

Town of Oak Grove, AR
Town Council Meeting Minutes

June 7th, 2022

- ❖ Mayor Dwane Malotte called to order the regular meeting of the Oak Grove Town Council at 7:07pm at the Oak Grove Town Hall. All present asked to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.
- ❖ Council Members present Jayme Wambold, C. Elbert Standlee and Gary Gray.
 - Absent: Jackie Powers and Terry Hutchison
- ❖ Stephanie Shepherd read the minutes from the May 2022 meeting. Jayme Wambold made motion to accept minutes, seconded by Elbert Standlee. All Agreed.
- ❖ Monthly Bills for May 2022 were presented. Motion made by Gary Gray to pay bills, seconded Jayme Wambold. All Agreed.
- ❖ Verified Financial Statement for May 2022 were presented to Council. Motion Made by Elbert Standlee to accept balance sheets as presented, seconded by Gary Gray, All Agreed.
- ❖ Mayor Malotte requested the Council consider using General Funds to pay for the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District Administrative costs for handing of the ARPA Funds awarded. The first invoice from NWAEDD total \$1000.00 and since we already expect spending for the Water Meter Project to exceed the awarded funds, the mayor suggests using General funds for this invoice. Motion made by Gary Gray to use General funds, seconded by Elbert Standlee. All Agreed.
- ❖ Mayor Dwane Malotte read before the council Ordinance# 109-2022 permitting relatives of Town Officials and Employees to hold employment with the Town of Oak Grove. Ordinance to be read for second time at next months meeting before holding vote.
- ❖ Judge Donna Griffin spoke before council about concern of area road conditions after recent weather received. She wanted to assure Council they are aware and hope to be in the area working soon.
- ❖ Gary Gray brought to attention of Council complaints he has received regarding the property located at 11447 Hwy 21 North. The yard has become extremely overgrown. Neighbors and other community members have complained about the neglect and eyesore it has become. Gary Gray made a motion to send a Certified letter to the property owner regarding this and its violation of Town Ordinance# 94-2016. Motion seconded by Jayme Wambold. All Agreed. Stephanie Shepherd to prepare and send letter certified thru USPS.
- ❖ Jayme Wambold suggested to help discourage such ordinance violations, that a letter to all community member regarding the need to the clean up our community. Make Oak Grove Beautiful again. Council discussed estimated number of letters needed and possibly costs for sending letter with Stephanie Shepherd. Jayme Wambold made motion to send Community Clean Up Letters, second by Elbert Standlee. All Agreed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Storm Siren Tested at 7pm

- ❖ Fire Chief Mike McKelvey informed Council that the new picnic tables for the town park have been unboxed and laid out for assembly.
- ❖ Chief requests the Council allow the fire department to relocate the concession stand so they may use it for a training exercise. Council agreed.
- ❖ Chief McKelvey informed Council that the Air conditioner at Fire Station #1 has been repaired and working properly.

- ❖ Chief McKelvey informed Council member of oil leak and blowout that occurred with Tanker truck. Oil leak has been repaired and blowout has temporary replacement. Chief recommended the needed replacement of All tires on the tanker. Council and Chief discussed cost and options considering current condition of existing tires. Council agreed to replacement of the 10 tires needed with New tires for cost of \$5,154.00. Chief also requested *833 money be used to cover cost of all tires. Motion made by Jayme Wambold for *833 money to be used in purchase on 10 New tires, Seconded by Gary Gray. All Agreed.
- ❖ Fire Chief discussed with Council the payment process for Non-Emergency Fire Department services. Specifically with regards to the Go-Cart races. In past years the charge for such services was \$25. Chief would now like to charge \$150.00, \$50 would go to Fire Department while the remaining would be split amongst the fire department members who attended the race with the Fire Truck. Council was not opposed to raise in fire department fee to \$50. However, questions were raised concerning the paying or reimbursing of volunteer fire fighters. Council suggests the Fire Department fee be raised to \$50 and be a separate check from addition donations made. Motion made by Jayme Wambold, seconded by Elbert Standlee. All Agreed.
- ❖ Motion made to adjourn meeting by Jayme Wambold, seconded by Gary Gray. All Agreed
- ❖ Meeting Adjourned 7:42pm.


Dwane Malotte / MAYOR


Stephanie Shepherd / RECORDER