

**PROCEEDINGS OF MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE TOWN OF OAK GROVE, LOUISIANA
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2021 – 5:00 P.M.**

The Town Council of Oak Grove met in special session on Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall. Present for the meeting were Council Members Nevels, Gammill, Walker and Dunnahoe. Council Member Allen was absent. Mayor Holland presided.

Invocation was led by Tax Assessor DeAnna Smith.

Bobby Dettenhaim, Donnie Shelton Cindy Shelton, Carlinda Miles, Sharon Littlefield, Theresa Sammons and Faye Ragus each addressed the Council during the public comment period to express their disapproval of the proposed Ordinance amending Ordinance 558 to establish a registration program for vacant buildings in the Historic District. Lisa Smith also addressed the Council stating reasons why she is in favor of the proposed Ordinance.

Council Member Walker made a motion, seconded by Council Member Gammill to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2021 council meeting. The motion carried.

Mayor Holland stated that he would like to strike items 18, 19 and 20 from the agenda. Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Gammill to approve the changes to the agenda. The motion carried.

Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Dunnahoe to approve the September 2021 financial statements and bills for payment. The motion carried.

Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Walker to amend the proposed Ordinance to increase the Mayor's salary. By roll call vote, voting in favor were Council Members Nevels, Gammill, Walker and Dunnahoe. Council Member Allen was absent. The motion carried.

Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Walker to adopt the Ordinance as amended to increase the Mayor's salary. By roll call vote, voting in favor were Council Members Nevels, Gammill, Walker and Dunnahoe. Council Member Allen was absent. The motion carried. The Ordinance was recorded in Ordinance Book No. 4; page 2; as Ordinance No. 614. The Ordinance is available for public inspection at City Hall.

Council Member Dunnahoe made a motion, seconded by Council Member Gammill to amend the proposed Ordinance amending Ordinance 558 to establish a registration program for vacant buildings in the Historic District. By roll call vote, voting in favor were Council Members Gammill, Walker and Dunnahoe. Council Member Nevels voted no. Council Member Allen was absent. The motion carried.

Council Member Dunnahoe made a motion, seconded by Council Member Gammill to adopt the Ordinance as amended to amend Ordinance 558 to establish a registration program for vacant buildings in the Historic District. By roll call vote, voting in favor were Council Members Dunnahoe and Gammill. Voting against the motion were Council Members Walker and Nevels. Council Member Allen was absent. The Mayor cast the tie breaking vote in favor. The motion carried. The Ordinance was recorded in Ordinance Book No. 4; page 3; as Ordinance No. 615. The Ordinance is available for public inspection at City Hall.

The Clerk opened quotes for the demolition of the structures at 111 North Front Street. The quotes were as follows: Evans Excavation LLC. - \$23,000.00; Robinson's Etc. LLC. - \$37,425.00 and Dettenhaim Farm Transport - \$20,000.00. Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Dunnahoe to accept the low bid from Dettenhaim Farm Transport, pending proof of liability insurance. The motion carried.

Council Member Dunnahoe made a motion, seconded by Council Member Gammill to adopt a resolution confirming the election date change for tax renewals. The motion carried.

Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Gammill to approve the Mayor to sign the audit engagement letter from Bosch and Statham CPA's. The motion carried.

Council Member Gammill made a motion, seconded by Council Member Dunnahoe to approve the Mayor's appointment of Debra Hawthorne to the Zoning Board. The motion carried.

Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Gammill to approve the renewal of employee insurance. The motion carried.

Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Dunnahoe to begin the condemnation process for the property at 215 East Main Street owned by Bradley Harris and set a public hearing for November 9, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. to hear reasons why the property should not be condemned. Voting in favor were Council Member Nevels, Gammill and Dunnahoe. Council Member Walker abstained. The motion carried.

Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Gammill to authorize the Mayor to design project to pipe burst sewer lines from Park Ave. to East Noble not to exceed the current amount of ARPA funds received to date. The motion carried.

Council Member Dunnahoe made a motion, seconded by Council Member Gammill to authorize the Mayor to apply for five million dollars for sewer; five million dollars for water; two-hundred fifty thousand dollars for the Community House and one-million dollars for the industrial building in the 2022 Capital Outlay Bill. The motion carried.

Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Walker to accept Randy Aaron's resignation as full-time police officer and also approve Obadiah Rouse as part-time police officer. The motion carried.

Mayor Holland stated that he failed to add a quote for repairs to the roof of the Legion Hut to the agenda and asked if the Council would go back and add this to the agenda as new business. Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Gammill to add approving quote for repairs to the roof of the Legion Hut to the agenda. The motion carried.

Superintendent Colquette stated that the roof on the Legion Hut has shingles that are in bad shape and have caused several weak spots in the plywood underneath. Mayor Holland stated Johnny Pardon had given a quote to repair the roof for \$8,500.00. It was discussed that the quote did not cover replacing the plywood. Mayor Holland asked that the council approve spending up to \$10,000 to cover the additional costs. Council Member Gammill made a motion, seconded by Council Member Dunnahoe to accept the quote from Johnny Pardon and authorize the Mayor to spend up to \$10,000 total to cover the quote from Mr. Pardon and any additional costs to repair the plywood. The motion carried.

With no further business to discuss at 5:43 p.m., Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Walker to adjourn.

MELLISSA CORLEY, LMMC

ADAM T. HOLLAND, MAYOR