

**Town of Oak Grove, AR**  
**Town Council Meeting Minutes**

**February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022**

- ❖ Mayor Dwane Malotte called to order the regular meeting of the Oak Grove Town Council at 7:03pm at the Oak Grove Town Hall. All present asked to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.
- ❖ Council Members present Jayme Wambold, Terry Hutchison, Gary Gray, C. Elbert Standlee, and Jackie Powers
- ❖ Stephanie Shepherd read the minutes from the January 2022 meeting. Jayme Wambold made motion to accept minutes, seconded by Jackie Powers. All Agreed.
- ❖ Monthly Bills for January 2022 were presented. Motion made by Terry Hutchison to pay bills, seconded Gary Gray. All Agreed.
- ❖ Preliminary Financial Statement for January 2022 presented to Council. Bank statements not yet received.
- ❖ Council continues discussion about needed repairs for School house and Town Hall.
  - Project was advertised on radio station and Job bank for 2 weeks. Also has been advertised on Town website and Sign. No interested contractors at this time.
  - Council decided to continue advertising on town website and sign. Will discuss again at next meeting.
- ❖ Bobby Engles spoke before Council providing violation report for our area. He hopes to continue provide a report for Council each month.
- ❖ Terry Hutchison to contact Bruce again about fencing around Park playground equipment.
- ❖ ARPA Funds- Final Rule passed and will take effect on April 1,2022. We are currently awaiting a third bid for the replacement of the town water meters. Chelsey from NWAEEED to visit with Council once all bids received.
- ❖ Executive Session called into to order by Mayor Dwane Malotte at 7:37pm
- ❖ Return to Regular Session at 7:48pm

**FIRE DEPARTMENT – Storm Siren Tested at 7pm**

- ❖ Fire Chief McKelvey and Stephanie Shepherd discussed with council the need to add ALL active volunteer fire fighters to LOPFI reporting and retirement. This is required by STATE LAW. No religious exclusion allowed. Chief McKelvey and Stephanie Shepherd to provide Gary Gray with more information in hope of finding more cost-effective solution as to paying considerable back pay for non-listed members.
- ❖ Chief McKelvey informed Council they are still waiting on the new lettering for newly painted response vehicle and the Air Trailer now in use at Fire Station #1.
- ❖ Chief McKelvey request the Council consider restoring the Parking area next to Fire Station #2. Council agreed. Chief McKelvey to contact local business to bring rock then spread and smooth parking area. Council agreed that the Street Department should pay for the repair of parking area.
- ❖ Chief requested permission to inquire about a Charge account at Hatman's in Green Forest and/or Powell's on Hwy 221 for the Fire Department Fuel Charges. Having additional resources for fuel would be a great advantage when responding to emergencies out of our local area.

- ❖ Motion made to adjourn meeting by Jayme Wambold, seconded by Jackie Powers. All Agreed
- ❖ Meeting Adjourned 7:51pm



Dwane Malotte / MAYOR



Stephanie Shepherd / RECORDER