

**CITY OF OAK HILL**  
**MINUTES**  
**December 2019 Council Meeting**  
**December 09, 2019 - 6:30 PM**

The regular monthly meeting of the Oak Hill City Council was held in the Council Chambers of Oak Hill City Hall on Monday, December 9, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

**Oath of Office - Benitez Jackson**

The Honorable Thomas Ewing, Judge of the 12th Judicial Circuit, administered the oath of office to Benitez Jackson, Councilor for Ward 2.

**Call to Order**

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

**Roll Call**

**Present**

Mayor Daniel E. Wright  
Tom Oxley  
Michelle Holly  
Diana Janney  
Melissa Wilshire  
Steve Hayslette  
Charles Smallwood, Jr.  
Benitez Jackson

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

The invocation was led by Rev. Connie Holly, Pastor of the Harvey Chapel United Methodist Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilor Michelle Holly

**Reading and Approval of Minutes**

**Motion - *Dispense with the reading of and accept the minutes of the November 18, 2019 meeting.***

**Motion carried 7-0**

Motion made by Council Member Oxley, Seconded by Council Member Janney.

Voting Yea: Council Member Oxley, Council Member Holly, Council Member Janney, Council Member Wilshire, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Smallwood, Jr., Council Member Jackson

**Treasurer's Report**

**Motion - *Accept the Treasurer's report and payment of bills as presented by the Treasurer.***

**Motion carried 7-0**

Motion made by Council Member Wilshire, Seconded by Council Member Janney.

Voting Yea: Council Member Oxley, Council Member Holly, Council Member Janney, Council

Member Wilshire, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Smallwood, Jr., Council Member Benitez Jackson

### **Correspondence**

None

### **Citizens Comments**

Cat Merritt updated Council on the activities of Destination Downtown.

### **Council Comments and Department Reports**

The Mayor asked Council and Department Heads for comments and the following items were discussed:

Welcome to Councilor Jackson, 158 Broadway Avenue; flag at dog park being flown without a light; streetlights not working, trash in garage at the Lewis St. Apartments, sign at Harlem Heights Road, prohibited signs, Black History Month, and Duncan Avenue sign.

The Mayor also expressed his welcome to Councilor Jackson.

### **Unfinished Business**

1. **Structural Inspection Board (SIB) recommendation order to demolish house #199 Minden Rd., Map 58M, Parcel 62 owned by Lori Byrd**

**Motion** - *Order the demolition of structure at 199 Minden Road owned by Lori Byrd.*

**Motion carried 7-0**

Motion made by Council Member Oxley, Seconded by Council Member Wilshire.

Voting Yea: Council Member Oxley, Council Member Holly, Council Member Janney, Council Member Wilshire, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Smallwood, Jr., Councilor Jackson

2. **SIB recommendation order to demolish 205 Terry Ave., Map 18, Parcel 387.01 owned by Edwin Warfield**

**Motion** - Table this item because the owner has a contract for demolition.

**Motion carried 7-0**

Motion made by Council Member Oxley, Seconded by Council Member Smallwood, Jr..

Voting Yea: Council Member Oxley, Council Member Holly, Council Member Janney, Council Member Wilshire, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Smallwood, Jr., Council Member Jackson

3. **SIB recommendation order to demolish 215 Mayfair Ave., Map 32, Parcel 162 owned by Betty Adkins & Raymond Jones**

**Motion** - *Table this item due to not receiving proof of service from the Sheriff's Department.*

**Motion carried 7-0**

Motion made by Council Member Janney, Seconded by Council Member Hayslette.

Voting Yea: Council Member Oxley, Council Member Holly, Council Member Janney,

Council Member Wilshire, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Smallwood, Jr.,  
Council Member Jackson

4. **Consideration and adoption of Resolution to demolish 204 Third Ave., Map 12, Parcel 63 owned by Suzan Blevins**

**Motion** - *Adopt a resolution allowing the City to demolish the structure at 204 Third Avenue owned by Suzan Blevins.*

**Motion carried 7-0**

Motion made by Council Member Oxley, Seconded by Council Member Holly.

Voting Yea: Council Member Oxley, Council Member Holly, Council Member Janney,  
Council Member Wilshire, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Smallwood, Jr.,  
Council Member Jackson

5. **Consideration and adoption of Resolution to lay an assessment lien on 304 Thomas Morst Rd., Map 58L Parcel 99 owned by the Estate of Marie Hardy**

**Motion** - *Adopt a resolution to lay an assessment lien on 304 Thomas Morst Road owned by the Estate of Marie Hardy.*

**Motion carried 7-0**

Motion made by Council Member Oxley, Seconded by Council Member Wilshire.

Voting Yea: Council Member Oxley, Council Member Holly, Council Member Janney,  
Council Member Wilshire, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Smallwood, Jr.,  
Council Member Jackson

6. **Examination of demolition report for 722 Summerlee Ave. owned by Yvonne Warwick**

The City Manager presented the demolition report for 722 Summerlee Avenue owned by Yvonne Warwick. The structure was demolished at a cost of \$5,500. Other details of the demolition were also provided.

**Motion** - *Accept the demolition report for 722 Summerlee Avenue owned by Yvonne Warwick.*

Motion made by Council Member Janney, Seconded by Council Member Wilshire.

Voting Yea: Council Member Oxley, Council Member Holly, Council Member Janney,  
Council Member Wilshire, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Smallwood, Jr.,  
Council Member Jackson

7. **Examination of demolition report for 386 Lynch Harper Rd. owned by Carlos Stockhouse & ET AL**

The City Manager presented a demolition report for 386 Lynch Harper Rd. owned by Carlos Stockhouse & et al. The structure was demolished at a cost of \$5,500. Other details of the demolition were also provided.

**Motion**- *Accept the demolition report for 386 Lynch Harper Road owned by Carlos Stockhouse & et al.*

**Motion carried 7-0.**

Motion made by Council Member Oxley, Seconded by Council Member Holly.

Voting Yea: Council Member Oxley, Council Member Holly, Council Member Janney,

Council Member Wilshire, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Smallwood, Jr., Council Member Jackson.

**8. Examination of demolition report for Lynch Harper Rd. owned by Arnetta Sherer**

The City Manager presented a demolition report for Lynch Harper Rd. owned by Arnetta Sherer. The structure was demolished at a cost of \$5,500.00. Other details of the demolition were also given.

**Motion - *Accept the demolition report for the property at Lynch Harper Road owned by Arnetta Sherer.***

**Motion carried 7-0**

Motion made by Council Member Oxley, Seconded by Council Member Wilshire.

Voting Yea: Council Member Oxley, Council Member Holly, Council Member Janney, Council Member Wilshire, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Smallwood, Jr., Council Member Jackson

**9. Consideration to restrict a parking space in front of the Med Surg building at the intersection of Highland Ave. and Main Street 2nd Reading**

Parking in this space hinders the line of sight.

**MOTION - *Accept as a second reading to restrict a parking space in front of the Med Surg building at the intersection of Highland Ave. and Main Street.***

**Motion carried 7-0**

Motion made by Council Member Holly, Seconded by Council Member Wilshire.

Voting Yea: Council Member Oxley, Council Member Holly, Council Member Janney, Council Member Wilshire, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Smallwood, Jr., Council Member Jackson

**10. Ordinance to provide for the annexation of additional territory, 217 Patterson Street without ordering a vote 2nd Reading**

**Motion - *Accept this as the 2nd reading and adoption of an ordinance to provide for the annexation of additional territory, 217 Patterson Street without ordering a vote.***

**Motion carried 7-0**

Motion made by Council Member Wilshire, Seconded by Council Member Oxley.

Voting Yea: Council Member Oxley, Council Member Holly, Council Member Janney, Council Member Wilshire, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Smallwood, Jr., Council Member Jackson.

**New Business**

**11. Approval of Easement and Right-of-Way between the City of Oak Hill and Mountaineer Gas Company**

**Motion - *Approve easement and right-of-way between the City of Oak Hill and Mountaineer Gas Company.***

**Motion carried 7-0**

Motion made by Council Member Oxley, Seconded by Council Member Wilshire.  
Voting Yea: Council Member Oxley, Council Member Holly, Council Member Janney,  
Council Member Wilshire, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Smallwood, Jr.,  
Council Member Jackson

**12. Request for abandonment for approximately 113 feet of Right-of-Way between Gatewood Ave. and Bunch St.**

This request has been made by Stacy and Stewart Jones and they are the property owners adjoining the right of way.

**Motion - *Accept this as the 1st reading for the abandonment of approximately 113 feet of right-of-way between Gatewood Ave. and Bunch St.***

**Motion carried 7-0**

Motion made by Council Member Oxley, Seconded by Council Member Janney.  
Voting Yea: Council Member Oxley, Council Member Holly, Council Member Janney,  
Council Member Wilshire, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Smallwood, Jr.,  
Council Member Jackson

**Adjournment**

**Motion - Adjourn the meeting**

**Motion carried 7-0**

Motion made by Council Member Janney, Seconded by Council Member Smallwood, Jr..  
Voting Yea: Council Member Oxley, Council Member Holly, Council Member Janney, Council  
Member Wilshire, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Smallwood, Jr., Council Member  
Jackson

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

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Daniel E. Wright, Mayor

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Damita Johnson, City Clerk