

**PROCEEDINGS OF MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TOWN OF OAK GROVE, LOUISIANA
TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2024 – 5:00 P.M.**

The Town Council of Oak Grove met in regular session on Tuesday, May 14, 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 Nevels.

Council Member Holland made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2024 meeting. The motion carried.

Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to approve the April 2024 financials and bills for payment. The motion carried.

Council Member Holland made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to approve Budget Revision No. 2 for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. The motion carried.

Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to introduce an Ordinance for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. The motion passed unanimously. A public hearing will be held on June 11, 2024 to hear public comments on the proposed budget. The budget is available for inspection at City Hall.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Holland, to accept a bid from the West Carroll Gazette as the official journal. The bid was \$4.80 per inch and was the same as the previous year. The motion carried.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Holland to approve the annual Endeavor Agreement with the West Carroll Parish Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$25,000.00 for a dispatcher salary package. The motion carried.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to approve a proposal from Richardson Consulting in the amount of \$15,359.38 for surveying the Historic District and writing a National Register nomination. The motion carried.

The town received two quotes for cutting down and removing four trees from the town right-of-way on Lindsey Street. The quotes were: Fisher Stump Grinding \$3,500.00 and Harrison Tree Service \$1,500.00. Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to approve the quote from Harrison Tree Service. The motion carried.

Council Member Holland made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to approve changes to the water/sewer customer policy. The motion carried.

Sewer Revenue Bond obligations were discussed, and the council was made aware that according to DEQ, the town is currently not in compliance with the rate covenant set forth in the Sewer Revenue Bond Ordinance and that this has caused the town to not be eligible for any federal funding for sewer projects. The council was made aware that the water department is working with DEQ and Terry Lewis to take a closer look at financial statements in the current audit to determine if an additional increase in sewer rates is necessary. The information that is determined will be presented to the council at the next regular meeting. No action was required.

Council Member Holland made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to approve a quote from Martin Communications to install smart locks on the new restrooms in the park for a cost of \$4,950.00. The motion carried.

Chief Russell gave his monthly report to the council.

At 5:53 p.m. Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to adjourn.

MELLISSA CORLEY, LMMC

HUBERT ROLLINSON, JR., MAYOR