

Town of Oak Grove, AR
Town Council Meeting Minutes
May 6, 2025

- ❖ Mayor Robert Fairweather called to order the regular meeting of the Oak Grove Town Council at 7pm at the Oak Grove Town Hall. All presents asked to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.
- ❖ Mayor Fairweather administered the Oath of Office for council member Terry Hutchison.
- ❖ Council Members present Gary Gray, Lajunta Plumlee, Aaron Curtis, and Terry Hutchison.
- ❖ Council Minutes reviewed for February 4, 2025. Motion made by Lajunta Plumlee to approve minutes, seconded by Aaron Curtis. All Agreed.
- ❖ Council Minutes reviewed for February 11, 2025. Motion made by Aaron Curtis to approve minutes, seconded by Lajunta Plumlee. All Agreed.
- ❖ Mayor Fairweather acknowledged that due to inability to make Quorum NO Council Meetings were held in March or April 2025.
- ❖ Verified Financial Statements for January, February, and March 2025 submitted for council approval. Aaron Curtis made a motion to approve financials statements as presented; motion seconded by Lajunta Plumlee. All agreed.
- ❖ Monthly bills for February, March, and April 2025 are presented to the council. Gary Gray made a motion to approve bills, seconded by Terry Hutchison. All Agreed.
- ❖ Mayor Fairweather notified the council of certified letters sent on April 15, 2025, to two locations inside the city limits for unsanitary property conditions. Property Owners Daniel Loghry and Dena Reed at 10447 Hwy 21 North and Mace Bowen at 11898 Hwy 21 North for violations against Or No. 94-2016.
- ❖ Mayor Fairweather proposed to council members Resolution 127-2025 allowing for the Town of Oak Grove to apply for the Fun Parks Grant. This will be the third time we have applied for this grant. Courtney Roberts from NWAEDD was present to answer any questions and advise the council on the grant application process. Motion made by Aaron Curtis to approve resolution, seconded by Lajunta Plumlee. All Agreed.

Water Dept

- ❖ Stephanie Shepherd informed the council of needed approval for a new installation location for Josie Badley located at 84 CR 674. Council members had no objections. Lajunta Plumlee made a motion to approve new installation, seconded by Aaron Curtis. All Agreed. Installation will begin next week.
- ❖ The mayor informed the council of repairs needed on Water Department Vehicle. He will be taking it to Quality Tire to have a kill switch installed, this should remedy the power draw that continues to be an issue.

Fire Dept

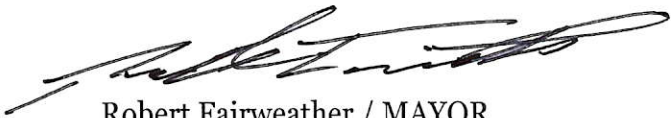
- ❖ Fire Chief Mike McKelvey notified the council that the new radios have been ordered. These radios are able to be purchased thanks to the \$6000 check received from the Eastern Carroll County Ambulance District. Proof of purchase needs to be provided once the invoice is paid. Stephanie Shepherd to email paid invoice once completed.
- ❖ All major equipment that was damaged in fire earlier this year has been received but we are still waiting for the final invoice to complete billing with funds received from Tyson's.
- ❖ Fire Chief updated council that tanker truck repairs are almost complete and that the annual pump test is scheduled for May 22nd.
- ❖ Chief McKelvey brought to the council's attention the need for repairs on the fire department office and bathroom. He has received 2 bids estimates for the cost of repairs. Council members along with the chief and mayor reviewed the bids and decided that the bid totaling \$9850 that included all repairs and floors should be accepted. Aaron Curtis made a motion for the fire department to proceed with repairs. The motion was seconded by Gary Gray, all agreed. Repairs to be paid by fire fund.

Public Comments

- ❖ Parks committee update given by Lajunta Plumlee. Veronica Gray has been handling many of the duties while Lajunta has been out of town. The next town park committee event will be held on June 14th from 10am to 2pm at the Oak Grove town park. This will be a Flag Day celebration and kids' fest. Food will be supplied by Equity Bank, and we will have dedication to retiring old flags. The parks committee needs additional volunteers for park events and would like to encourage anyone wanting to be involved to attend a parks meeting.
- ❖ Mayor Fairweather wanted to bring back to table the discussion regarding the current condition of the Town Hall and Water Department. He discussed with the council the need for repairs and requested he be allowed to have these issues fixed. If estimated costs are excessive then he will reach out to council prior, however many things could be repaired without waiting till monthly meeting for council approval. The council had no issues with Mayor getting the needed repairs done to the building. Mayor to proceed with repairs.
- ❖ Gary Gray brought forth to the council the need for additional rubber mulch at the playground. Gary used to get quotes and if reasonably priced will proceed to purchase.
- ❖ Mayor Fairweather informed the council that the ball field fence and scoreboard should be repaired soon. He also informed the council that new latches will be attached to gates at the park to keep them from being left open. Mayor to install butterfly latches to allow for auto closures.
- ❖ Billy Langwell of Oak Grove approached council with interest in filling Alderman position 4. Council members and mayor discussed with him his interest in being involved with the town. Mayor Fairweather requested Mr. Langwell attend next month's meeting before the council votes on the position.

Gary Gray made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Terry Hutchison. All Agreed.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 PM - Next Council Meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2025.



Robert Fairweather / MAYOR



Stephanie Shepherd / RECORDER