

**PROCEEDINGS OF MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TOWN OF OAK GROVE, LOUISIANA
TUESDAY, MAY 11, 2021 – 4:30 P.M.**

The Town Council of Oak Grove met in regular session on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. in the council chambers at city hall. Present for the meeting were Council Members Gammill, Walker and Rye. Council Members Nevels and Allen were absent. Mayor Holland presided.

Council Member Walker led the invocation by asking everyone to have a moment of silent prayer.

During public comment period, Pam Pardon stated that she was interested in purchasing the property at 111 North Street. Robert Dettenhaim stated that he was also interested in purchasing the property at 111 North Street and purchasing the old water plant property at Railroad and Noble Street.

Council Member Rye made a motion, seconded by Council Member Gammill to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2021 council meeting. The motion carried.

Council Member Gammill made a motion, seconded by Council Member Rye to approve the following new business added to the agenda: (A) retainer wall at city hall; (B) Sheriff Scott Mathews. The motion carried.

Council Member Rye made a motion, seconded by Council Member Gammill to approve the financial statements and April bills for payment. The motion carried.

Council Member Rye made a motion, seconded by Council Member Gammill to approve the budget revision no. 2 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. The motion carried.

Council Member Rye made a motion, seconded by Council Member Gammill to introduce an Ordinance for the 2021-2022 fiscal year budget and set a public hearing for June 8, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. The motion carried.

Mayor Holland informed the council that due to some discrepancies it would be necessary to advertise a notice of intent to sell each of the properties that were discussed at the April meeting again and set public hearings.

Council Member Rye made a motion, seconded by Council Member Gammill to advertise a notice of intent to sell the property at 917 Gaston Street to Randy Ruffin and set a public hearing for June 8, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. to hear objections to the proposed resolution. The motion carried.

Council Member Rye made a motion, seconded by Council Member Gammill to advertise a notice of intent to sell the property at 908 Gaston Street to Moses Craft and set a public hearing for June 8, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. to hear objections to the proposed resolution. The motion carried.

Council Member Walker made a motion, seconded by Council Member Walker to advertise a notice of intent to sell the property at 111 North Front Street to Wayne Parker and set a public hearing for June 8, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. to hear objections to the proposed resolution. The motion carried.

Council Member Rye made a motion, seconded by Council Member Gammill to advertise a notice of intent to sell the old water plant property at Railroad and Noble Street to Jason McDaniel (Jason-Haley, LLC) and set a public hearing for June 8, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. to hear objections to the proposed resolution. The motion carried.

Council Member Walker made a motion, seconded by Council Member Gammill to approve a utilities terms of service policy effective July 1, 2021. The motion carried. A copy of the terms of service is available at the water department and will be distributed to water and sewer customers as well as posted on the Town of Oak Grove's website.

Council Member Rye made a motion, seconded by Council Member Gammill to approve Marilyn Jordon to open a checking account at B1 Bank for the Town of Oak Grove Water

Department and authorize Marilyn Jordon, Mellissa Corley, Mayor Adam Holland and the current Mayor Pro-Temp as signers on the account. The motion carried.

Council Member Rye made a motion, seconded by Council Member Gammill to approve a quote from Joel Fisher to grind 29 stumps in the town park for a charge of \$3,625.00. The motion carried.

Council Member Gammill made a motion, seconded by Council Member Rye to approve the bid for Official Journal from the West Carroll Gazette for \$4.80per inch which is the equivalent of \$6.00 per legal square. The motion carried.

Council Member Rye made a motion, seconded by Council Member Walker to approve purchasing three Sewer Sentry manhole covers for Old Kilbourne Rd. South and Dye Street. The motion carried.

Council Member Rye made a motion, seconded by Council Member Gammill to approve the Mayor to hire Bill Boles as Bond Attorney for the DEQ loan. The motion carried.

Council Member Rye made a motion, seconded by Council Member Gammill to set a special council meeting for Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. at city hall to introduce an Ordinance for a DEQ loan. The motion carried.

Council Member Rye made a motion, seconded by Council Member Gammill to establish a set of rules for the tennis court in the town park. The motion carried. The rules are displayed at the tennis court.

Police Chief Russell gave his monthly report to the council.

Superintendent Colquette gave his monthly report to the council and stated he and the Mayor had interviewed applicants for the part-time dog catcher/park maintenance and full-time street maintenance positions. He stated he would like to hire Fredrick Jackson Jr. for the part-time dog catcher/park maintenance position and Eddie Seaberry for the full-time street maintenance position.

Council Member Rye made a motion, seconded by Council Member Gammill to approve hiring Fredrick Jackson Jr. as part-time dog catcher/park maintenance. Voting in favor were Council Members Rye and Gammill. Council Member Walker abstained. The motion carried.

Council Member Rye made a motion, seconded by Council Member Gammill to approve hiring Eddie Seaberry as full-time street maintenance employee. The motion carried.

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

Council Member Gammill made a motion, seconded by Council Member Rye to approve Chester Dixon to install a retainer wall at city hall to prevent flooding for a charge of \$4,375.00. The motion carried.

Sherriff Scott Mathews addressed the council to ask for an increase in the dispatcher salary package that is set forth each year through an endeavor agreement between the Town of Oak Grove and the West Carroll Parish Sherriff's Office. A copy of the proposed endeavor agreement was given to each member of the council for their review. No action was needed at this meeting and the agreement will be discussed at the next regular council meeting.

With no further business to discuss at 5:17 p.m., Council Member Gammill made a motion, seconded by Council Member Walker to adjourn.

MELLISSA CORLEY, LMMC

ADAM T. HOLLAND, MAYOR