

**PROCEEDINGS OF MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TOWN OF OAK GROVE, LOUISIANA
TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023– 5:00 P.M.**

The Town Council of Oak Grove met in regular session on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. Present for the meeting were Council Members Nevels, Walker, Allen and Phillips. Council Member Holland and Mayor Rollinson were absent. Council Member Nevels presided as Mayor Pro-Tem.

Invocation was led by Council Member Allen.

Council Member Phillips made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2023 regular meeting and the May 1, 2023 special meeting. The motion carried.

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

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to approve the Class B alcohol application from Kamal Singh for Oak Grove S Mart LLC; DBA S Mart #9. The motion carried.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to approve the budget revision no. 2 for the FY ending June 31, 2023. The motion carried.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to introduce an Ordinance for the 2023-2024 FY Budget and set a public hearing for June 13, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. The motion carried.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Walker to introduce an Ordinance amending Ordinance 574 dealing with upkeep and maintenance of private lines connecting to the Town's sewer and water systems and set a public hearing for June 13, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. The motion carried.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to enter into an Endeavor Agreement with the West Carroll Parish Sheriff's Office for a dispatcher salary package in the amount of \$25,000.00 effective July 15, 2023. The motion carried.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Walker to adopt a Resolution to amend the 2020-2021 CWEF grant application to request the funds be used for repairs to water wells. The motion carried.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to approve a quote from Donovan Grey for landscaping of City Hall. The motion carried.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to approve the West Carroll Gazette as the Official Journal. The motion carried.

The Town received quotes from Harrison Tree Service and Jessie Dean Helmer for cutting down and removing two trees. Both quotes were for \$2,500.00. Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to accept the quote from Harrison Tree Service, noting that this company has previously cut down and removed trees for the Town and since the prices were the same, there was no need to go with someone else. The motion carried.

There were no updates on the sewer treatment plant and the Council was made aware of a change order that was approved by the Mayor to allow contractors more time to punch-list items at the ground storage tank due to set-backs caused by the weather.

During public comment period, Cory Wiggins asked if there was an update from the committee studying the water and sewer rates. It was noted that one of the council members had been out of town, but the committee will meet and make recommendations at the July meeting.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to adjourn at 5:22 p.m. The motion carried.

MELLISSA CORLELY, LMMC

TODD NEVELS, MAYOR PRO-TEM