Town of Oak Grove, AR Town Council Meeting Minutes September 2, 2025

- ❖ Mayor Robert Fairweather called to order the regular meeting of the Oak Grove Town Cou⊥cil at 7pm at the Oak Grove Town Hall. All presents asked to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Council Members present Gary Gray, Lajunta Plumlee, Aaron Curtis, and Terry Hutchison.
- Council Minutes reviewed for August 5, 2025. Motion made by Lajunta Plumlee to approve minutes, seconded by Aaron Curtis. All Agreed.
- ❖ Verified Financial Statements for July2025 submitted for council approval. Aaron Curits made a motion to approve financials statements as presented; motion seconded by Gary Gray. All agreed.
- Monthly bills for August 2025 are presented to the council. Gary Gray made a motion to approve bills, seconded by Terry Hutchison. All Agreed.
- The 2023 & 2024 Independent Account's Report on Applying Agreed Upon Procedures & Compiled Financial Statements for the Oak Grove Water Department presented to Council for their review. Reports completed by The Killingsworth Firm CPA PLLC of Berryville, AR.
- ❖ Mayor Fairweather read aloud Oak Grove Town Ordinance 128-2025 − Five Mill Tax for 2026. Aaron Curtis made motion to approve ordinance, Seconded by Lajunta Plumlee. All Agreed − Ordinance Passed. Ordinance to be filed with County Clerk by Secretary/Treasurer.
- ❖ Follow-up on Certified letters sent April 15, 2025 current issues have not been resolved some slight improvements have been noted but no yard clean up. Mayor Fairweather invited Sherriff Klatt to voice his opinion and/or experiences that could be of assistance to town in resolving these types of problems. However, without code enforcement to begin the violation process it limits the options ava able to town especially since the County Sheriff's office is unable to provide aid to the town concerning this matter. Gary Gray noted that he is against a code enforcer for Oak Grove. Lajunta Plumlee stated that further research should be done into helping find a possible resolution to the issue.
- ❖ Proposal for standard trash service for Oak Grove after further discussion by council at meeting a decision to not mandate trash service for town residents at this time as they believe it will not resolve the current issues. Lajunta Plumlee made motion to Not proceed with mandating trash service for Oak Grove, Motion was seconded by Aaron Curtis. All agreed Gary Gray Abstained from vote

Water Dept

Nothing to report

Fire Dept

Chief McKelvey reports that all repairs on Fire station have been completed.

Public Comments

- ❖ Karen Sanchez approached council to request a waive in rental fee for the Christmas in the Country Event to be held this Nov 15. They will be having a silent auction at the event where proceeds will be donated to the Parks Committee. Lajunta Plumlee made motion to waive fee, Seconded by Gary Gray. All Agree.
- Lajunta Plumlee would like the council to consider allowing the community building (schoclhouse) to be used by the 4H North Polo Club for their club meetings without rental fee. They are going to be volunteering as part of the parks committee. Council had no objections.
- ❖ Terry Hutchison requested council to consider allowing Oak Grove Volunteer Fire Fighters use of the community building without rental fee. Council discussed and agreed to waive fee for Fire Department members if buildings were not being used to make a profit, such as for yard sales. Terry Hutchison made motion to waive rental fee for Active Fire Fighters when requesting to use for non-profit events, motion was seconded by Lajunta Plumlee. All Agreed.

Terry Hutchison made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Aaron Curtis. All Agreed. Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 PM

Next Council Meeting is scheduled for October 7, 2025.

Robert Fairweather / MAYOR

Stephanie Shepherd / RECORDER