

**PROCEEDINGS OF MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TOWN OF OAK GROVE, LOUISIANA  
TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2018 – 5:00 P.M.**

The Town of Oak Grove met in regular session on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 5:00 P.M. Present for the meeting were Council Members Nevels, Rye, Walker, Haynes and Philley. Mayor Holland presided.

Invocation was led by Council Member Haynes.

Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Haynes to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2018 council meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Holland stated that he would like to delete item 15 from the agenda and add bush hog and tires to item 13. Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Rye to make those changes to the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Rye made a motion, seconded by Council Member Philley to approve the March 2018 bills and financial statements. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Luther Barnes Jr. was recognized for his years of service and presented a plaque by Mayor Holland and Superintendent Colquette.

Mayor Holland stated that he had spoken with the two individuals that had shown interest in purchasing the original water plant property. He stated that neither person was interested in the property for the minimum price that had been set by the council. No action was taken on the matter.

Council Member Rye made a motion, seconded by Council Member Haynes to adopt the annual MWPP Resolution. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Holland stated that Chief Russell had sent letters to the property owners at 608 Beale Street and 1005 West Main Street asking them to clean up the properties. He stated that if the owners fail to do so, the Chief will recommend these two properties be condemned at the next meeting.

Mayor Holland asked that the council approve hiring Wardell Brown Jr. to work part-time during mowing season to operate the side cutter. The Mayor and Superintendent Colquette discussed with the council the need for an extra person to help with mowing and help train someone to operate the machine as well. Council Member Haynes made a motion, seconded by Council Member Rye to approve hiring Wardell Brown Jr. three days per week at a rate of ten dollars per hour until July 10<sup>th</sup> at which time the subject would be brought before the council at the first meeting in July to discuss whether or not to continue. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Holland stated that there were going to be funds left over from the USDA grant that was being used to purchase the side boom. He stated that he had spoken with USDA and was told the town could use the funds to purchase a mosquito fogger, bush hogs and tires for the bush hogs. Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Walker to authorize the Mayor to use the additional grant funds to purchase the equipment approved by USDA. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Rye made a motion, seconded by Council Member Philley to accept Richie Allen's resignation from the zoning board. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Russell was not at the meeting. His written monthly report was in the council member's packet.

Council Member Haynes made a motion, seconded by Council Member Nevels to introduce an Ordinance declaring surplus property no longer needed by the town and set a public hearing for the Ordinance at the May 8, 2018 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Colquette gave his monthly verbal report.

Byron Lewis with the water department and representatives with AWWM gave verbal reports for the water and sewer plants.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 5:26 P.M.

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MELLISSA CORLEY, LCMC

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ADAM T. HOLLAND, MAYOR