

**PROCEEDINGS OF MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TOWN OF OAK GROVE, LOUISIANA
TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2021 – 4:30 P.M.**

The Town Council of Oak Grove met in regular session on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. in the Oak Grove Community House (Legion Hut) building at 414 James Street, Oak Grove. Present for the meeting were Council Members Nevels, Gammill, Walker, Allen and Rye. Mayor Holland presided.

Invocation was led by Council Member Allen.

Council Member Rye made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2020 council meeting and the December 16, 2020 special council meeting. The motion passed by general consent.

Mayor Holland stated that he would like to strike item 14(report from Town Superintendent) from the agenda due to the Superintendent not being able to attend the meeting. Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to approve striking the report from Town superintendent from the agenda. The motion passed by general consent.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Rye to approve the December 2020 financial statements and bills for payment. The motion passed by general consent.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Gammill to approve a Proclamation honoring the 2020 State Champion Oak Grove High School Football Team. The motion passed unanimously.

The Town received one bid for each of the items that were surplus property. Bobby Luke Patrick bid \$510.00 on the cement mixer and Bobby Luke Patrick bid \$740.00 on the side boom. Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Nevels to accept the bids from Bobby Luke Patrick for the cement mixer and the side boom. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Holland stated Wayne Parker along with Kamaljeet Singh and Jagjit Singh were in attendance at the meeting and that Kamaljeet Singh and Jagjit Singh were interested in purchasing Wayne Parker's property on East Main Street that is currently a car wash, to build a convenience store on that property. The Mayor stated that the current Zoning Ordinance for commercial properties requires one off-street parking space per 100 feet of floor space in the retail building. He stated that a convenience store the size these gentlemen were interested in building would be required to have fifty parking spaces under this current Ordinance and that after consulting with the Town Attorney, he feels as if the Ordinance should be amended. Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to introduce an Ordinance amending Zoning Ordinance Article 4; Section 76 D (off-street parking requirements); item (1) and change the requirement from one off-street parking space per every 100 square feet of floor area in the principal building to one space per every 1,000 square feet of floor area in the principal building. The motion included setting a public hearing for the proposed Ordinance on February 9, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. at the Oak Grove Community House (Legion Hut) building. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Gammill to approve the Mayor to apply for a LCDBG-CV grant for a new HVAC system for the Legion Hut. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to accept William Ruffin's resignation and approve advertising for employment. The motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken on increasing reconnect fees for water customers disconnected due to non-payment.

Police Chief Russell gave his monthly report to the council. The Chief included in that report that Officer Jamie Philley had given his resignation due to accepting a position in East Carroll but

would still be interested in work part-time for the town when possible. Chief Russell stated that the department had begun accepting applications for a full-time patrol officer.

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

With no further business to discuss, Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Gammill to adjourn at 4:58 p.m.

MELLISSA CORLEY, LCMC

ADAM T. HOLLAND, MAYOR