

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

**January 17, 2023**

- ❖ Mayor Robert Fairweather called to order the Special meeting of the Oak Grove Town Council at 7:04pm at the Oak Grove Town Hall. All present asked to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.
  - ❖ Council Members present Jayme Wambold, Gary Gray, and Terry Hutchison
  - ❖ Stephanie Shepherd read the minutes from the January 3rd meeting. Gary Gray made a motion to accept minutes as read, seconded by Jayme Wambold. All Agreed.
  - ❖ Mayor Fairweather introduced Chelsey Weaver from Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District (NWAEDD) who is here to discuss the selection of an engineering company needed for the Water Meter Project. In order to comply with the rules and regulations for the use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds awarded and the current estimated cost of the project, an engineer is suggested. Chelsey has spoke with Municipal League and concluded this would be the best path.
  - ❖ The Mayor and Council review and score the one response to the Request for Qualifications placed by the Town. Chelsey Weaver to collect and tally scores.
  - ❖ Total Awarded ARPA Funds is \$81,832.43. This money must be obligated by 2024 and spent by December 31, 2026. The town has already obligated these funds to the Water Meter Project in the reports. However, if after the Council enters into negotiations with the engineer and finds the costs for the project to exceed the Town's resources, actions can be taken to spend the ARPA funds elsewhere.
  - ❖ Gary Gray made a motion for the Town to move forward with the Civil Engineering Association (CEA) in regard to opening negotiations for the needs and costs of the Water Meter Project. Terry Hutchison Second the motion, All Agreed.
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- ❖ Motion made to adjourn meeting by Jayme Wambold, seconded by Gary Gray. All Agreed
  - ❖ Meeting Adjourned 7:42pm.



Robert Fairweather / MAYOR



Stephanie Shepherd / RECORDER