

**PROCEEDINGS OF MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TOWN OF OAK GROVE, LOUISIANA  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2019 – 5:00 P.M.**

The Town Council of Oak Grove met in regular session on Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 5:00 P.M. Present for the meeting were Council Members Nevels, Gammill, Allen and Rye. Council Member Walker was absent. Mayor Holland presided.

Invocation was led by Council Member Allen.

During the public comment period Darren Knowles stated that he is interested in purchasing property that the town owns behind Walmart and asked that the council consider selling the property.

Council Member Rye made a motion, seconded by Council Member Gammill to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2019 council meeting. The motion passed by general consent.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Gammill to approve the following new business to be added to the agenda: (A) Malcom Miles as new police officer; (B) approve going to bid pending notice to proceed on the DRA grant for a new roof for the industrial building. The motion passed by general consent.

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

Mayor Holland stated the Denmon Engineering had notified the Town that after reviewing bids for the painting of the interior of the water tower, Maguire Iron was the lowest bid at \$59,950.00. Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Nevels to accept the low bid from Maguire Iron pending a final meeting between the parties and the city engineer. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Rye to adopt a procurement policy for the 2019 LCDBG grant. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Rye made a motion, seconded by Council Member Gammill to adopt a resolution declaring April 2020 as Fair Housing month. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Holland stated that the renewal rates for employee insurance were in from Blue Cross Blue Shield and that the rates were lower than they were last year. Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Rye to approve renewing employee insurance with Blue Cross Blue Shield. Voting for the motion were Council Members Nevels, Rye, and Gammill. Council Member Allen abstained. The motion carried.

Council Member Rye made a motion seconded by Council Member Gammill to approve a 2% cost of living increase for employees. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to adopt a resolution to apply for a LGAP grant in the amount of \$35,000.00 to purchase two trucks. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Gammill to adopt a resolution to apply for a CWEF grant in the amount of \$35,000.00 to purchase and install a HVAC system for the water plant to help alleviate moisture in the plant and extend the life. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Rye to approve Bass Brokerage to appraise the property that the Town owns behind Walmart. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Russell presented his monthly police report.

Superintendent Colquette presented his monthly report.

Water Superintendent Lewis presented his monthly report.

Council Member Gammill made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to approve hiring Malcom Miles as a full-time police officer. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Rye to approve going to bid, pending notice to proceed from DRA on the industrial building roof. The motion passed unanimously.

With no further business to discuss at 5:22 P.M., Council Member Gammill made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

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ADAM T. HOLLAND, MAYOR