

**PROCEEDINGS OF MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TOWN OF OAK GROVE, LOUISIANA
TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2019 – 5:00 P.M.**

The Town Council of Oak Grove met in regular session on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 5:00 P.M. Present for the meeting were Council Members Nevels, Gammill, Walker, Allen and Rye. Mayor Holland presided.

Invocation was led by Council Member Nevels.

Council Member Rye made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2019 council meeting. The motion passed by general consent.

Mayor Holland stated he would like to strike items 10 and 11 from the agenda and add Jerry McNeil (Dye Street) as new business. Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to approve the deletions and new business to be added to the agenda. The motion passed by general consent.

Council Member Rye made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to approve the April 2019 financials and bills for payment. The motion passed by general consent.

There was one bid for the official journal from the West Carroll Gazette. The bid was for \$4.80 per inch, which is the equivalent of \$6.00 per legal square and no change over the bid for the current year. Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Nevels to approve the bid from the West Carroll Gazette. The motion passed by general consent.

Council Member Rye made a motion, seconded by Council Member Nevels to approve budget revision no. 2 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. The motion passed by general consent.

Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to introduce an ordinance for the 2019-2020 fiscal year budget and set a public hearing for June 11, 2019. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Holland stated that he had been contacted by property owners in the 500 block of North Horner requesting speed bumps in that area. There was no one from that area present at the meeting. The council took no action.

Superintendent Colquette stated that the culvert at Kay and Owens Street is rotting out and is causing the road to cave in. He stated that the road is currently closed and that he has been in contact with the police jury about purchasing 2- 48" culverts 40 ft. long and having the police jury install them. The cost of the culverts will be \$ 3,774.00. Council Member Walker made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to approve the purchase of the culverts and have the police jury install it. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Walker left the meeting at 5:16 P.M.

Mayor Holland stated that he had received complaints about the traffic around the school on McIntosh, Willis, Mill and Neely Streets. John Robert Warner, Principal at Oak Grove High School and Joanna Beard, Principal at Oak Grove Elementary were both present at the meeting. Mayor Holland stated he would like to appoint a committee to look at the problem and work with the school to come up with a new travel solution for next school year. He stated that the persons that had been mentioned to be on the committee are Gene Gammill, Robin Dunnahoe, Freddie Stanley, representatives from the school and Council Member Rye with the Mayor serving as ex-officio. The Council Members stated that Chief Russell should be on the committee as well. Mayor Holland agreed to add Chief Russell to the committee and stated that the members of the committee would work together during the summer to come up with a possible solution.

Chief Russell gave his monthly report. Mayor Holland stated that he and the Chief have also met concerning overgrown properties. The Mayor stated that they plan to have a strong concentrated campaign over the next month to try and get a lot of the grass violations under control.

Superintendent Colquette gave his monthly report.

Water Superintendent Lewis gave his monthly report.

Jerry McNeil, a resident on Dye Street spoke to the Council concerning problems he and others are having with a neighbor's property having a lot of junk. Mr. McNeil stated that the property is an eye-sore and is decreasing the surrounding property values. Chief Russell stated that he is aware of the problem and letters have been sent to that property owner urging them to clean up their property.

With no further business to discuss at 5:36 P.M., the meeting adjourned.

MELLISSA CORLEY, LCMC

ADAM T. HOLLAND, MAYOR