

**PROCEEDINGS OF MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TOWN OF OAK GROVE, LOUISIANA
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2023 – 5:00 P.M.**

The Town Council of Oak Grove met in regular session on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. Present for the meeting were Council Members Nevels, Walker, Allen, Holland, and Phillips. Mayor Rollinson presided.

Invocation was led by Council Member Allen.

Council Member Holland made a motion, seconded by Council Member Nevels, to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2023 council meeting. The motion carried.

Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Holland, to approve the following new business be added to the agenda: (A) cutting tree on South Horner Street. The motion carried.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to approve the September 2023 financial statements and bills for payment. The motion carried.

Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Holland to approve ending the contract the Town has with American Water and Wastewater Management (AWWM) and entering into a six-month contract with JCP Management to take over the management of the sewer plant. The motion carried.

The Town received an alcohol license application from Walmart Store #1108. Chief Russell stated that he had researched the property and had also contacted the owners of the property located across the street at 606 South Constitution that was previously used as a church. He stated that the owners advised him that the property is no longer used for church services and the building is only used for storage. Council Member Holland made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to approve the alcohol license application for Walmart Store # 1108. The motion carried.

Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Holland, to approve the renewal of BlueCross BlueShield insurance for all full-time employees. The motion carried.

Council Member Holland made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to approve a quote from Meziere and Sons Striping Service in the amount of \$3,600.00 to stripe parking spaces. The motion carried.

Council Member Phillips made a motion, seconded by Council Member Holland to approve spending \$3,000.00 to assist the Tax Assessor's office with the cost of Eagle View Imagery. The motion carried.

Council Member Holland made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to approve hiring Dakota Underwood as a full-time police officer. The motion carried.

Chief Russell gave his monthly report to the council.

The Town received two quotes for cutting down a tree on South Horner Street. The quotes were from Harrison Tree Service for \$2,500.00 and Fisher Stump Grinding for \$3,000.00. Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to approve the quote from Harrison Tree Service. The motion carried.

At 5:37 p.m. Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Holland to enter executive session. The motion carried.

At 5:44 p.m. Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Nevels to return to regular session. The motion carried.

After discussing the Dupont PFAS Public Water Provider Settlement, Council Member Holland made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to authorize the mayor to sign a Resolution

to contract for legal services retaining the firm of Talbot, Carmouche & Marcello, John M. Lancaster, and William R. Coenen, Jr. to represent the Town of Oak Grove in the settlement.

At 5:44 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