

**PROCEEDINGS OF MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TOWN OF OAK GROVE, LOUISIANA
TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2022 – 4:30 P.M.**

The Town Council of Oak Grove met in regular session on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present for the meeting were Council Members Nevels, Gammill, Walker, Allen and Dunnahoe. Mayor Holland presided.

Invocation was led by Sheriff Scott Mathews.

During the public comment period Fire Chief Merle Sistrunk spoke concerning item 8 (Fire District Board Appointee).

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Gammill to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2022 council meeting. The motion carried.

Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to approve the March 2022 financials and bills for payment. The motion carried.

Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to adopt an Ordinance to revoke Ordinance 615 that deals with vacant buildings in the Historic District. Voting in favor were Council Members Nevels, Walker and Allen. Council Members Gammill and Dunnahoe voted against the motion. The motion carried. The Ordinance was filed in Ordinance Book No. 4; page 15; as Ordinance No. 617.

Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Walker to appoint Jessie Craft to the Fire District Board for a two year term and Mike Cox to the Fire District Board for a one year term. The motion carried.

Kent Elkins addressed the council concerning dogs running loose with no collars or proof of vaccination. It was brought to the attention of the council that the dog pound needed repairs in order to hold dogs that are picked up. Superintendent Colquette asked the council to approve him to purchase panels for the dog pens. Council Member Walker made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to approve the purchase of panels need for the dog pens. The motion carried.

Kent Elkins also addressed the council concerning yards in his neighborhood that have a lot of junk in them. Chief Russell stated that he is aware of the problem and has started the process to deal with the issue by sending certified letters to property owners notifying them that their property is in violation

Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to adopt a resolution declaring April as Fair Housing Month. The motion carried.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Gammill to adopt a resolution to reappoint Jim Holland to the LCDA Board. The motion carried.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Nevels to adopt a resolution proclaiming April 11-15, 2022 as National Community Development Week. The motion carried.

Council Member Walker made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to approve hiring Laura Hartt, CPA to manage ARPA funds. The motion carried.

No action was taken while discussing LGAP and CWEF applications.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Walker to change the time of the regular monthly council meetings to 5:00 p.m. beginning with the May 10, 2022 council meeting. The motion carried.

Council Member Walker made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to approve subscribing to Leads Online for the Police Department. The motion carried.

Chief Russell gave his monthly report to the council.

Superintendent Colquette gave his monthly report to the council.

Director of Water Operations Moody gave his monthly report to the council.

With no further business to discuss, Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to adjourn at 5:05 p.m.

MELLISSA CORLEY, LMMC

ADAM T. HOLLAND, MAYOR