

**PROCEEDINGS OF MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF OAK GROVE, LOUISIANA
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2018 – 2:30 P.M.**

The Town Council of Oak Grove met in special session on Friday, October 12, 2018 at 2:20 P.M. Present for the meeting were Council Members Nevels, Gammill, Walker, Allen and Rye. Mayor Holland presided.

Invocation was led by Council Member Gammill.

Chris Patrick with Denmon Engineering spoke to the council via telephone during the meeting to discuss the leak and damage discovered at the ground storage water tank on October 11th. Mr. Patrick described the condition of the inside of the ground storage tank and stated that it had several holes and signs of erosion that is causing the tank to leak. Mr. Patrick stated that the tank would need to be replaced and it could take four to six months for a new tank to be delivered. It was Mr. Patrick's suggestion that the town have the tank patched and repaired as a temporary solution until the tank can be replaced. He stated that those repairs would only be a temporary fix to the problem and may last a month or may last a year. Mayor Holland stated that Water Tank Services, LLC had discovered the severe damage to the tank during cleaning and inspecting it in order to determine the cause of a leak at the tank. Mr. Patrick stressed that it was very important to have the ground storage tank working properly. He stated that if there were a fire in town that required the use of a lot of water or if one of the neighboring water systems needed water in an emergency, the town would not have an adequate supply of water.

Mayor Holland stated that he had been advised to declare a state of emergency in order to potentially qualify for state emergency assistance funding. Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Rye to adopt a resolution to adopt emergency declaration, to approve emergency purchasing provisions and to seek available funding. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of the resolution is on file in the Clerk's office.

Mayor Holland stated that the cost to patch and repair the holes in the ground storage tank would be between \$28,000.00 - \$35,000.00. He stated that is more than the water department can afford at this time. Mayor Holland stated that there is a sales tax cd that could be cashed in and used for the repairs if the council decided to do that. Council Member Rye made a motion, seconded by Council Member Nevels to make the emergency repairs to the ground storage tank and use funds from a sales tax cd to fund the cost. The motion passed unanimously.

Robbie Waxman was present at the meeting and stated that he was looking into possible funding assistance for the project.

At 3:03 P.M. Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Walker to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

MELLISSA CORLEY, LCMC

ADAM T. HOLLAND, MAYOR