

**PROCEEDINGS OF MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TOWN OF OAK GROVE, LOUISIANA  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2019 – 5:00 P.M.**

The Town Council of Oak Grove met in regular session on Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at 5:00 P.M. Present for the meeting were Council Members Nevels, Gammill, Walker, Allen and Rye. Mayor Holland presided.

Invocation was led by former Council Member Haynes.

Council Member Rye made motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2019 council meeting. The motion passed by general consent.

Mayor Holland stated that he would like to strike items 11 and 12 from the agenda and add as new business:(a) Oak Grove rose at the Governor's mansion; (b) introduce Ordinance allowing sale of water bonds;(c) cemetery clean-up day;(d) Jerry Harper in reference to grass in the streets;(e) endeavor agreement with the West Carroll Sherriff's Office. Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Walker to make those changes to the agenda. The motion passed by general consent.

Council Member Rye made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to approve the July 2019 financials and bills for payment. The motion passed by general consent.

Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to adopt the 2019 millage rates. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of the resolution is on file at city hall.

Representatives for Aqua Metric and Government Capital gave a presentation to propose digital water meters for the Town. Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Walker to continue negotiations with Aqua Metric. The motion passed unanimously.

John Gay gave an update on mosquito abatement for the Town. He addressed equipment that the Town was able to purchase through a grant and also addressed problems that the Town has had with the equipment recently. He suggested that the town have a dedicated vehicle for the equipment to avoid any future damages to the equipment.

Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to approve the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire. The motion passed by general consent.

Council Member Rye made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to accept the donation of adjudicated property from the West Carroll Parish Police Jury. Voting in favor were Council Members Rye, Allen, Nevels and Gammill. Voting against the motion was Council Member Walker. The motion carried.

Superintendent Colquette stated that a culvert was needed for the street on the east end of the cemetery by the town barn. He stated he had received quotes for the culvert and the lowest price would be \$906.60. Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Rye to purchase this culvert. The motion passed unanimously.

Chris Patrick with Denmon Engineering spoke with the Council about the drainage problems on West McIntosh. It was recommended that the Town install two culverts in that area and also have a survey crew shoot the grades in that area. Mayor Holland stated the lowest cost for two culverts would be \$661.98. Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Gammill to approve the purchase of two culverts and the cost of a survey crew to shoot the grades in that area. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Walker to approve Byron Lewis to take the Level 2 Wastewater Collection exam on August 16<sup>th</sup>. Voting in favor of the motion were Council Members Gammill and Rye. Voting against the motion was Council Member Nevels. The motion carried.

Council Member Rye made a motion, seconded by Council Member Nevels to approve the Clerk and Assistant Clerk to attend the annual Clerk's Institute in October. Voting in favor of the

motion were Council Members Rye, Nevels, Gammill and Walker. Council Member Allen abstained. The motion carried.

Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Walker to adopt an Eye Witness ID policy for the police department. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Rye to approve purchase a licensing agreement with LENSS for the police department. The motion passed unanimously.

Byron Lewis notified the Council that there are two small leaks in the ground storage tank. Mayor Holland stated that the Town had been approved for a CWEF grant to refinish the outside of the elevated tank. He asked that the council approve him to accept quotes for the project. Council Member Rye made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to approve the Mayor to have Chris Patrick to get quotes for the project. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Sandy Waters with the Garden Club stated that the Governor's Mansion has a rose garden with roses from each parish. She stated that West Carroll does not have a rose in the garden. Mrs. Waters asked that the Town donate \$75 towards the purchase of the rose. No action was taken by the Council.

Council Member Walker made a motion, seconded by Council Member Nevels to introduce and Ordinance authorizing the sale of water bonds and set a public hearing for the September meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Holland stated that a cemetery clean-up day has been set for Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> to clean the older headstones in the cemetery.

Jerry Harper addressed the council concerning grass that is being blown into the streets by mowers. The Council and Chief discussed running ads in the paper to inform the public of the dangers of grass in the roads.

Council Member Walker made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to enter into an endeavor agreement with the West Carroll Parish Sheriff's Office for a dispatcher salary package. The motion passed unanimously.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:03 P.M.

---

MELLISSA CORLEY, LCMC

---

ADAM T. HOLLAND, MAYOR