

**PROCEEDINGS OF MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TOWN OF OAK GROVE, LOUISIANA  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 – 4:30 P.M.**

The Town Council of Oak Grove met in regular session on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 4:30 P.M. at the Legion Hut building in the Town Park. Present for the meeting were Council Members Nevels, Gammill, Walker and Rye. Council Member Allen joined the meeting at 4:41 P.M. Mayor Holland presided.

Invocation was led by Council Member Walker.

Council Member Rye made a motion, seconded by Council Member Gammill to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2020 regular meeting and the August 21, 2020 special meeting. The motion passed by general consent.

Council Member Rye made a motion, seconded by Council Member Gammill to add the following new business to the agenda: (A) Resolution to amend CWEF grant; (B) air conditioner for water plant office; (C) discuss courtyard rentals for for-profit events. The motion passed by general consent.

Council Member Rye made a motion, seconded by Council Member Rye, seconded by Council Member Gammill to approve the financial statements and August 2020 bills for payment. The motion passed by general consent.

Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Rye to adopt the 2020 millage rates. Voting in favor were Council Members Nevels, Rye, Gammill and Walker. Council Member Allen was absent and not voting. The motion passed. A copy of the Resolution is on file at City Hall.

Council Member Rye made a motion, seconded by Council Member Gammill to adopt an Ordinance declaring a 2007 Ford Crown Vic as surplus property with a minimum bid of \$1,000.00 and advertise for bids to be opened at the October 13, 2020 meeting. Voting in favor were Council Members Nevels, Rye, Gammill and Walker. Council Member Allen was absent and not voting. The motion passed. The Ordinance was recorded in Ordinance book No. 3, page 171, as Ordinance No. 606.

Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Rye to adopt a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply for a 2021 LCDBG grant. The motion carried.

Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Rye to authorize the Mayor to get quotes to repair the old seed building on Constitution Ave. The motion carried.

Council Member Walker made a motion, seconded by Council Member Nevels to introduce a Resolution renaming the 200<sup>th</sup> block of East Jefferson Street as Martin Way in honor of Mr. J.T. and Mrs. Helen Martin. The motion carried. A public hearing on the proposed Resolution will be held on October 13, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.

The Mayor stated that he had received several complaints about the property on Dye Street belonging to James Welch. The Mayor stated that the property was in violation of Zoning Ordinances. Council Member Rye made a motion, seconded by Council Member Gammill to have the Town Attorney draft Mr. Welch a letter giving him 30 days to clean up the property or face fines. Voting in favor of the motion were Council Members Rye, Gammill, Walker and Allen. Council Member Nevels abstained. The motion carried.

Mayor Holland stated that the Town has two booster pumps in need of repair and that the only company that would submit a quote was Gem Pumps and Systems. The quote was for \$24,426.30. Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to approve the quote from Gem Pumps and Solutions. The motion carried.

Chief Russell gave his monthly police report.

Superintendent Colquette gave his monthly report.

Director of Water Operations Moody gave his monthly report.

Mayor Holland stated that the Town had been approved for a CWEF Grant in the amount of \$35,000.00 to install a new HVAC system at the water plant. The Mayor stated that since applying for this grant, the elevated tank is in dire need of sanitary coating. Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to adopt a Resolution to amend the CWEF Grant application to fund sanitary coating of the elevated tank. The motion carried.

Mayor Holland stated that the air conditioner in the water plant office is not working. He stated that three quotes were obtained and that the lowest quote was from Steward Home Center for \$580.00. Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to approve the purchase of a new air conditioner from Steward Home Center. The motion carried.

Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to set the rental fee for for-profit events at the courtyard at \$200.00 per day. The motion carried.

With no further business to discuss at 5:16 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

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ADAM T. HOLLAND, MAYOR