

**PROCEEDINGS OF MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TOWN OF OAK GROVE, LOUISIANA
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2021 – 4:30 P.M.**

The Town Council of Oak Grove met in regular session on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. Present for the meeting were Council Members Nevels, Gammill, Walker, Allen and Dunnahoe. Mayor Holland presided.

Invocation was led by Council Member Gammill.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Gammill to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2021 council meeting. The motion passed by general consent.

Mayor Holland stated that the owner of the property at 102 East Main Street, Bradley Harris had notified him that they were going to be late getting to the meeting due to car trouble. Mayor Holland asked that the discussion of that property be moved to the end of the agenda to allow them time to get to the meeting. Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Dunnahoe to approve moving that item on the agenda. The motion passed by general consent.

Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to approve the November 2021 financial statements and bills for payment. The motion passed by general consent.

Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Walker to introduce an Ordinance to revoke Ordinance 615 which established a registration program for vacant buildings in the Historic District. Voting in favor were Council Members Nevels, Walker and Allen. Voting against the motion were Council Members Gammill and Dunnahoe. The motion carried. A copy of the proposed Ordinance is available for public inspection at City Hall during normal business hours. A public hearing for the proposed Ordinance will be Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.

Dr. Morgan Patrick Morgan was present at the meeting and stated that the Robert Patrick Memorial Foundation would be purchasing seven tasers along with cartridges and other necessary equipment for the tasers to be donated to the Town of Oak Grove Police Department.

Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to approve the quote for renewal of the insurance for auto, general liability, fire, law enforcement and public officials from Lensing, Lensing, Cunningham and Hagar in the amount of \$89,706.83. The motion carried.

Gregory Gray appeared before the council to voice his concerns about the S-Mart convenience store that will be built. He stated that he was concerned about traffic from the store coming onto Waters Street because it is so narrow and there are a lot of children in that area. He stated that he would like to see all traffic for the store enter and exit from Hwy 17 and not Waters Street. He also asked if the owners of the store could be made to put a fence or wall up to block foot traffic onto Waters Street. The council discussed contacting the owners and contractor for S-Mart and requesting that they come to the next council meeting to go over their plans and address any concerns from the citizens and council.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Dunnahoe to approve the alcohol renewal application for Oak Grove Package Liquor. Voting in favor were Council Members Allen, Dunnahoe, Walker and Gammill. Council Member Nevels was opposed. The motion carried.

Mayor Holland stated that the Town had been approved for a LGAP grant in the amount of \$14,400.00 to purchase a mini excavator. He stated that a mini excavator would cost much more than that, but that the floors throughout city hall were in horrible shape due to flooding in the past and he suggested requesting to amend the grant so that the money could be used to replace the flooring throughout city hall. Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Gammill to adopt a Resolution to amend the LGAP grant to install new flooring in city hall. The motion carried. A copy of the Resolution is available at City Hall.

Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Dunnahoe to introduce an Ordinance authorizing the Town to issue taxable sewer revenue bonds, series 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00. The motion carried. A public hearing for the proposed Ordinance will be Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. A copy of the Proposed Ordinance is available for public inspection at City Hall during normal business hours.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Dunnahoe to authorize advertising for bids for construction of a new ground storage tank pending final approval from the Division of Administration. The motion carried.

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

Mayor Holland stated that the roof and some rotten boards at the Legion Hut had recently been replaced. He stated that now those raw boards need to be painted. Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Gammill to approve a quote from Vicki Jones to paint the off-white boards at the legion hut for \$2,900.00. The motion carried.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Dunnahoe to approve paying the West Carroll Sherriff's office \$960.00 for half of the annual Warrant Now subscription that is necessary for all police officers. The motion carried.

Chief Russell gave his monthly report to the council.

Superintendent Colquette gave his monthly report to the council.

Director of Water Operations Moody gave his monthly report to the council.

Bradley and Amanda Harris spoke to the council about their property at 102 East Main Street. They stated that they have recently contacted someone to begin removing the marble that has started falling and that work should begin in the within the week. They explained what the plans were for the building in the future and the work that they are planning to do. Mayor Holland suggested that the council revisit the matter in thirty days and allow time for the engineer to look at the interior and exterior of the property. When asked how Ordinance 615 would affect this vacant structure, Mayor Holland stated that as long as progress is being shown, those fees do not fall into place. Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded Council Member Nevels to allow Mr. and Mrs. Harris thirty days to have the marble removed that is falling onto the sidewalk and give an update at the next council meeting. The motion carried.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

MELLISSA CORLEY, LMMC

ADAM T. HOLLAND, MAYOR