

**PROCEEDINGS OF MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TOWN OF OAK GROVE, LOUISIANA
AUGUST 11, 2020 – 5:00 P.M.**

The Town Council of Oak Grove met in regular session on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. at the Legion Hut building in the Town Park. Present for the meeting were Council Members Gammill, Walker, Allen and Rye. Council Member Nevels was absent. Mayor Holland presided.

Invocation was led by Council Member Walker.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Walker to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2020 regular meeting and the July 28, 2020 special meeting. The motion passed by general consent.

Council Member Rye made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to approve the following new business to be added to the agenda: (A) council meeting time. The motion passed by general consent.

Council Member Rye made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to approve the financial statements and July bills for payment. The motion passed by general consent.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Gammill to adopt an Ordinance declaring a 2010 Ford Crown Vic as surplus property to be sold to the Town of Lake Providence for \$1,600.00. Voting in favor of the motion were Council Members Gammill, Walker, Allen and Rye. Council Member Nevels was absent. The motion carried. The Ordinance is recorded in Ordinance Book No. 3; page 170; as Ordinance No. 605.

After reviewing the results of a recent rate study and proposed suggestions for a sewer rate increase that was presented by Louisiana Rural Water at the July 28, 2020 special meeting, Council Member Rye made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to increase the sewer rates as suggested, effective the September billing cycle. The motion carried. The new rate scale is available at the Water Department.

The Council discussed renaming the 200 block of East Jefferson as Martin Way in memory of Mr. J.T. and Mrs. Helen Martin. Council Member Rye made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to take the matter under advisement. The motion carried.

The Council discussed complaints that have been received concerning the Welch property on Dye Street. No action was taken at the meeting.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Gammill to approve purchasing a remote backup service for the water and sewer data. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Gammill to approve the 2019-2020 Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Rye to introduce an Ordinance declaring a 2007 Ford Crown Vic as surplus property no longer needed by the Town of Oak Grove and set a public hearing for September 8, 2020 at 4:27 p.m. at the Legion Hut in the Town of Oak Grove Park. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Walker to authorize the Mayor to advertise for proposals for a consultant to apply for police department hazard pay and other expenses through the CARES ACT. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Russell gave his monthly report to the council.

Superintendent Colquette gave his monthly report to the council.

Water Superintendent Moody gave his monthly report to the council.

Council Member Rye made a motion, seconded by Council Member Walker to change the time of the regular monthly council meetings from 5:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. beginning with the September 8, 2020 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Holland stated that in order to accommodate more people and still allow for social distancing, the regular council meetings would be moved to the Legion Hut in the town park until further notice.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

MELLISSA CORLEY, LCMC

ADAM T. HOLLAND, MAYOR