

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

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

Invocation was led by Council Member Allen.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Holland to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2022 council meeting. The motion carried.

Mayor Rollinson stated that he would like to add the following new business to the agenda: (A) discuss approving paying Austin Holland for 80 hours of unused vacation leave and John Jimenez for 72 hours of unused vacation leave; (B) approve hiring Kelly Jo Goodwin as a full-time police officer. Council Member Holland made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to approve those items be added to the agenda. The motion carried.

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

Council Member Holland made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to approve the alcohol license renewal of Mike Jones for Oak Grove Package Liquor. The motion carried.

Council Member Holland made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to approve the Low Income Household Water Assistance Vendor Agreement. The motion carried.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to approve a quote from Lensing, Lensing, Cunningham and Hagar for insurance for auto, general liability, fire, law enforcement and public officials in the amount of \$97,612.82. The motion carried.

Council Member Holland made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to approve no longer accepting cash for any payments effective February 1, 2023. The motion carried.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Holland to approve spending up to \$500 to provide lunch for the annual safety meeting. The motion carried.

Water Operations Director, Jeff Moody gave an update on the sewer treatment plant and the ground storage tank. Mayor Rollinson reminded the council that the sewer treatment plant is still not in operation and also let them know how much money is still owed on it.

Chief Russell stated that due staff shortage in the police department, two of his officers had more than 40 hours of vacation time that they would not be able to use. The Chief requested that the council approve paying those officers for their unused vacation time. Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to approve paying Austin Holland for 80 hours of unused vacation time and John Jimenez for 72 hours of unused vacation time. The Motion carried.

Council Member Holland made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to approve hiring Kelly Jo Goodwin as a full-time police officer. The motion carried.

With no further business to discuss, Council Member Holland made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to adjourn at 5:25 p.m. The motion carried.

MELLISSA CORLEY, LMMC

HUBERT ROLLINSON, JR., MAYOR