

**Town of Oak Grove, AR**  
**Town Council Meeting Minutes**  
**August 6, 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, Stacey Sutton, and Terry Hutchison
- ❖ Stephanie Shepherd read the minutes from the July meeting. Motion made by Lajunta Plumlee to approve minutes as read, motion seconded by Stacey Sutton. All agreed.
- ❖ Verified Financial Statements for June 2024 and preliminary financial statement for July submitted for council approval. Aaron Curtis made a motion to approve financials statements presented, a motion seconded by Lajunta Plumlee. All agreed.
- ❖ Monthly bills for July 2024 presented to the council. Lajunta Plumlee made a motion to approve bills, seconded by Gary Gray. All Agreed.
- ❖ Council Members were informed that Mosquito Spray has been sprayed by Fire Department.
- ❖ Discussion of Town Hall/Water Dept repairs and the possible reinstatement of OG Police Dept was tabled to next meeting when Stephanie Shepherd to present first review of 2025 Budget.

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.
- ❖ The next events to be held by the Parks Committee will be a Fall Festival held September 14 from 10-2pm, the Oak Grove Trunk-or-Treat on October 26 from 4-6pm, and a Chili Cook-Off & Cruise-In held November 16 from 10-2pm.

Water Dept

- ❖ Nothing to report

Fire Dept

- ❖ Chief McKelvey informed the council that a new ac has been purchased, installed, and is working well.
- ❖ Chief McKelvey informed the Council of recent funds received by the fire dept from the Eastern Carroll County Ambulance District. These funds do have restrictions on use, he would like to earmark these funds for the anticipated costs related to the emergency radios and pagers the department will be receiving soon.
- ❖ Chief McKelvey and Assistant Chief Plumlee discussed with council the needed replacement of Fire Gear for the entire fire department. The current equipment is outdated, and they would like to request the town assist with the purchase of replacement gear. The estimated cost to replace all gear and bring equipment up to date is roughly \$40,000.00. The council discussed with the chief and assistant chief the current funds held by the fire department and the \*833 money available. After much discussion between council and FD, Gary Gray made a motion to use \$30,000.00 from the \*833 funds and the remaining amount directly from the Fire Funds. If in the event the fire department funds become depleted beyond department sustainability, the town may intervene at that time. Lajunta Plumlee seconded the motion as presented by Gary Gray. All Agreed.
- ❖ The Fire Department would also like to budget for the purchase of a washer used specifically for Fire Gear to help prolong the life of the new equipment. This is estimated to cost \$5,000.00. No objections were heard from council to budget for this purchase.

Public Comments

Gary Gray made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Stacey Sutton. All Agreed.  
Meeting Adjourned at 7:35 PM



Robert Fairweather / MAYOR



Stephanie Shepherd / RECORDER