

**Town of Oak Grove, AR**  
**Town Council Meeting Minutes**  
**September 3, 2024**

- ❖ Mayor Robert Fairweather called to order the regular meeting of the Oak Grove Town Council at 7:04 pm at the Oak Grove Town Hall. All present asked to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.
- ❖ Council Members present Gary Gray, Lajunta Plumlee, Stacey Sutton, and Terry Hutchison
  - Absent: Aaron Curtis
- ❖ Stephanie Shepherd read the minutes from the August meeting. Motion made by Lajunta Plumlee to approve minutes as read, motion seconded by Gary Gray. All agreed.
- ❖ Verified Financial Statements for July 2024 and preliminary financial statement for August submitted for council approval. Gary Gray made a motion to approve financials statements as presented, motion seconded by Lajunta Plumlee. All agreed.
- ❖ Monthly bills for August 2024 presented to the council. Lajunta Plumlee made a motion to approve bills, seconded by Gary Gray. All Agreed.
- ❖ First Look at the 2025 Town Budget – Council members to review and approve at the next meeting.
- ❖ Mayor Fairweather read aloud the first reading of Town Ordinance 124-2024 – the 2025 Mill tax. Ordinance was read - no objections heard from the council. Ordinance to be read again at the next meeting then filed with County Clerk's Office.
- ❖ Town Hall & Water Dept -Council continued discussion on plans for repairs or options for a new building. An additional estimate for the potential cost of a new building are to be provided at the next meeting for further discussion after the 2025 budget review.
- ❖ Continued discussion of possible reinstatement of the Oak Grove Police Dept – Council still considering if reinstatement of department is financially possible. The possibility of an outpost for the Sherriff office might be more feasible. Chief McKelvey has already given them access to station 1 while out on patrol in our area. More discussion on this possibility 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.
- ❖ 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

- ❖ Fire Chief Mike McKelvey informed the Council that everyone has been fitted and new fire gear has been ordered.
- ❖ Chief McKelvey requested the town consider a different provider for propane at the fire stations. Mayor Fairweather went on to discuss his intent on switching to a different company for all the town facilities. The Council had no objections to this switch. Stephanie Shepherd was informed to stop MFA from filling tanks again before the transfer of services can take place.

Public Comments

- ❖ Mayor Fairweather brought up concern of condition of CR 4351. Alderman Terry Hutchison agreed to contact grater that town has used before. Mayor requested to meet with Terry at the County Road to further discuss what work needs to be done.

Gary Gray made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Lajunta Plumlee. All Agreed.  
Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 PM



Robert Fairweather / MAYOR



Stephanie Shepherd / RECORDER

