

Town of Oak Grove, AR Town Council Meeting Minutes

June 6th, 2023

- ❖ Mayor Robert Fairweather called to order the regular meeting of the Oak Grove Town Council at 7:05pm at the Oak Grove Town Hall. All present asked to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.
- ❖ Council Members present Jayme Wambold, Gary Gray, Lajunta Plumlee, Stacey Sutton and Terry Hutchison
- ❖ Stephanie Shepherd read the minutes from the May 2nd, 2023, meeting. Jayme Wambold made a motion to accept minutes as read, seconded by Terry Hutchison. All Agreed
- ❖ Verified Financial Statements for April 2023 presented to Council. Motion made by Jayme Wambold to approve statements as presented, seconded by Terry Hutchison. All Agreed.
- ❖ Monthly Bills for May 2023 were presented. Motion made by Terry Hutchison to pay bills, seconded Gary Gray. All Agreed.
- ❖ Mayor Fairweather read by title only the second reading of Resolution No. 116-2023 allowing a third authorized signer for the Town of Oak Grove was presented to Council. Motion made to approve Resolution 116-2023 in May Meeting. Second reading Council approved - All Agreed.
- ❖ Mayor Fairweather read by title only the second reading of Ordinance No. 117-2023 to establish the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for the Town of Oak Grove. Motion made to approve Ordinance 117-2023 in May Meeting. Second reading Council approved - All Agreed.
- ❖ Mayor Fairweather read by title only the second reading of Resolution No. 118-2023 authorizing the Mayor of Oak Grove to apply for the Fun Parks Grant fund through the AR Dept of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism to develop the public park. Motion made to approve Resolution 118-2023 in May Meeting. Second reading Council approved - All Agreed.
- ❖ Sealed Bids for the Sale of retired Town owned Kubota Tractor/mower. Three bids received by deadline. 1 bid received after June 1st deadline and will not be considered by Council. Bid#1 – Sabrina Gray - \$4026.00 / Bid#2 – Rodney Newman - \$4105.00 / Bid#3 Cherish Andreski - \$1100.00. After Council discussion Gary Gray made motion to approve sale to Rodney Newman for \$4,105.00, Seconded by Lajunta Plumlee. All agreed for approval of bid by Rodney Newman. Funds to be deposited into STREET Account.
- ❖ Mayor Fairweather presented Council with bid received from Midsouth Meter Group in regard to the Water Meter Project. Only one bid was received in response to advertisement placed by engineer Trey Foster with CEA. Council approved bid. Therefore, Mayor Fairweather introduced and read aloud Resolution 119-2023 a resolution authorizing a contract between the Town of Oak Grove and Midsouth Meter Group for the purpose of enhancing the Oak Grove Water Infrastructure. Motion made by Stacey Sutton to approve Resolution 119-2023, seconded by Terry Hutchison. All Agreed. To be read for second time by title only at next meeting.
- ❖ Several reports received concerning violations of Town Ordinance 94-2016 - Regulation of Unsanitary Conditions, Nuisance Abatement and Property Maintenance & Enforcement of the Remediation of such Properties. Properties reported include: 9370 HWY 103 North (Terry Rowland) and 11898 HWY 21 North (Mace Bowen). Motion made by Lajunta Plumlee for a certified letter to be sent notifying property owner of violation, seconded by Gary Gray. All Agreed. Stephanie Shepherd to send certified letter with copy of Ordinance to the property owners listed.
- ❖ Stephanie Shepherd informed Council of reports concerning animals running at large in the town and asks what protocol should be followed when addressing stray dogs. Council discussed issue and decided more research and information is needed to properly address ordinance violations. Mayor suggests council table issue until next meeting.
- ❖ Update on repairs of Oak Grove Community Building given by Randall Dickenson. Minor repairs have already been addressed and he hopes to begin roof supports and joist work in next 2 weeks. He will update council again at next meeting.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- ❖ Fire Chief McKelvey updated Council regarding truck still at Fire Master for repairs. Parts have finally arrived, and we should get update on status any day.
- ❖ Chief McKelvey requested Council consider allowing for Water Delivery within fire response area. Many requested have been made but the town has not allowed it for several years. After discussion Council found no reason to forbid water delivery within 5 miles of town limits. Charge to be \$100 per load – 2000 gallons. Charges to be paid out as follows: \$25 to delivery driver, \$50 to Fire Department for use of Truck and Fuel costs, and \$25 to Water Department for cost of Water. NO deliveries are allowed outside of the Fire District to ensure emergency vehicles are available in the event of a fire.


PUBLIC COMMENTS

- ❖ Karen Sanchez presented to Council the donation she raised for the costs of repairs on the Oak Grove Community Building. Currently \$1725.00 has been raised thru the swap meet and local businesses. The Swap meet will be held again on June 17th and July 15th. She informed the Council of additional donations anticipated from the Agri Days held in September.
- ❖ Park Clean up day went great and will help increase our efforts when applying for the Fun Park Grant this year.
- ❖ Road conditions of Eagle Lane brought before Council. Much discussion and debate about whose responsibility it is to maintain this road. Mayor Fairweather to gather more information on property and will address the issue again at the next meeting.

Jayne Wambold made motion to adjourn, Seconded by Terry Hutchison. All Agreed. Meeting Adjourned at 8:44 pm.



Robert Fairweather / MAYOR


Stephanie Shepherd / RECORDER