

CITY OF OAK HILL
MINUTES
City Council Meeting - March 2020
March 09, 2020 - 6:30 PM

The monthly meeting of the Oak Hill City Council was held in the council chambers of City Hall on Monday, March 9, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Call to Order

Mayor Daniel E. Wright called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

Present

Mayor Daniel E. Wright
Tom Oxley
Michelle Holly
Diana Janney
Missy Wilshire

Steve Hayslette
Benitez Jackson
Charles E. Smallwood, Jr.

The invocation was led by Pastor Greg Swisher, Calvary Baptist Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council at-Large Tom Oxley.

Minutes

Motion - Dispense with the reading of and approve the minutes of the meeting held on February 10, 2020.

Motion carried 7 - 0.

Motion made by Council Member Wilshire, 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

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented the financial reports which includes the Vendor Checks Report.

Motion - Approve the Treasurer's report as presented.

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

Correspondence

None

Citizens Comments

Marcus Wilkes, Asst. Director of SALS, spoke about community policing and offered his assistance.

Gary Gray expressed his objection to the possible abandonment of a right of way on Kiska Lane. This item is on the agenda.

Christa Hodges updated Council on the activities and future plans of Destination Downtown. Anthony Ciliberti spoke about his plans for the office of Prosecuting Attorney should he be elected.

Several residents of Shumate Street were in attendance and spoke in opposition to SALS using the former Willow Bay Care Home as a residence for its employees.

Council Comments and Department Reports

The Mayor asked Department Heads and Council members for any business they needed to discuss. The following items were mentioned:

Dog park electricity, playgrounds, Woods Ave. street lights, former East End Elementary building, car wash below King Coal, Virginia Street sidewalk project, spring cleanup.

Mayoral Comments

The Mayor reported that he is still doing his radio program and that he will be proclaiming April as Child Abuse and Neglect Month.

Unfinished Business

1. **Structural Inspection Board (SIB) recommendation order to demolish the property owned by Edwin Warfield, 205 Terry Ave., Map 18, Parcel 387.01**

Empire Salvage has performed the abatement.

Motion - *Table action on this item indefinitely.*

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

2. **SIB recommendation order to demolish the property owned by Alva & Brittany Mendiola, 101 Boley St., Map 8A, Parcel 91**

Motion - *Accept the recommendation of the SIB and authorize an order to demolish the property at 101 Boley Street.*

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

3. Bid Opening for Hs #199 Minden, Map 58M, Parcel 62 owned by Lori Byrd

One bid was received for the demolition of this property. Two companies were represented at the mandatory pre-bid conference.

Empire Salvage submitted a bid of \$4,800.

Motion - *Accept the bid by Empire Salvage to demolish the 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., Council Member Jackson

4. Consideration to adopt a Resolution to lay an assessment lien on the property owned by Mary Woodson, 3 Thomas Morst Rd., Map 58L, Parcel 95

Motion - *Adopt a resolution to lay an assessment lien on the property owned by Mary Woodson at 3 Thomas Morst Rd. in the amount of \$3,500.*

Motion carried 7-0

Motion made by Council Member Oxley, 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

5. Consideration to adopt a Resolution allowing the City to demolish the property located at 215 Mayfair Ave. Owned by B. Adkins & R. Jones

Motion - *Table action on this property because the owner is actively demolishing.*

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

6. Examination of the demolition report for 204 Third Ave. owned by Suzan Blevins

The City Manager reported that the structure at 204 Third Ave. has been demolished at a cost of \$4,800 plus \$99.53 in administrative costs.

Motion - *Accept the demolition report as given by the City Manager.*

Motion carried 7-0

Motion made by Council Member Holly, 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

New Business

7. Recommendation to annex City of Oak Hill Street Dept Garage

Motion - *Authorize the City Manager to sign a petition to annex the City's public works building into the City of Oak Hill.*

Motion carried 7-0

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

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. Recommendation to rezone multiple parcels in the Pacwood Drive area

Motion - *Remand this request to the Planning Commission for a recommendation.*

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

9. Request to abandon the unused portion of Kiska Lane located in the Sunrise Addition

There was much discussion on this item. Attorney James Blankenship was in attendance; he was representing his client Patricia Keith who has requested the abandonment. Gary Gray, an adjoining property owner, opposes the abandonment because he says it will limit his access to his property.

Motion - *Table this item until more information is received.*

Motion carried 7-0

Motion made by Council Member Hayslette, 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

10. Budget Approval of FY 2021

Council member Holly left the room during the discussion and voting on this item due to the fact that an appropriation for her employer is in the FY 2021 budget.

The City Treasurer presented the proposed budget for 2021. We received a letter from the Fayette County Humane society requesting approximately \$4,500. There is \$1,000 for this line item in the proposed budget. Council member Smallwood proposed we eliminate the Fire Department Rodeo line item of \$3,500 and add it to the humane society line item for a total of \$4,500.

Motion - *Approve the FY 2021 budget with the change in the fireman's rodeo and the humane society.*

Motion carried 7-0

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

Council Member Holly returned to the meeting after the vote.

11. Appoint Committee to Know your City Government Day

The Mayor appointed the following to a committee to plan activities for Know Your City Government Day:

Saundie Smith, Benitez Jackson, Charles Smallwood, Tom Oxley. He will also serve on the committee.

Motion - Establish a committee for Know Your City Government Day with the appointees named by the Mayor.

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 Jackson

12. Police Hiring

The Civil Service commission presented a list of names for hiring a patrolman.

The first name on the list is Jonathan Pauley, a certified officer.

Motion - Accept the recommendation of the Civil Service Commission to hire Jonathan Pauley as a patrolman for the City of Oak Hill.

Motion carried 7-0

Motion made 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

The Civil Service Commission presented a second list for hiring, and the first name on this list is Cynthia Kennedy.

Motion - Accept the recommendation of the Civil Service Commission to hire Cynthia Kennedy as a patrolman for the City of Oak Hill.

Motion carried 7-0

Motion made by Council Member Holly, 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

13. Lease of the Depot to Destination Downtown

Christa Hodges with Destination Downtown asked Council to consider leasing the depot to them for \$1 per year for an incubation center for artisans and other vendors. Destination Downtown will also use the building for various activities.

There was a discussion about utilities and other items. All the details will be in the lease.

Motion - *Lease the depot to Destination Downtown until December 31, 2020.*

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 Jackson

Adjournment

Motion - *Adjourn the meeting.*

Motion carried 7 - 0.

Motion made by Council Member Wilshire, 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

There being no further business appearing the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Damita Johnson, City Clerk

Daniel E. Wright, Mayor