

Town of Oak Grove, AR
City Council Meeting
September 1st, 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 Terry Hutchison and Stephanie Shepherd (recorder) ABSNET: Eugene Reynolds (RETIRED)
- * Council Minutes for **AUGUST 2020** read aloud by Stephanie Shepherd
 - o Motion made to accept minutes Jayme Wambold; seconded Terry Hutchison – All Agreed
- * Presented Monthly Bills paid in **AUGUST 2020**
 - o Motion made to pay bills Jayme Wambold; seconded Gene Reynolds – All Agreed
- * Presented Balance Sheet – **JULY 2020**
 - o Also, Preliminary Balance Sheet – **AUGUST 2020** (Bank Statements not yet received)
- * Rural Community Grant Project Underway – Greer Excavating to be starting on walking trail on 09/02/2020. Estimated completion in 2 weeks.
- * Town Attorney present – Tyler Allen Squires (Allen Squires Law Firm) Council reviewed current Agreement for Services with Allen Squires Law Firm, PLLC. Council and Attorney discussed Ordinance and Resolutions currently needed by the town.
 - o Marshal/Ordinance Enforcer – Mr. Squires not sure best route for our needs pertaining to the issue of enforcing violations against current ordinance and resolutions. He will research possible options the town can pursue.
 - o Grant Acceptance / Spending – Mr. Squires to draft Resolutions for the acceptance and spending of grant money received from the Rural Community Grant.
 - o Recorder & Town Clerk same position – Mr. Squires informed council to recent changes in codes to allow the merger of recorder & treasure into one position. Also, could possibly do away with the elected position, replacing it with an appointed position.
 - o Fire Dept Proposal – Mr. Squires explained that more research needs to be done for this proposal. He will explore what information may be needed to justify the need for it and to make this legal.
 - o ACH & Wire Transfers – Mr. Squires recognizes the need for adopting such procedure to allow for ACH/ Wire transactions. He will provide a proposed ordinance for Council review. To move forward with at next meeting.

- * Mill Tax for the year 2021 reviewed by council, then read aloud by mayor. Motion to accept Five Mill Tax as presented made by Jackie Powers; seconded by Jayme Wambold


FIRE DEPARTMENT –

- * Cory Plumlee presented to council with additional information regarding AirMedCare Network (air ambulance support) for Volunteer Fire Department members. Council agreed investment good for department and approved the spending of funds. 1 Year Membership Premium for 19 members totaling \$1235.00 paid for by Fire Department.

OTHER BUSINESS -

- * Bill England addressed council concerning letter he received informing him of complaints made concerning the noise and light at his arena. He explained this was one event and not a normal occurrence. That it was guests hosting the event on his land. Mayor Malotte informed him the letter received was not an official notice nor are there any fines at this time; it was just a friendly letter to inform him of the complaints and existing town ordinances regarding the sound.
- * JoAnn Youngblood addressed council to consider repaving county road 674. It is currently dirt and was looked at 2 years ago as it was once paved. Council discussed applying for a grant to complete the paving of CR 674 and 614. Also discussed the need for speed limits signs. Greer Excavating possible vendor for completing paving & street signs. Jayme Wambold made motion for town to apply for grant; seconded by Terry Hutchinson. Gary Gray to get more information on applying for Road Grant this year.
- * Local Citizen approached council about unsightly property at edge of town limits. The Property located at 11898 HWY 21 North has trash in yard, broken down vehicles, etc. Citizen explained he knows the owner of the property (Bowen Mace) does not live in state. That it is his renters creating the eyesore. Certified Letter to be sent.
- * Council Member makes motion to adjourn Jayme Wambold; seconded Terry Hutchinson – All Agreed
- * Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.


Dwane Malotte / MAYOR


Stephanie Shepherd / RECORDER

ORDINANCE NO. 104-2020

An ordinance assessing a 5 mill tax against the real and 5 mill tax against the personal property within the corporate limits of the town of Oak Grove, Arkansas, for the taxable year of 2021.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF OAK GROVE:

Section 1. That a 5 mill tax on real and 5 mill tax on personal on dollar herby be levied by the town of Oak Grove, Arkansas, for the year 2021.

Section 2. That a certified copy of this ordinance be delivered by the Town Recorder to the County Clerk of Carroll County, whose duty it shall be to extend said 5 mill tax against all real and 5 mill tax against all personal property withing the corporate limits of the town of Oak Grove, Arkansas.

That this ordinance be in full force from and after its passage, approval, and publication.

Passed on this 1st of September, 2020.

APPROVED *Dwaine Mitchell*
Mayor

ATTEST *Stephan Shepherd*
Town Clerk

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