

**PROCEEDINGS OF MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TOWN OF OAK GROVE, LOUISIANA  
JUNE 9, 2020 – 9:00 A.M.**

The Town Council of Oak Grove met in regular session on Tuesday, June 9, 2020. Present for the meeting were Council Members Nevels, Gammill, Walker and Rye. Council Member Allen was absent. Mayor Holland presided.

Invocation was led by Council Member Walker.

Council Member Rye made a motion, seconded by Council Member Gammill to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2020 special meeting and the May 12, 2020 regular meeting. The motion passed by general consent.

Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Rye to add the following new business to the agenda: (A) burn day. The motion passed by general consent.

Council Member Rye made a motion, seconded by Council Member Nevels to approve the May 2020 financial statements and bills for payment. The motion passed by general consent.

Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Rye to adopt an Ordinance approving the budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. A roll call vote was taken and the votes were as follows: For 4 Against 0 Absent 1. The Ordinance was recorded in Ordinance book No. 3, page 169, as Ordinance No. 604.

There was one bid for official journal from The West Carroll Gazette. The bid was for \$4.80 per inch, which is equivalent of \$6.00 per legal square and reflected no change or increase over the current year. Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Gammill to accept the bid from the West Carroll Gazette. The motion passed by general consent.

Mayor Holland stated that due to the town's understanding of the Governor's order for covid-19, the water department had not turned any customer's water off for non-payment since March. He stated that there are several customers who have not paid their water bills during this time. He asked what the council would like to do in order to collect the money due for the delinquent accounts. After discussing different options, Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Rye to notify the customers with delinquent accounts that they must pay their current month's water bill and must have the past due balance paid within 90 days or water service will be disconnected. The motion carried.

Mayor Holland stated that the town's current ordinance dealing with sewer leaks on private lines connecting to the town's sewer and water systems, allows the property owner 30 days to repair or replace any lines that are found to be leaking or damaged. He stated that due to a current situation, he and Chief Russell had contacted the State Health Department to see what they do. The State Health Department allows 15 days to make repairs. Mayor Holland asked that the council consider amending the current ordinance to allow 15 days instead of 30 days. The council discussed introducing an ordinance at the next month's council meeting to make these changes. No action was required at this time.

The council discussed changing the time of the regular meetings. Due to all council members not being in attendance at this meeting, no action was taken.

Dr. Sutherlin presented the council with an update of the water testing and answered questions.

Chief Russell gave his monthly report to the council.

Superintendent Colquette gave his monthly report to the council.

Director of Water Operations Moody gave his monthly report to the council.

Council Member Walker made a motion, seconded by Council Member Gammill to set a "free burn day" to allow residents to clean-up their properties and burn limbs and debris. The dates this will be allowed are June 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> and June 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. The motion carried.

Attorney Lancaster requested an executive session to discuss litigation. At 5:44 P.M. Council Member Rye made a motion, seconded by Council Member Nevels to enter into executive session. The motion carried.

At 5:49 P.M. Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Rye to resume the regular meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

With no further business to discuss at 5:49 P.M., Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Rye to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

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ADAM T. HOLLAND, MAYOR