

**PROCEEDINGS OF MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TOWN OF OAK GROVE, LOUISIANA
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2018 – 5:00 P.M.**

The Town Council of Oak Grove met in regular session on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 5:00 P.M. Present for the meeting were Council Members Nevels, Rye, Walker, Haynes and Philley. Mayor Holland Presided.

Invocation was led by Council Member Haynes.

Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Rye to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2017 special meeting and to correct the December 12, 2017 regular meeting minutes to include that the water project and lines referred to as being abandoned be specified as those from Castleman Street to Church Street. The motion passed unanimously. The Clerk noted those corrections.

Council Member Philley made a motion, seconded by Council Member Walker to add the following new business to the agenda: (A) February council meeting date. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Haynes made a motion, seconded by Council Member Philley to approve the financial statements and the December 2017 bills for payment. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Haynes made a motion, seconded by Council Member Rye to Introduce an Ordinance declaring surplus property. The motion passed unanimously. A public hearing on the proposed ordinance will be on February 20, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

Gray D. Hall who is a student at ULM spoke to the council about his interest in being an intern with the Town. Mayor Holland stated that if approved, he had some projects for Mr. Hall to work on and also, if the Council had anything to feel free to let him know. He stated that he would be onsite one day per week this spring and also doing research from Monroe the rest of the week. Council Members Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Haynes to approve Gray D. Hall as a student intern. The motion passed unanimously.

Chris Patrick with Denmon Engineering gave the council and update on the water plant and the annual sanitation survey recommendations. Council Member Walker made a motion, seconded by Council Member Rye to approve the Mayor to contract with Watson Well to sandblast and repair the seals at wells number 2 and 4 and paint them as well. The motion passed unanimously.

In discussing the sewer plant, Chris Patrick stated that he had submitted a copy of the change order that was approved at the December 21, 2017 special meeting to DEQ and that he is waiting on their response.

Mayor Holland stated that he had spoken with a local attorney about Mayor's Court and that person was supposed to contact him after school started back to discuss cost. Council Member Philley stated that his recommendation would be to find out the cost to have an attorney oversee Mayor's Court and if necessary, we could continue to have court the way we do now. He stated that if the Mayor was not going to be available for court, the court date could be changed. No action was taken at the meeting.

Chief Russell gave his monthly report. Following his report, the Chief along with Sherriff Philley read and presented Officer Richard Austin Holland II with letters of commendation for his actions on November 7, 2017 when he responded to a 911 call in the parish where a woman was being attacked by a man in a ditch. The Chief and Sherriff both stated that Officer Holland was aware that the on-duty deputy for the parish was on another call several miles from the location of the call and that his immediate response to the call may have saved the woman's life.

Superintendent Colquette gave his monthly report.

Byron Lewis gave a monthly report for the water and sewer departments.

Mayor Holland stated that the date of the February meeting is on Fat Tuesday and the office will be closed that day. He suggested moving the meeting to the following Tuesday February 20th. Council Member Rye made a motion, seconded by Council Member Walker to move the February council meeting to February 20th. The motion passed unanimously. Council Member Haynes stated that she would like to go on record that she would be out of town and unable to attend the meeting on that date.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

MELLISSA CORLEY, LCMC

ADAM T. HOLLAND, MAYOR