

**PROCEEDINGS OF MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TOWN OF OAK GROVE, LOUISIANA
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2020 – 4:30 P.M.**

The Town Council of Oak Grove met in regular session on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. Present for the meeting were Council Members Nevels, Gammill, and Rye. Council Member Allen joined the meeting at 4:34 P.M. Council Member Walker joined the meeting at 4:43 P.M. Mayor Holland presided.

Invocation was led by Council Member Gammill.

Public comment was heard from Mary Mills concerning item #7 (The new statue near the Veteran's Memorial).

Council Member Rye made a motion, seconded by Council Member Gammill to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2020 council meeting. Council Member Allen and Council Member Walker were absent and not voting. The motion passed by general consent.

Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Rye to add the following business to the agenda: (A) discuss annual safety meeting. The motion passed by general consent.

Council Member Rye made a motion, seconded by Council Member Nevels to approve the financial statement and October 2020 bills for payment. The motion passed by general consent.

Colin Curtis with Thomas Tyson VFW Post #3977 spoke regarding concerns of the new statue near the Veteran's Memorial Plaza. Mr. Curtis stated that after reviewing the drawings of the blue prints he feels as though the statue will compliment Veteran's Memorial Plaza.

Merle Sistrunk with Oak Grove Fire Department spoke to the council to discuss sharing the cost of reflecting hydrant rings for fire hydrants. The estimated cost for the town will be \$700. Council Member Allen made the motion, seconded by Council Gammill to approve sharing the cost. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Holland stated that the renewal rate for employee insurance has a slight increase from last year. He recommends we stay with Blue Cross Blue Shield. Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Rye to approve renewing employee insurance with Blue Cross Blue Shield. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to introduce and ordinance declaring surplus property and set the public hearing for December 8th at 4:30. The motion passed unanimously.

Chris Patrick with Denmon Engineering spoke to the council about starting pre-authorization process for Sewer Sentry to place their products on our lines to keep rain water from entering our system. Council Member Allen made the motion, seconded by Council Member Gammill to approve Chris Patrick to start the pre-authorization process. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Walker made the motion, seconded by Council Member Nevels to approve Chester Dixon to remove and replace the old concrete near the park restrooms and pavilion for \$8,000. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Holland stated he had obtained a quote from Vicky Jones to repaint the park restrooms for a charge of \$1,200. Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Walker for Vicky Jones to repaint the park restrooms. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Holland stated that he would like to table repairs to the old seed house on Constitution Ave. No action was taken.

Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Rye to approve hiring John Jimenez as a full-time police officer. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Russell gave his monthly report.

Superintendent Colquette gave his monthly report.

Water Superintendent Moody gave his monthly report.

Council Member Gammill made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to approve the town spending up to \$500 to provide lunch for the annual safety meeting on December 23rd. The motion passed by general consent.

With no further business to discuss at 5:12 P.M., Council Member Allen made the motion, seconded by Council Member Nevels to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer McCallie, Asst. Clerk

Adam T. Holland, Mayor