

**PROCEEDINGS OF MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TOWN OF OAK GROVE, LOUISIANA
TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024 – 5:00 P.M.**

The Town Council of Oak Grove met in regular session on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. Present for the meeting were Council members Nevels, Walker, Allen, Holland, and Phillips. Mayor Rollinson presided.

Invocation was led by Council Member Holland.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Nevels, to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2024 council meeting. The motion carried.

Council Member Holland made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to approve adding the following new items to the agenda: A. approve quote for cutting tree at the water tower; B. Approve Jason Hozak to attend level 2 water certification class; C. Sheriff Mathews concerning litter pick up. The motion carried.

Council Member Holland made a motion, seconded by Council Member Nevels to approve the February 2024 financials and bills for payment. The motion carried.

Amanda Aaron spoke to the council and asked them to consider spending funds from the Economic Development account to pay for a consultant to research and complete the application to have the Historic District placed on the National Register of Historic Places. The consultant cost would be \$15,359.38. The council will review the proposal and make a decision at a later date. Mrs. Aaron also spoke to the council to get their thoughts on forming an Economic Development committee to bring ideas back to the council. No action was required at this meeting.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to adopt a Resolution appointing Jimmy Holland to the LCDA board. Voting in favor were Council Members Nevels, Walker, Allen, and Phillips. Council Member Holland abstained from voting. The motion carried.

Red Hall submitted a quote for treating the cemetery and park for ants. The quote was \$450.00 for the cemetery and \$450.00 for the park. Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Holland, to approve the quote. The motion carried.

The town was only able to obtain one quote for foundation repairs to the Legion Hut. Ram Jack submitted a quote for \$26,200.00. Council Member Holland made a motion, seconded by Council Member Nevels, to approve the quote from Ram Jack. The motion carried.

After reviewing bids for a truck for the cemetery, Council Member Holland made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to approve a quote from Winnsboro Chrysler Dodger in the amount of \$32,935.00. The motion carried.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Holland, to adopt a resolution to move the Ford truck from the cemetery department to the street department. The motion carried.

Council Member Holland made a motion, seconded by Council Member Nevels to approve spending ARPA funds for the purchase of a lawnmower for the street department, purchasing motors for the South Briggs lift stations and well repairs. The motion carried.

Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to introduce an Ordinance prohibiting urinating in public. The motion passed unanimously. A Public hearing on the proposed ordinance will be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

Chief Russell gave his monthly report to the council. Chief Russell stated that he had someone express the need for a handicap parking spot near Modern Beauty Shop. Council Member Holland made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to approve a handicap parking space be placed at the first parking space on the east side of Main Street by the beauty shop. The motion carried.

Superintendent Moody stated that before painting of the elevated water tank can begin, there is a tree that needs to be removed first. Quotes were obtained from Harrison Tree Service for \$875.00 and Fisher Stump Grinding for \$700.00. Council Member Holland made a motion, seconded by Council Member Nevels, to approve the quote from Fisher Stump Grinding. The motion carried.

Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Holland, to approve Jason Hozak to attend Level 2 water certification class. The motion carried.

Sheriff Mathews spoke to the council about a parish wide litter clean-up day that he is organizing in conjunction with the Love the Boot Week, April 20-28th. No action was required.

With no further business to discuss at 5:43 p.m., Council Member Allen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to adjourn. The motion carried.

MELLISSA CORLEY, LMMC

HUBERT ROLLINSON, JR., MAYOR