

**PROCEEDINGS OF MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TOWN OF OAK GROVE, LOUISIANA
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2022 – 5:00 P.M.**

The Town Council of Oak Grove met in regular session on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. Present for the meeting were Council Members Nevels, Walker, Holland, Allen and Phillips. Mayor Rollinson Presided.

Invocation was led by Council Member Nevels.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Holland to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2022 council meeting. The motion carried.

Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to approve the August 2022 financials and bills for payment. The motion carried.

Robbie Waxman discussed the LCDBG FY 23 program application process.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to accept the low bid from JABAR Corporation in the amount of \$256,219.00 for the sewer manhole rehabilitation program. The motion carried.

Lisa Smith on behalf of the West Carroll Chamber of Commerce addressed the council to request Main Street be closed for the Sweet Potato Festival on Saturday, October 1, 2022. Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Walker to approve closing the side streets and alleys north and south of the court house for the festival and to only close Main Street for the parade. The motion carried.

Council Member Holland made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to approve the appointment of Mary Mills to the Zoning Board. The motion carried.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to approve hiring Adrian Seamans for the water/sewer maintenance position. The motion carried.

Council Member Holland made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to approve hiring Fredrick Jackson as a full –time police officer. The motion carried.

Council Member Holland made a motion, seconded by Council Member Walker to table the discussion of opting in or out of Temporary Housing and Shelter Assistance Program until the October council meeting and request that Myrtle Green from OEP be at that meeting to explain the program and answer questions. The motion carried.

Council Member Holland made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to adopt a Resolution to apply for a LGAP grant to make repairs to the Legion Hut. The motion carried.

Council Member Holland made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen, to adopt a Resolution to apply for a CWFEP grant to build new sewer lift station housing. The motion carried.

Water Operations Director Moody stated that there are sewer point repairs that are urgently needed on Dyche Alley, North Street and East Noble. He stated that he had quotes for these repairs from Womack & Sons for \$57,970.00 and from Ashton Construction for \$57,048.94. Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Holland to declare the sewer point repairs an emergency and approve the lowest quote. The motion carried.

Water Operations Director Moody updated the council on the problems with the sewer treatment plant and that it is still not running. He stated that the engineer was working on getting quotes to repair or replace the items that needed it. There was a quote for limit switches in the amount of \$1,832.00 from ETEC. Mayor Rollinson also made the council aware of how much money was still owed on the sewer plant. Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council member Holland to approve purchasing limit switches needed for sewer plant repairs. The motion carried.

The council was made aware that the road boar machine for the water department was no longer working. Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Walker to find out the average cost to rent a road boar machine and then rent one when needed and pass the cost along to the customer. The motion carried.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Nevels to table the quotes for awnings until the next meeting so that they could get more information. The motion carried.

Park restrooms were discussed and Mayor Rollinson stated that he would like to have new restrooms built that are safer and replace the existing restrooms that were part of the old pool house. Council Member Holland made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to replace the toilets in the existing restrooms for now and to see what needs to be done to build new restrooms. The motion carried.

At 6:01 p.m. Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to adjourn. The motion carried.

MELLISSA CORLEY, LMMC

HUBERT ROLLINSON, JR., MAYOR