

**PROCEEDINGS OF MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF OAK GROVE, LOUISIANA  
TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025 – 5:00 P.M.**

The Town Council of Oak Grove met in regular session on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall. Present for the meeting were Council Members Nevels, Hayes, 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 February 11, 2025 meeting and the February 26, 2025 special meeting. The motion carried.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Holland to approve the February 2025 financials and bills for payment. The motion carried.

The following Proclamation was read in honor of the late Council Member Garland C. Walker:

**PROCLAMATION IN MEMORY OF COUNCIL MEMBER GARLAND C. WALKER**

**WHEREAS**, Garland C. Walker was a beloved member of the West Carroll Parish community, whose life was marked by service, dedication, and devotion to his family and his country; and

**WHEREAS**, Garland was a proud Vietnam War veteran who honorably served in the U.S. Army, and after his military service, he continued to serve his community with distinction in various roles; and

**WHEREAS**, Garland was a talented and skilled individual, earning a trade in laser engraving for memorial granite, and contributing to the community as a stone engraver and small business owner for 12 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Garland devoted over 20 years of service to the West Carroll Parish Sheriff's Department, beginning as a dispatcher, advancing to field deputy, and retiring as an investigator; and

**WHEREAS**, Garland's commitment to public service extended to his role as a dedicated member of the Zoning Board for the Town of Oak Grove, and later, as a respected Council Member, a position he held from 2014 until his passing in the seventh month of his third term; and

**WHEREAS**, Garland was a loving husband, father, and grandfather, whose legacy of hard work, loyalty, and leadership will forever be cherished by all who knew him.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that the Town of Oak Grove, in recognition of his contributions to our community, mourns the passing of Council Member Garland C. Walker, and extends heartfelt sympathy to his family and loved ones.

His memory will live on in the hearts of all who were fortunate enough to know him, and his dedicated service will always be remembered.

**Given this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025.**

The council discussed the possibility of allowing short-term rentals in R-1 zones. No action was taken.

Amanda and Blake Aaron spoke to the council regarding having a muralist paint a mural on the courtyard wall. The cost of the project, as well as the design, was discussed. The possibility of the town sharing the cost of the project with other entities or organizations was also discussed. No action was taken at this meeting.

Council Member Holland made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to introduce an Ordinance prohibiting the sale or distribution of Kratom. The motion carried. A public hearing on the proposed Ordinance will be held on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

Council Member Holland made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to introduce an Ordinance authorizing the sale of surplus property. The motion carried. A public hearing on the proposed Ordinance will be held on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to approve switching internet service at the water plant from AT&T to Volt. The motion carried.

Council Member Holland made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to approve advertising for the position of Cemetery/Street Maintenance and give the Mayor the authority to hire someone. The motion carried.

Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to accept the resignation of Isaac Kirby as police officer. The motion carried.

Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to approve hiring Justin George as a full-time police officer. The motion carried.

Chief Russell gave his monthly report to the council.

With no further business to discuss at 5:38 p.m., Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Holland to adjourn. The motion carried.

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MELLISSA CORLEY, LMMC

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HUBERT ROLLINSON, JR., MAYOR