

Town of Oak Grove, AR
Town Council Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2026

Stephanie Shepherd called to order the regular meeting of the Oak Grove Town Council at 7:05 PM at the Oak Grove Town Hall, following the scheduled storm siren test at 6:55 PM. All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Members Present: Gary Gray, Lajunta Plumlee, Aaron Curtis

Council Members Absent: Terry Hutchison and Mayor Robert Fairweather

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from February 3, 2026, regular meeting were presented for council review.

Motion to approve: Gary Gray - Second: Aaron Curtis – All Agreed.

Financial Reports

Monthly Bills for February 2026 were submitted.

Motion to approve: Aaron Curtis - Second: Gary Gray – All Agreed.

Verified Financial Statements for December 2025 were submitted.

Motion to approve: Lajunta Plumlee - Second: Gary Gray – All Agreed.

Deannexation – Eagle Lane Properties

A status update was provided regarding additional petitions for detachment; three additional petitions have been received. This totals 11 of the 16 lots located on Eagle Lane. Stephanie Shepherd reported that she is continuing to seek clarification on the legal procedure for detachment. She has already reached out for guidance from the Arkansas Municipal League and will also attempt to contact Former Town Attorney Tyler Allen Squires, who previously advised the Town on Eagle Lane matters in 2021 and handled the Plumlee annexation in 2023. Council members emphasized the importance of ensuring that all steps in the detachment process are handled properly, transparently, and in full compliance with legal requirements, noting that this approach best protects both the Town and its citizens and supports achieving the most appropriate long-term solution. A Public Notice regarding the proposed detachment will be posted again in advance of the April 7th Council Meeting. The Council expressed hope that the matter can be resolved at the next meeting through passage of the ordinance and approval of the requested property detachments. Council will continue discussion and consider possible action at the next meeting.

Fire Department

Fire Chief Mike McKelvey reported that the Storm Siren Maintenance has been rescheduled, with an estimated cost between \$185–\$200. He noted he has already discussed the matter with the Mayor.

Chief McKelvey informed the Council that the Arvest Foundation selected the Oak Grove Fire Department as a local organization making a positive impact in the community. The department was awarded a \$10,000 grant, which the Chief intends to use to update remaining older gear used by volunteer firefighters.

The Chief also reported that the garage door at Fire Station #1 is malfunctioning, and he is in the process of obtaining repair parts and/or services.

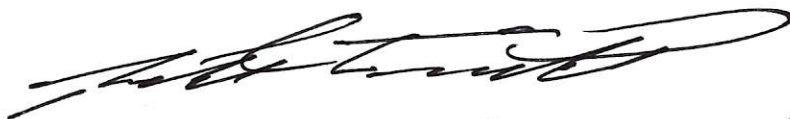
The Annual Pump Test is scheduled to take place on April 27th.

Water Department

The Biennial Water Tank Cleaning and Maintenance is currently scheduled for March 30th. This routine service occurs every two years as part of regular system maintenance.

Adjournment

Gary Gray made motion to adjourn, Second Aaron Curtis. All Agreed. Meeting adjourned 7:28pm.



Robert Fairweather – MAYOR



Stephanie Shepherd – Secretary/Treasurer