PROCEEDINGS OF MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF OAK GROVE, LOUISIANA TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2025 – 5:00 P.M.

The Town Council of Oak Grove met in regular session on Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall. Present for the meeting were Council Members Hayes, Allen, Holland and Phillips. Council Member Nevels was absent. Mayor Rollinson presided.

Invocation was led by Council Member Holland.

Council Member Phillips made a motion, seconded by Council Member Holland to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2025 meeting. The motion carried.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to approve the May 2025 financials and bills for payment. The motion carried.

Council Member Holland made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to adopt the Budget Ordinance for 2025-2026 Fiscal Year. The motion passed unanimously. The Ordinance is filed in Ordinance Book No. 4; Page 32; as Ordinance No. 631.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Hayes to approve an Endeavor Agreement with the West Carroll Parish Sheriff's Office for a dispatcher salary package in the amount of \$27,500.00 to be paid at one time on July 1, 2025 for the period beginning July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. The motion carried.

Clark Strange with the West Carroll Parish Tourist Commission introduced himself and some of the other members of the Commission. He spoke about some of the upcoming things that are planned to help promote tourism.

Council Member Holland made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to accept the bid from the West Carroll Gazette for legal printing in the Official Journal in the amount of \$4.80 per inch, which is the equivalent of \$6.00 per legal square. The motion carried.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to table the discussion of water and sewer rates to the July meeting. Voting in favor were Council Members Hayes, Allen and Phillips. Council Member Holland abstained from voting due to owning businesses that are on the town water and sewer. The motion carried.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to approve proposed changes to the water/sewer customer policy. The motion carried.

Council Member Holland stated that he had received several complaints about dilapidated properties and abandoned vehicles. Chief Russell reminded the council that he had presented the council with a list of properties to be considered for condemnation in July of 2023, but that he was never given the approval to start the condemnation process on any of the properties. He stated that since then, some of the property owners had torn down and cleaned up their property, but there were still several that have not. Chief Russell said that he would bring those properties and others before the council again at the July meeting for their consideration. Chief Russell read what the current Ordinance says about abandoned cars and explained the process of having those removed.

Council Member Holland made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to approve hiring Kevin Albritton as a full-time police officer. The motion carried.

Chief Russell gave his monthly report to the council.

At 5:46 p.m. Council Member Holland made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to adjourn. The motion carried.

MELLISSA CORLEY, LMMC

HUBERT ROLLINSON, JR., MAYOR