

Town of Oak Grove, AR
Town Council Meeting Minutes

July 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, Aaron Curtis and Stacey Sutton.
 - ABSENT: Terry Hutchison
- ❖ Stephanie Shepherd read the minutes from the June meeting. Motion made by Aaron Curtis to approve minutes as read, motion seconded by Lajunta Plumlee. All Present agreed.
- ❖ Verified Financial Statements for May 2024 and preliminary financial statement for June 2024 submitted for council approval. Lajunta Plumlee made a motion to approve financials statements presented, a motion seconded by Gary Gray. All Present agreed.
- ❖ Monthly bills for June 2024 presented to the council. Gary Gray made a motion to approve bills, seconded by Stacey Sutton. All Present Agreed.
- ❖ Council Members were informed that Mosquito Spray has been purchased and delivered to the Fire Department for spreading with brush truck. Total costs of chemicals purchased with Street Funds was \$382.37
- ❖ Update on Water Department & Town Hall – Stephanie Shepherd informed the council that she has met with 2 contractors and provided council members with a copy of the estimates received estimates for work previously discussed. In addition to those repairs, the electrical and age of the building should be assessed also. Continued discussion about whether to proceed with repairs or to inquire about the costs and procedures for a new building. Mayor Fairweather requested the Council join him with a walk around the building so they can truly understand the current condition of the structure. Concerns over costs and state requirements when the project exceeds a certain dollar amount were discussed as the council believe a public meeting would be required prior to any loan for the project being undertaken. Mayor Fairweather to review possible funding options. Topic to be discussed again next month.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board update was given by Lajunta Plumlee

- ❖ A copy of the last meetings minutes for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was provided for council members
- ❖ Mayor Fairweather read by title only Resolution 123-2024 – Authorizing Mayor to Apply for FUN Parks Grant again this year – resolution has been submitted to NWAEDD for application process
- ❖ Results of Park Event held June 28th (Car Show and Cornhole Tournament) – The event was very successful. Donations raised at this event for Park improvements totaled \$1,356.55.
- ❖ The next event to be held by the Parks Committee will be a Fall Festival held September 14, 2024, celebrating the town's 86 anniversary as an incorporated town.

Water Dept

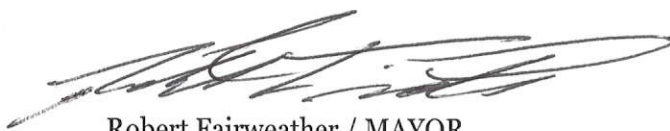
- ❖ Warning Letters were sent to customers missing the blue marking posts (6 customers). All issues with properly marking the water meter locations have been resolved.
- ❖ Craig Matzenbacher would like the council to know of a possible leak in the cookshack area. He believes there to be a leak between the women's bathroom and the cooking area. He also stated possible mold present.

Fire Dept

- ❖ Chief McKelvey informed the council of the needed replacement of the air conditioner at the Fire station. The current a/c compressor has failed, and he requested to purchase a replacement estimated to cost \$1,000. Council Agreed to allow the Chief to purchase new a/c unit. Fire funds are to be used for purchase, not 833.

Public Comments

Aaron Curtis made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Stacey Sutton. All Agreed.
Meeting Adjourned at 8:19 PM



Robert Fairweather / MAYOR



Stephanie Shepherd / RECORDER