

Town of Oak Grove, AR
Town Council Meeting Minutes

April 2, 2024

- ❖ 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 Gary Gray, Lajunta Plumlee and Terry Hutchison.
 - ABSENT: Jayme Wambold and Stacey Sutton
- ❖ Stephanie Shepherd read the minutes from the March 12, 2024, meeting. Motion made by Lajunta Plumlee to approve the minutes as read, motion seconded by Gary Gray. All Present Agreed.
- ❖ Verified Financial Statement for February 2024 and Preliminary Financial Statements for March 2024 submitted for council approval. Gary Gray made a motion to approve financial statements as presented, motion seconded by Lajunta Plumlee. All Present Agreed.
- ❖ Monthly bills for March 2024 presented to the council. Lajunta Plumlee made a motion to approve bills, motion seconded by Gary Gray. All Present Agreed.
- ❖ Update on repairs/new building options for the Oak Grove Town Hall and Water Department. Mike McKelvey provided the council with information outlining the possible new Town Hall/Water Department. Mayor asks Council members to review the possible new building plans for the town. Repairs to current Town Hall/Water Department still to be considered.
- ❖ Mayor Fairweather informed the council of his plan to address the continued washing out of county roads 435 and 4351. He would like to have the road graded and additional gravel added after the rainy season to help ensure road any repairs stay in good condition for as long as possible.
- ❖ Mayor Fairweather regrets to inform the council of the resignation of Alderman Jayme Wambold from her position on the Oak Grove Town Council effective immediately. This now leaves a Vacant Council position.
- ❖ Alderman Terry Hutchison asked the council to review current town ordinances, specifically OR 18 regarding Zoning and Planning. He asked if the town ordinances such as this need to be amended, repealed, suspended, or what course of action should be taken. If such ordinances already exist for the town, but the town fails to meet the requirements outlined for committees etc. What should be done with them? Mayor Fairweather suggests contacting the Municipal League for recommendations and/or clarification of procedure to take.

WATER DEPARTMENT

- ❖ Water Tank Cleaning and Maintenance completed – Tank and System back online for use. Craig Matzenbacher requested the Council consider paying the former town employee, Rodney Newman, for his knowledge and assistance during water tank cleaning and maintenance.
- ❖ All damaged Meter boxes and all known water leak issues have been repaired. Thanks to England Excavation.
- ❖ Craig Matzenbacher informed council members of issues occurring with the blue marking posts recently placed at every meter location for the Oak Grove Water System. Post are being moved already. Stephanie Shepherd to include message regarding removal or tampering with marking posts on back next water bill, town website, and social media.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Storm Siren tested at 7pm

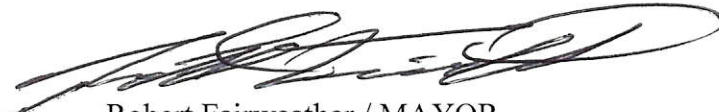
- ❖ The annual Pump test took place on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at Oak Grove Park – Both Trucks Passed.
- ❖ Reserve Fuel tanks to be relocated this summer once final storage location is prepared.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- ❖ Local Citizen Kay Jones informed the council of growing concerns for increased traffic that cuts through the Fire Department parking lot. She requested the town consider solutions to prevent this as it can be dangerous to pedestrians and other drivers. Mayor Fairweather to investigate solutions such as speed bumps or possibly water barriers to be placed in parking lot.
- ❖ Park and Recreation Committee Chairman, Lajunta Plumlee addressed attendants regarding her continued efforts in finding a full committee to serve with her. She also wanted to add that there will be a Community Park Clean-Up Event at the Oak Grove Town Park on Saturday, April 27th from 5-6pm for all that would like to volunteer and help keep our town beautiful.

Terry Hutchison made motion to adjourn meeting, Seconded by Gary Gray. All Present Agreed.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:16 pm.



Robert Fairweather / MAYOR



Stephanie Shepherd / RECORDER