

**PROCEEDINGS OF MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TOWN OF OAK GROVE, LOUISIANA  
TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2022 – 5:00 P.M.**

The Town Council of Oak Grove met in regular session on Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. Present for the meeting were Council Members Nevels, Walker, Holland, Allen and Phillips. Mayor Rollinson 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 June 14, 2022 council meeting. The motion carried.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Holland to approve the following new business to be added to the agenda: (A) approve Clerk and Assistant Clerk to attend LAMSA conference in September; (B) discuss Capital Outlay Appropriation; (C) update on pending lawsuit. The motion carried.

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

Mayor Rollinson opened the floor for nominations of Mayor Pro Tem for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. Council Member Walker nominated Council Member Nevels. Council Member Allen seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. Council Member Nevels was named as Mayor Pro Tem.

Mayor Rollinson stated that he would like to appoint Lewis Russell as Police Chief, Mellissa Corley as Town Clerk, Karon Colquette as Town Superintendent and Mack Lancaster as Town Attorney. Council Member Holland made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to accept the Mayor's appointments. The motion carried.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the West Carroll Parish Sheriff's Office to provide a dispatcher salary package in the amount of \$32,190.36 payable in one annual payment effective July 15, 2022. The motion carried.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Holland to approve the audit engagement for the upcoming audit. The motion carried.

Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to adopt the 2022 millage rates. The motion carried.

Chief Russell explained to the council that he would like them to consider approving having an awning built for the police and staff vehicles to park under to help protect the equipment in the police vehicles from the heat, cold and any bad weather. He stated that he would try to have some quotes to present at the next meeting for the council to consider. No action was required at the meeting.

Council Member Holland made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to approve a quote from Axon Enterprise, Inc. to upgrade seven police body-worn cameras and equipment for a total of \$9,179.74 using funds available from two local grants that had previously been awarded to the police department along with any additional funds needed from the sales tax account. The motion carried.

Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council member Walker to approve adding a cellphone plan for the Mayor. The motion carried.

Mayor Rollinson made the council aware of some problems that have been brought to his attention concerning the sewer treatment plant. The Mayor also stated that he had met with the Engineer as well as a representative from AWWM to discuss the issues and what needs to be done to correct them.

Council Member Holland made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to approve applying for one million dollars in Water Sector funds with a 25 % match to be provided by the Town for improvements to the water system. The motion carried.

During public comment period Sheriff Mathews welcomed the new Mayor and Council Members and also discussed the endeavor agreement and the positive relationship between the Town and the Sheriff's Office. Attorney Lancaster also welcomed the new Mayor and Council Members and stated that since he was not able to attend the last council meeting he wanted to go on record to commend Mayor Adam Holland for the great job he did for the town.

Myra Akers with Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center presented information about the different cancer screenings that they provide at no cost to the public.

Council Member Holland made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to approve the Clerk and Assistant Clerk to attend the annual LAMSA fall conference September 14-16<sup>th</sup> in Lafayette. The motion carried.

The council was made aware that the town had been approved for a Capital Outlay Appropriation in the amount of \$250,000.00 to paint the exterior of the elevated water tank. It was explained that the town would be required to provide match funds in the amount of \$83,333.00. Council Member Holland made a motion, seconded by Council Member Nevels to approve providing these funds. The motion carried.

Attorney Lancaster gave an update on a pending lawsuit.

With no further business to discuss, Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Nevels to adjourn at 5:56 p.m. The motion carried.

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MELLISSA CORLEY, LMMC

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HUBERT ROLLINSON JR., MAYOR