

**PROCEEDINGS OF MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TOWN OF OAK GROVE, LOUISIANA
DECEMBER 8, 2020 – 4:30 P.M.**

The Town Council of Oak Grove met in regular session on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 4:30 P.M. at the Legion Hut building in the Town Park. Present for the meeting were Council Members Nevels, Gammill, Rye and Allen. Council Member Walker was absent. Mayor Holland presided.

Invocation was led by Council Member Allen.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Nevels to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2020 council meeting. The motion passed by general consent.

Mayor Holland stated that he would like to strike item 8(Blue Line Solutions, LLC) and Item 9(report from police chief) from the agenda and add the following as new business (A) cost of living adjustment; (B) crosswalk on Highway 17. Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Nevels to make these changes to the agenda. The motion passed by general consent.

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

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Nevels, and unanimously passed, to adopt an Ordinance declaring surplus property no longer needed by the Town of Oak Grove, Louisiana and authorizing the sale of surplus property to the highest bidder of sealed bids. This was entered as Ordinance No 607, page 172, in Ordinance Book No. 3.

Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to adopt a Resolution to approve Jim Holland as a Director to the LCDA Board. The motion carried.

Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Rye to approve the quote for insurance for auto, general liability, fire, law enforcement and public officials from Lensing, Lensing, Cunningham and Hagar in the amount of \$83,634.34. The motion carried.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Rye to approve the renewal application for Oak Grove Package Liquor for 2021. The motion carried.

Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to adopt a Resolution to apply for a LGAP grant to purchase a mini excavator. The motion carried.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Rye to adopt a Resolution to apply for a CWEF grant to paint the exterior of the elevated water tank. The motion carried.

Superintendent Colquette gave his monthly report to the council.

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

Mayor Holland stated that he recommends giving full-time employees a 2.5% cost of living adjustment effective January 1, 2021. Council Member Nevels stated that he would need to see the figures and how they would affect the budget before he could make a decision. Council Member Gammill made a motion, seconded by Council Member Rye to approve the Mayor's recommended cost of living adjustment. Council Members Gammill and Rye voted for the motion, Council Members Allen and Nevels abstained from voting. The motion carried.

Council Member Nevels stated that something needs to be done to make drivers more aware of the crosswalk on Highway 17. He stated that a lot of people do not realize it is there and do not stop for pedestrians, which is very dangerous, especially for children walking to and from school. Mayor Holland suggested that the council pass a Resolution requesting the State to study the area and put up crosswalk signs with lights in that area. Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to have the Town Attorney draw up a Resolution for the Council to adopt at the next meeting. The motion carried.

With no further business to discuss at 4:54 p.m., Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Nevels to adjourn. The motion carried.

MELLISSA CORLEY, LCMC

ADAM T. HOLLAND, MAYOR