

**PROCEEDINGS OF MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TOWN OF OAK GROVE, LOUISIANA
TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2018 – 5:00 P.M.**

The Town Council of Oak Grove met in regular session on Tuesday, August 14, 2018 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 Walker.

Mayor Holland opened the floor for public comment and Charles Green of 2005 Jarson Street stated that an ordinance was on the agenda to increase water rates. Mr. Green stated that he has a filter on his water that is supposed to last for 30 days. He showed the council what his filter looked like after 3 weeks and stated that he pays \$180 a month for bad water. Mr. Green asked why and what could be done about the water problems. There were no other public comments, therefore, the Mayor closed the public comment period.

Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Gammill to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2018 council meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Holland stated that he would like to strike items 15, 16, and 17 from the agenda and add as new business (15) Jennifer Hayline; (16) USDA Water Resolution and (17) Appoint new zoning member. Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Rye to approve the deletions and additions to the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Rye made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to approve the July 2018 financials and bills for payment. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Rye made a motion, seconded by Council Member Nevels to adopt a Resolution approving the 2018 millage rates. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of the resolution is available at City Hall.

Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Rye to adopt a resolution to apply for a LGAP grant to enhance the security of City Hall. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of this resolution is available at City Hall.

John Gay with Mosquito Experts was not in attendance at the meeting.

Chief Russell recommended to the council that the property at 1005 West Main Street be condemned. Council Member Rye made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to begin condemnation procedures and set a public hearing for September 11, 2018 at 5:00 P.M. for the owner to show cause why the property should not be condemned. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Russell recommended to the council that the property at 1014 Lindsey Street be condemned. Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to begin condemnation procedures and set a public hearing for September 11, 2018 at 5:00 P.M. for the owner to show cause why the property should not be condemned. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Russell recommended to the council that the property at 608 Beale Street be condemned. Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to begin condemnation procedures and set a public hearing for September 11, 2018 at 5:00 P.M. for the owner to show cause why the property should not be condemned. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Rye made a motion seconded by Council Member Allen to introduce an ordinance to increase water rates. Voting for the motion were Council Members Gammill, Walker, Allen and Rye. Council Member Nevels was opposed. The motion passed.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Walker to table the discussion of AirEvac memberships for employees to the September meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Hayline with the Louisiana Campaign for Tobacco Free Living spoke to the council about the Smoke Free Workplace Act.

Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to adopt a resolution authorizing Denmon Engineering to seek funding from USDA for a grant for water line replacement on behalf of the Town. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Gammill made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to appoint Jerry Waters as a zoning board member. The motion passed unanimously.

At 5:26 P.M. Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Rye to enter into executive session to discuss personnel (Byron Lewis). The motion passed unanimously.

At 6:00 P.M. Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to return to regular session. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Rye made a motion, seconded by Council Member Nevels to authorize Mayor Holland to terminate the Town's contract with AWWM effective October 1, 2018; hire Ken Wheelington and Gregg Thompson and to make an exception to the Town of Oak Grove's policy manual recognizing Mr. Thompson's eight years of service to the town via AWWM in reference to seniority and vacation time (not including the municipal employee retirement system); to promote Byron Lewis to Water Superintendent, and contract with David Daley who is the Town Superintendent of Sterlington to consult and be license of record to the Town of Oak Grove Waste Water Plant and back-up operator of record for the Oak Grove Water Treatment plant at a rate of \$500 sewer and \$500 water per month. The motion passed unanimously.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:01P.M.

MELLISSA CORLEY, LCMC

ADAM T. HOLLAND, MAYOR