease the misuse of area. Signage to be placed around space forbidding the use of go-carts, dirt bikes, bicycles, skateboards, and other devices on walking trail.
 - Area around playground very muddy due to construction, Gary Gray requested town reseed the once grassy area. Council agreed reseeding needed and to occur at end of project.
 - Security Camera System discussed by Council. Surveillance needed for public areas including: the playground/walking trail, the schoolhouse, town hall, and fire departments. Current system not efficient, in need of repair and should be replaced. Mayor Dwane Malotte to research possible network system that could better serve the town. To be discussed at next meeting.
- * Mayor Malotte notified council that Five Mill Tax for 2021 was filed with Carroll County Clerk by Stephanie Shepherd on September 10th, 2020
- * 2021 Budget Review for Town of Oak Grove
 - o Motion to accept Budget made by Gary Gray; seconded by Jackie Powers
 - o Copy of Council approved budget to be included with Council Minutes

- * State Aid Street Committee assistance request needs postmark by Oct 15th for Town eligibility. Council agreed funding needed and moves to pursue assistance request. Any funding received to be used for addition street signs and the repaving of CR 674 and 614; other roads for consideration include CR 433, 618, and 616. Gary Gray to prepare letter of assistance request and leave for Mayor signature.
- * Letter concerning Unsightly property at 11898 HWY 21 North, was sent Sept 16, 2020
 - o Letter arrived at Post Office on 9/23/2020
- * No further information from Attorney regarding future Ordinances & Resolutions discussed last month. Stephanie Shepherd to contact regarding update.
- * No Update on the current Water Department Audits for 2018 and 2019 from Killingsworth
 - Last contacted for update on Sept 29th –left message inquiring on Audit progress have not received response

FIRE DEPARTMENT -

- * Tanker cleaned, painted, and prepared to be put back in service. Storm Siren tested at 7:01pm. Assistant Fire Chief Mike McKelvey brought to attention the sound of the siren and not being loud enough to be heard by residents. Council discussed interest in having existing storm siren serviced and research costs of expanding existing system to include multiple sirens. Possibly adding two sirens; one north of town center and one south. Gary Gray to research possibility of grant money for such a project.
- * Assistant Chief also presented Council with third quarter reviews for the Oak Grove Fire Department. This year the fire department has responded to 157 calls (119 EMS and 38 Structure Fires).
- * Council Member makes motion to adjourn by Jackie Powers; seconded by Jayme Wambold All Agreed
- * Meeting adjourned at 7:51pm.

Dwane Malotte / MAYOR

Stephanie Shepherd / RECORDER