

**PROCEEDINGS OF MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TOWN OF OAK GROVE, LOUISIANA  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2019 – 5:00 P.M.**

The Town Council of Oak Grove met in regular session on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 5:00 P.M. Present for the meeting were Council Members Nevels, Gammill, Walker, Allen and Rye. Mayor Holland presided.

Invocation was let by Council Member Allen.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Gammill to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2018 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Cynthia Stephens with the LSU Ag Center was present and stated that the Ag Center has some money available that can be used for park signage or possibly some trash receptacles or park benches. Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Rye to apply for and accept the available funds. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Holland stated that the bradford pear trees in the park are starting to die. He stated he would like for the town to buy twenty trees to replace these dying trees. Council Member Walker made a motion, seconded by Council Member Gammill to approve the purchase of trees for the park. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Holland stated that there were four bids received for the improvements to the water plant. He stated that the lowest bidder was Womack and Sons Construction Group, Inc. in the amount of \$858,531.00. The Mayor stated that the bid was not within available funds and that Chris Patrick with Denmon Engineering will examine the project for items that could reduce the contract amount. Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Gammill to accept the low bid from Womack and Sons Construction Group, Inc. contingent upon state approval of the contractor. The motion passed unanimously.

The Council discussed increasing the reconnect fee for delinquent water accounts. Mayor Holland stated that the current reconnect fee is \$20.00 and after speaking with other municipalities, he suggested increasing the fee to \$75.00. Council Member Rye made a motion to increase the reconnect fee to \$75.00 effective the February billing cycle, her motion was seconded by Council Member Allen. After brief discussion Council Member Nevels moved to amend the main motion by striking the word seventy-five and adding the word fifty. The motion to amend was seconded by Council Member Walker and passed unanimously. The amended motion was then voted on and passed with a unanimous decision.

Mayor Holland appointed Council Members Nevels and Walker to a committee to determine the best repayment method for the sewer plant and give a report at the February 2019 meeting. No action was required.

Chief Russell gave his monthly report.

Superintendent Colquette gave his monthly report.

Water Superintendent Lewis gave his monthly report.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Gammill to adjourn at 5:29 P.M. The motion passed unanimously.

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ADAM T. HOLLAND, MAYOR