

**PROCEEDINGS OF MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TOWN OF OAK GROVE, LOUISIANA
TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2024 – 5:00 P.M.**

The Town Council of Oak Grove met in regular session on Tuesday, August 13, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall. Present for the meeting were Council Members Nevels, Walker, Allen, Holland and Phillips. Mayor Rollinson presided.

Invocation was led by Council Member Holland.

Council Member Holland made a motion, seconded by Council Member Nevels to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2024 meeting and the July 15, 2024 special meeting. The motion carried.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to approve the following new business be added to the agenda: (A) approve quote for Legion Hut kitchen flooring; (B) rename the south end of Front Street in front of Robinson's Grocery as Robinson Street. The motion carried.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Holland to approve the July 2024 financials for payment. The motion carried.

Council Member Holland made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to approve Blake and Amanda Aaron's application to place solar lights on their buildings in the historic district. The motion carried.

Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to adopt a Resolution for a DEQ pre-loan application. The motion carried.

Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to adopt a Preliminary Resolution for sewer revenue bonds. The motion carried.

Council Member Holland made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to approve hiring Blake Johnson as a water/sewer technician pending pre-employment drug screen and physical. The motion carried.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to introduce an Ordinance to increase the council salary. The motion carried. A public hearing for the proposed Ordinance will be held on Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to introduce an Ordinance to increase the mayor's salary. The motion carried. A public hearing for the proposed Ordinance will be held on Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to introduce an Ordinance to amend Ordinance 479 Section 8-42(b) dealing with cutting of trees. The motion carried. A public hearing for the proposed Ordinance will be held on Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

The council was made aware of a billing error with commercial water bills that created a credit on some accounts. Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Holland to approve the water department to apply credits from the customers water bill to their sewer bill and issue refunds for any amount left over and to waive any late fees for those customers for the month of August. The motion carried.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to approve paying half the cost of transportation and disposal of chemical totes that the town can not use. The motion carried.

Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Walker to approve ending the contract with JCP Management for management of the sewer plant and having the town take over the management of the plant and hiring Greg Thompson as a full-time employee for the sewer plant. The motion carried.

Council Member Holland made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to approve paying for a mandatory password protection program for police officers and staff. The motion carried.

Chief Russell gave his monthly report to the council and also asked to be approved to hire two officers in order to have a total of six full-time officers. Council Member Holland made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to approve the Chief to hire two full-time police officers. The motion carried.

Council Member Holland made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to approve a quote from Scott Harper to replace flooring in the Legion Hut kitchen for \$2,214.69. The motion carried.

Council Member Walker made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to start the process of renaming the South end of Front Street in front of Robinson's Grocery as Robinson Street. The motion carried.

At 5:35 p.m. Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to adjourn. The motion carried.

MELLISSA CORLEY, LMMC

HUBERT ROLLINSON, MAYOR