

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

**January 3, 2023**

- ❖ Mayor Robert Fairweather 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.
- ❖ Oath of Office Administered by Mayor Robert Fairweather for Council Member position 1- Gary Gray, Council Member position 3- Jayme Wambold, Council Member position 5- Terry Hutchison, and Recorded Stephanie Shepherd.
- ❖ Council Members present Jayme Wambold, Gary Gray, and Terry Hutchison
- ❖ Stephanie Shepherd read the minutes from the December 2022 meeting. Jayme Wambold made a motion to accept minutes as read, seconded by Terry Hutchison. All Agreed.
- ❖ Monthly Bills for December 2022 were presented. Motion made by Terry Hutchison to pay bills, seconded Jayme Wambold. All Agreed.
- ❖ Preliminary Financial Statement for December 2022 and Financial Balance Sheet for 2022 presented to Council. Verified Statements to be presented at next meeting.
- ❖ Mayor and Council Members approve Special Meeting for review and discussion of Water Meter Project and use of ARPA Funds for Project. Special Meeting to take place Tuesday, January 17, 2023, 7pm at Town Hall.
- ❖ Craig Matzenbacher reported to council that no major leaks have been detected in Water system after unusually cold weather experienced recently. Craig to attend remaining classes for Water License this month and hopes to take exam in February.
- ❖ Council Member discussed current condition of Community Building (Schoolhouse). The building has been in need of repair for some time and may be unsafe for use in its current state. Jayme Wambold made motion to discontinue use to public until repaired or inspected to ensure safety, Seconded by Terry Hutchison. All Agreed. Building to be inspected by a Commercial Building Inspector as soon as possible.

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

- ❖ Fire Chief McKelvey presented to Council the Fire Department report for 2022. Average response time 8minutes, 4 seconds.
- ❖ Chief McKelvey discussed with the council the progress on changing the current method used for collecting Yearly Fire Membership Dues. Fire Dues to be sent as usual for 2023. The Chief hopes to have dues added to Tax bills for 2024, however the switch in methods may cause a gap in funding availability for the Fire Department for a small period of time.
- ❖ Fire Chief McKelvey requested approval for purchase of Wall Brackets for Christmas Light Storage. Motion made by Jayme Wambold to purchase, seconded by Gary Gray. All Agreed.
- ❖ Chief McKelvey wanted to inform Council and those present of the Annual Dinner held at the First Free Will Baptist Church on January 21 at 7pm.
- ❖ Motion made to adjourn meeting by Gary Gray, seconded by Terry Hutchison. All Agreed
- ❖ Meeting Adjourned 7:48pm.



Robert Fairweather / MAYOR



Stephanie Shepherd / SECRETARY