

**PROCEEDINGS OF MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TOWN OF OAK GROVE, LOUISIANA
TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 2021 – 4:30 P.M.**

The Town Council of Oak Grove met in regular session on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall. Present for the meeting were Council Members Nevels, Gammill, Walker, Allen and Rye. Mayor Holland presided.

Invocation was led by Council Member Walker.

The Town Clerk stated that there were two errors in the May 11, 2021 minutes that were discovered after they had been published. She stated that they had been corrected and once approved, will be published again. Council Member Rye made a motion, seconded by Council Member Gammill to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2021 council meeting with the noted corrections. The motion passed by general consent.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Gammill to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2021 special meeting. The motion passed by general consent.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Nevels to approve the following new business to be added to the agenda: (A) budget amendment for fiscal year ending June 30, 2021; (B) water bad debt. The motion passed by general consent.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Gammill to approve the May 2021 financial statements and bills for payment. The motion passed by general consent.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Rye to adopt an Ordinance approving the budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. A roll call vote was taken and the votes were as follows: For: 5 Against: 0 Absent: 0. The Ordinance was recorded in Ordinance Book No. 3 on page 176, as Ordinance No. 609.

Walter Rinehart with V-1 Fiber was present at the meeting and answered questions concerning a proposed Memorandum of Understanding for Broadband Capital. Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Gammill to approve the Mayor to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with V-1 Fiber. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to adopt a Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan Resolution that is required for LCDBG grants. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of the Resolution is on file at City Hall.

Mayor Holland read the following announcement:

Announcement of Public Meeting

Notice is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. at its regular meeting place, the City Hall Council Chambers, 407 E. Main Street, Oak Grove, Louisiana, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Oak Grove, State of Louisiana, plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to be held in the Town of Oak Grove to authorize the continuation of ad valorem taxes therein.

Council Members were given a copy of the proposed changes to the Code of Ordinances. Attorney Lancaster encouraged each member to read over the changes and ask questions. Mayor Holland stated that he plans to introduce the Ordinance at the July meeting. No action was required.

Council Members were given a copy of a copy of an Ordinance from the City of West Monroe dealing with vacant buildings in the Historic District. Mayor Holland stated that he would like to appoint a committee of himself, Council Member Allen and Chamber of Commerce President Rebecca Elliott to study that Ordinance and come up with suggestions for a similar Ordinance to better fit the Town of Oak Grove. No action was required.

Mayor Holland stated that he would like to strike the old water plant property from the proposed Ordinance declaring surplus immovable property that is being considered for introduction. Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Rye to strike the old water plant from the proposed Ordinance, introduce the Ordinance declaring surplus property no longer needed by the Town of Oak Grove and set a public hearing for July 13, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

The upcoming LMA District C meeting and the LMA convention were discussed and everyone was asked to let the Clerk know if they planned to attend either event.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Walker to enter into an Endeavor Agreement with the West Carroll Parish Sheriff's Office to pay a dispatcher salary package in the amount of \$32,190.36 in one annual payment effective July 15, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Russell gave his monthly report.

Superintendent Colquette gave his monthly report.

Director of Water Operations Moody gave his monthly report.

The Town Clerk explained that it was necessary to amend certain line items on the budget in the Sales Tax, Water and Sewer accounts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 and the Council Members were presented the amendments for approval. Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to approve the line item amendments to the budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. The motion carried.

Council Member Gammill made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to approve the water department to write off the balance of accounts that were closed due to the account owner being deceased. The motion carried.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Gammill to adjourn at 5:15 p.m. The motion carried.

MELLISSA CORLEY, LMMC

ADAM T. HOLLAND, MAYOR