

**PROCEEDINGS OF MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TOWN OF OAK GROVE, LOUISIANA
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2024 – 5:00 P.M.**

The Town Council of Oak Grove met in regular session on Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall. Present for the meeting were Council Members Nevels, Walker, Allen and Phillips. Council Member Holland was absent. Mayor Rollinson presided.

Invocation was led by Council Member Allen.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2024 council meeting. The motion carried.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to approve the following new business be added to the agenda: (A) quote to replace magnetic locks for police and city hall back doors; (B) late registration for festival requiring water. The motion carried.

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

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Nevels to adopt a Resolution for the 2024 tax millages. The motion carried. A copy of the Resolution is available for public inspection in the Clerk's office at City Hall.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to adopt an Ordinance increasing the Council salary to \$800 per month beginning July 1, 2026. Andre Williams stated that he would like the Council to consider amending the amount to \$500 per month instead. Voting in favor of the Ordinance as typed were Council Members Nevels, Walker, Allen and Phillips. Absent and not voting was Council Member Holland. The motion carried. The Ordinance is filed in Ordinance Book No. 4, page 24, as Ordinance No. 624.

Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to adopt an Ordinance increasing the mayor's salary to \$2,500 per month beginning July 1, 2026. Andre Williams stated that he would like the Council to consider increasing the Mayor's salary to \$3,000 per month. Voting in favor of the Ordinance as typed were Council Members Nevels, Walker, Allen and Phillips. Absent and not voting was Council Member Holland. The motion carried. The Ordinance is filed in Ordinance Book No. 4, page 25, as Ordinance No. 625.

Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to adopt an Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 479 dealing with the cutting of trees. Voting for the Ordinance were Council Members Nevels, Walker, Allen and Phillips. Absent and not voting was Council Member Holland. The motion carried. The Ordinance is filed in Ordinance Book No. 4, page 26, as Ordinance No. 626.

Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to introduce an Ordinance authorizing the issuance of Sewer Revenue Bonds. The motion carried. A public hearing for the proposed Ordinance will be held on Tuesday, October 8, 2024.

Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to approve Lisa Smith's application to replace the awning at her building located in the Historic District. The motion carried.

Lisa Smith addressed the council about an exposed water line located behind the M.A.C. building that she has requested numerous times be covered. Superintendent Jeff Moody stated that he had forgotten about it, but he will get to it as soon as the weather is clear.

Lisa Smith addressed the council about the delivery truck from the Chinese restaurant blocking the alley while her customers are trying to pick up furniture. She also stated that the employees from the restaurant are parking too far up on the side of the building making it difficult to get in and out of the alley. Chief Russell stated that he would monitor the area and look into putting no parking signs where they are parking close to the alley.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to approve a quote from Red Pest Control for treating the cemetery and park for ants for \$400.00 each. The motion carried.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to adopt a Resolution for the 2024 fiscal year compliance questionnaire. The motion carried.

Council Member Walker made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to table adopting a Resolution to rename South Front Street as Robinson Street until the October meeting. The motion carried.

Council Member Phillips made a motion, seconded by Council Member Nevels to approve paying Superintendent Jeff Moody an additional salary of \$8,000 per year from the sewer account for use of his sewer operator license at the sewer plant. The motion carried.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to approve hiring Joey Anders Jr. as a full-time police officer. The motion carried.

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

Chief Russell gave his monthly report to the council.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to approve a quote from Martin Communications to replace old magnetic door locks on the police and city hall back doors in the amount of \$1,970.00. The motion carried.

Lisa Smith stated that they have a vendor that has signed up for the festival that will be bringing a kiddie pool that is approximately 32 feet deep, and they will need to get water from somewhere to fill up the pool. It was asked if the town could supply the water to fill up the pool. Attorney Lancaster advised that legally the town cannot give water away, but either the individual or the Chamber could pay for the water. Council Member Phillips made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to approve charging a residential rate for the use of water to fill up the pool instead of a commercial rate. The motion carried.

With no further business to discuss at 5:50 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