

**PROCEEDINGS OF MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TOWN OF OAK GROVE, LOUISIANA
TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2024 – 5:00 P.M.**

The Town Council of Oak Grove met in regular session on Tuesday, June 11, 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.

Council Member Allen led the invocation.

Council Member Holland made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2024 council meeting. The motion carried.

Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to approve striking item 10 (adopt Resolution for Louisiana Project Grant for mural in downtown courtyard) from the agenda and adding item (A) discussion of sewer rates. The motion carried.

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

Council Member Holland made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to adopt an Ordinance for the 2024-2025 FY budget. The motion passed unanimously. The Ordinance is filed in Ordinance Book No. 4; page 23; as Ordinance No.623.

Council Member Holland made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to approve changes to the employee sick-leave policy with the exception of the amount of sick leave paid out at retirement being a maximum of six weeks. The motion carried.

Council Member Phillips made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen, to adopt a Resolution to apply for SEDAP grant funds to replace water lines and to allocate \$300,000.00 from the water department as a match for the project. The motion carried.

There was one bid for the Kelly Street Water Improvement project. Ashton Construction bid \$44,549.06. Council Member Holland made a motion, seconded by Council Member Nevels, to accept the bid with a change order that will reduce the amount to \$33,049.06. The motion carried.

Council Member Walker made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to approve a membership to TLO for \$100.00 per month. The motion carried.

Council Member Holland made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to approve the purchase of a Dodge Durango police vehicle on State Contract from Premier Dodge at a price of \$45,810.93. The motion carried.

Chief Russell gave his monthly report to the Council.

Sewer rates were discussed, and it was noted that the Town is now in compliance with DEQ and that the future scheduled rate increases should ensure that they remain in compliance.

At 5:36 p.m. Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to adjourn. The motion carried.

MELLISSA CORLEY, LMMC

HUBERT ROLLINSON, JR., MAYOR