

Town of Oak Grove, AR
Town Council Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2023

- ❖ Mayor Robert Fairweather called to order the regular meeting of the Oak Grove Town Council at 7:00 pm at the Oak Grove Town Hall. All present asked to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.
- ❖ Council Members present Jayme Wambold, Gary Gray, Stacey Sutton, and Terry Hutchison.
 - Absent: Lajunta Plumlee
- ❖ Stephanie Shepherd read the minutes from the September 5, 2023, meeting. Jayme Wambold made a motion to accept minutes as read, seconded by Terry Hutchison. All Agreed
- ❖ Verified Financial Statements for August 2023 and Preliminary Financial Statements for September presented to Council. Motion made by Stacey Sutton to approve statements as presented, seconded by Jayme Wambold. All Agreed.
- ❖ Monthly Bills for September 2023 were presented. Motion made by Jayme Wambold to pay bills, seconded Stacey Sutton. All Agreed.
- ❖ Arkansas State Legislative Audit Presented to Council for Years 2020, 2021, & 2022 performed by auditor Dusty Breedlove. No Major findings for the audited years. Letters of corrective action for any minor findings have been sent, reviewed, and accepted by the state.
- ❖ The council was presented the county filed copy of Ordinance 120-2023 Five Mill Tax for 2024 which was read aloud by Mayor Fairweather at the last meeting and approved by the council. This Ordinance is a continuance of the previously established Millage tax for the Town of Oak Grove.
- ❖ Electrical repairs were completed around the playground. Gary Hobbs with Kings River Electric installed new piping, wire, GFI's, boxes and breakers. The cost of the work was \$1,272.00 paid from Street Funds.
- ❖ Update on Oak Grove Community Building (Schoolhouse)- Gary Hobbs with Kings River Electric completed the repairs agreed upon at last month's meeting addressing some of the needed repairs and improvements desired at the schoolhouse. The total cost of this was \$4,288.00. In addition to this, he went through all violations found on the Original Building inspection and provided an additional estimate of \$1,468.88 to correct these issues as well. This estimate was approved by the council via text on 9/19/2023 with a YES received from Terry Hutchison, Jayme Wambold, Lajunta Plumlee, and Gary Gray.
- ❖ The Council continued Community Center discussion regarding additional work to be done and when building could be reopened for Public Use. Photos showing roof repairs were presented to the council, they noted the gaps that have occurred from raising the roof. Further discussion between the council and Randall Dickenson resulted in suggestions about inquiring about spray foam insulation as a possible solution. Gary Gray to reach out to Shawn Robinson out of Bergman and inquire about a bid for insulating the schoolhouse attic. Mayor Fairweather recommended the town request the building be inspected by City Building Inspectors from Berryville and Green Forest with regards to Public Safety before reopening. Stephanie Shepherd to contact city inspectors Tim Kleffman (Green Forest) and Greg Harrison (Berryville) for possible inspection, noting intent of insulating attic with spray foam in future.
- ❖ Update on Water Meter Project – Meter installation began September 25th with the majority of installations completed, with the exception of the three larger meters. The contractor hopes to have these meters before the end of year. Contractors to return October 4th to begin with lids and tap sensor installation.
- ❖ The council was notified of 3 certified letters sent to owners of property currently violating Town Ordinances 93-2016 and 94-2016.
 - Catherine Poe – 10618 Hwy 21 North (yard growth and animals running at large)
 - Mace Bowen – 11898 Hwy 21 North (trash/debris in yard and yard growth)
 - Eddy & Sandra Duarte – 10447 Hwy 21 North (Yard growth and trash in yard)

- ❖ Request for New Location Meter installation for Cindy Ransom at 11016 Hwy 21 North. The previous request was tabled by the council until the state issued no work order was lifted. State Fire Marshall has approved her to continue construction for DUPLEX (Letter Provided for Council review). The council agreed to allow a new location tap once the deposit has been paid.
- ❖ Mayor Fairweather requested the council review the current water ordinance with regards to a new location deposit for future new taps. Since the new meter system has just been installed, the town should evaluate costs to ensure a proper deposit is requested at the time of installation. Council to review at next meeting.
- ❖ Update on road maintenance for Eagle Lane – Stacey Sutton informed the council that discussions with Mr. Huskey’s lawyer are still underway, and she hopes for an update at the next meeting.
- ❖ Mayor Fairweather informed the council of the response regarding Fun Park Grant the town recently applied for. The application has been accepted and Oak Grove has been selected for Consideration.
- ❖ Terry Hutchison proposed the council allow Stephanie Shepherd to purchase a new office chair as the condition of her current one is poor. Motion made by Terry Hutchison, Seconded by Gary Gray. All Agreed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Storm Siren tested at 7pm

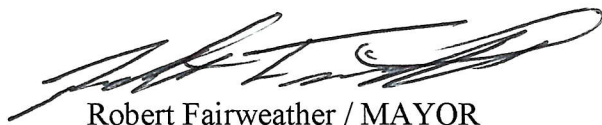
- ❖ Reminder: The Fire Department will be having the annual Softball Tournament and Fish Fry on Saturday October 28th, 2023. There will be food, fun, and a silent auction for everyone to enjoy while helping support our local Fire Fighters.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- ❖ NONE

Terry Hutchison made motion to adjourn, Seconded by Stacey Sutton. All Agreed.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:56 pm.



Robert Fairweather / MAYOR



Stephanie Shepherd / RECORDER