

**PROCEEDINGS OF MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TOWN OF OAK GROVE, LOUISIANA
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2023– 5:00 P.M.**

The Town Council of Oak Grove met in regular session on Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. Present for the meeting were Council Members Nevels, Walker, Allen and Holland. Council Member Phillips arrived later in the meeting. Mayor Rollinson presided.

Invocation was led by Council Member Allen.

Council Member Holland made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2023 council meeting. The motion carried.

Council Member Phillips entered the meeting. Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Holland to approve the following new business be added to the agenda: (A) approve advertising to accept bids for new water meters pending specifications from the engineer; (B) discuss traffic solutions for upcoming festivals. The motion carried.

Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to approve the January 2023 financials and bills for payment. The motion carried.

Council Member Holland made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to approve the budget revision no. 1 for the FY ending June 30, 2023. The motion carried.

Gregory Gray was not in attendance at the meeting to discuss his water issues, therefore no action was required on that agenda item.

Council Member Holland made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to approve accepting the resignation of Obadiah Rouse from the water department and hiring Jason Hosak to fill that position. The motion carried.

Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to approve entering into an agreement with The Payment Group for credit card payments. The motion carried.

Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to approve proposed changes to the utility billing policy. The motion carried.

Council Member Holland made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to approve hiring Terry Lewis to do a rate study for water rates. The motion carried.

Water Superintendent Moody gave an update on the sewer treatment plant and ground storage tank.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Holland to approve advertising for bids for new water meters pending the specifications from the engineer. The motion carried.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips keep Main Street open to traffic during festivals and authorize the Police Chief to close any appropriate side streets instead. Voting in favor were Council Members Nevels, Walker, Allen and Phillips. Council Member Holland voted no. The motion carried.

At 5:48 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