

**PROCEEDINGS OF MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TOWN OF OAK GROVE, LOUISIANA
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2023 – 5:00 P.M.**

The Town Council of Oak Grove met in regular session on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 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 Nevels.

Council Member Holland made a motion, seconded by Council Member Nevels to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2023 council meeting. The motion carried.

Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to approve the August 2023 financials and bills for payment. The motion carried.

Council Member Holland made a motion, seconded by Council Member Nevels to adopt a Resolution for the 2023 Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire. The motion carried.

The Council discussed sewer plant management. No action was taken.

Council Member Holland made a motion, seconded by Council Member Nevels to adopt a Resolution to commit to cover all costs over State funds to paint the elevated water tank. The motion carried.

Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Holland, to approve Mayor Rollinson to apply for \$400,000.00 in Capital Outlay funds to replace water lines. The motion carried.

Council Member Holland made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to approve Mayor Rollinson to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Treasury for line-item appropriation funds in the amount of \$25,000.00 payable to the Town for sewer and water system repairs. The motion carried.

Council Member Phillips made a motion, seconded by Council Member Nevels to approve Mayor Rollinson to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Treasury for line-item appropriation funds in the amount of \$11,000.00 payable to the Town for theater upgrades and repairs. Voting for the motion were Council Members Nevels, Walker, Allen, and Phillips. Council Member Holland abstained. The motion carried.

Council Member Holland made a motion, seconded by Council Member Walker, to approve changes to the water/sewer customer policy dealing with billing adjustments. The motion carried.

Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Holland, to approve quotes from Utility Data Systems for software programing and interfacing to work with the new water meters. The motion carried.

Council Member Holland made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to approve Marilyn Jordan and Angela Atkins to attend the LRWA fall mini conference in Alexandria October 16th – 19th. The motion carried.

Demetrius Brown was on the agenda to discuss brown water but was not in attendance.

The Council reviewed quotes for a limb truck. Council Member Holland made a motion, seconded by Council Member Walker to approve purchasing a 2024 Chevrolet 3500 Chassis-Cab truck from Ryan Chevrolet for \$46,050.00 and a 11' dump body from Ram Truck Equipment for \$13,075.00. The motion carried.

The Council reviewed quotes to replace the transmission in the cemetery truck. Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to approve Irby Repair Service to install a new transmission for \$3,995.50. The motion carried.

Council Member Nevels made a motion, seconded by Council Member Phillips to approve purchasing a 2024 Ford F-150 Police truck for the Police Chief on State Contract from Courtesy

Automotive in the amount of \$51,583.05 and equipment for the truck on State Contract from Shreveport Communications in the amount of \$6,661.60. The motion carried.

Chief Russell stated that he would like to promote Lieutenant Austin Holland to Assistant Chief to fill the position that was left vacant when former Assistant Chief Porter retired. Council Member Phillips made a motion, seconded by Council Member Nevels, to approve Austin Holland as Assistant Chief. Voting for the motion were Council Members Nevels, Walker, Allen, and Phillips. Council Member Holland abstained from voting. The motion carried.

Chief Russell gave his monthly report to the Council.

With no further business to discuss at 5:25 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