

**PROCEEDINGS OF MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF OAK GROVE, LOUISIANA
TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025 – 5:00 P.M.**

The Town Council of Oak Grove met in regular session on Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall. Present for the meeting were Council Members Nevels, Allen, Holland and Phillips. Council Member Hayes and Mayor Rollinson were absent. Council Member Nevels presided as Mayor Pro-Tem.

Invocation was led by Council Member Phillips.

Council Member Phillips made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2025 meeting. The motion carried.

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

Council Member Holland made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to adopt an Ordinance amending Ordinance 501 to allow chickens. Votes were as follows: Yays: 3; Nays: 0; Absent and not voting: 3. The motion carried. The Ordinance is filed in Ordinance Book No. 4; page 30 as Ordinance No. 630.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Holland to approve Budget Revision No. 2 for the fiscal year 2024-2025. The motion carried.

Council Member Holland made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to introduce the Budget Ordinance for fiscal year 2025-2026. The motion carried. A public hearing for the proposed Ordinance will be held on June 10, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. The proposed Ordinance is available for public inspection Monday- Friday at City Hall during normal business hours.

Susan Robbins with Louisiana Rural Water presented the rate studies for water and sewer. No action was required.

Sealed bids for surplus property were taken, and the bids were as follows: 1 D185QP air compressor: Willie Pritchard - \$100; Stacy Dartlon - \$150.00; Matt Mills - \$207; JJ Merchant - \$127.00. 1 Model J20 Ditch Witch with trailer: Matt Mills - \$607.00; JJ Merchant - \$177.00. 6 T3 Gorman Rupp Sewer Pumps: Willie Pritchard - \$160.00; JJ Merchant - \$107.00. 4 T4 Gorman Rupp Sewer Pumps: Willie Pritchard - \$120.00; JJ Merchant - \$77.00. 3 T6 Gorman Rupp Sewer Pumps: Willie Pritchard - \$120.00; JJ Merchant - \$77.00. 4 5 HP Electric Motors: Willie Pritchard - \$80; JJ Merchant - \$27.00. 1 10 HP Electric Motor: Willie Pritchard - \$40; JJ Merchant \$11.00. 1 15 HP Electric Motor: Willie Pritchard - \$60; JJ Merchant - \$11.00. 1,247- ¾" Water Meters: Willie Pritchard - \$4,996.00; Matt Mills - \$307.00; Upstate Meter - \$8,750.00; JJ Merchant - \$777.00. 29- 1" Water Meters: Matt Mills - \$57.00; Willie Pritchard - \$400.00; Upstate Meter - \$400.00; JJ Merchant – \$57.00. 26 – 2" Water Meters: Willie Pritchard - \$380.00; Matt Mills - \$57.00; Upstate Meter - \$800.00; JJ Merchant - \$57.00. Miscellaneous Scrap Materials: Willie Pritchard - \$385.00; JJ Merchant - \$312.00. Council Member Phillips made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to accept the highest bidder for each surplus item and to have the two bidders that tied, submit another bid to determine the highest bidder for the 1" water meters. The motion carried.

Council Member Holland made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to approve a contract with Mary Biggs to clean the park restrooms for \$183.01 per month. The motion carried.

Amanda Aaron requested to use the downtown courtyard for a Christmas in July event that she is planning to raise money for Christmas decorations to be used in town. She stated that she wanted to have a foam party in the courtyard for kids as part of the event. It was explained that anyone using the courtyard for profit must pay a rental fee of \$200.00. There were also concerns about the foam party being a liability for the town. After discussion, she was told that if the event were run through the Chamber of Commerce instead of her as an individual, the Chamber could use the courtyard, but that the space could not be used for a foam party for safety reasons. No one from the Chamber was at the meeting and she said she could not wait until the next meeting for approval. No action was taken.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to adopt a Resolution to move a lawnmower that is no longer needed in the Street Department to the sewer department to be used at the sewer plant. The motion carried.

There were two quotes for emergency sewer point repairs on Sammons Alley. Ashton Constructions quote was \$49,682.40 and Jabar Corporations quote was \$38,466.50. Council Member Holland made a

motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to approve the quote for Jabar Corporation. The motion carried.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Holland to approve adding flood insurance for building and contents in the amount of \$800.00 to our current insurance policy. The motion carried.

There was only one quote received for awnings and gutters at the police department and city hall. R&B Johnson Building Systems quote was for \$19,350.00. Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to approve the quote. The motion carried.

Council Member Holland made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to approve a subscription to Active Alert for the police department. The motion carried.

During his monthly report to the council, Chief Russell stated that he is in need of another full-time officer and asked if the council would consider letting him hire someone. Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to approve the Chief to hire a full-time officer. The motion carried.

At 6:06 p.m. Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to adjourn. The motion carried.

MELLISSA CORLEY, LMMC

TODD NEVELS, MAYOR PRO-TEM