

CITY OF OAK HILL
MINUTES
City Council Meeting - February 2021
February 08, 2021 - 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, January 11, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. and via Zoom and in person due to the COVID 19 pandemic.

Call to Order

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

The City Clerk called the roll and the following were present:

PRESENT

Mayor Daniel Wright (via phone)
Council Member (At Large) Thomas Oxley (via Zoom)
Council Member Diana Janney (in person)
Council Member Missy Wilshire (in person)
Council Member David Perry (in person)
Council Member Charles Smallwood, Jr. (via Zoom)
Council Member Ronald Stephen Hayslette (via Zoom)
Council Member Benitez Jackson (in person)

Invocation

Councilmember Wilshire delivered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Jackson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Motion- Dismiss with the reading of and approve the minutes of January 11, 2021.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Council Member Perry, Seconded by Council Member Wilshire.
Voting Yea: Council Member (At Large) Oxley, Council Member Janney, Council Member Wilshire, Council Member Perry, Council Member Smallwood, Jr., Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Jackson

Treasurer's Report

Motion- Approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. This report includes the Vendor Checks Report and financial statements.

Motion carried 7-0

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Motion made by Council Member Janney, Seconded by Council Member Wilshire.
Voting Yea: Council Member (At Large) Oxley, Council Member Janney, Council Member Wilshire, Council Member Perry, Council Member Smallwood, Jr., Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Jackson

Correspondence

None

Citizens Comments

John Horn, Leslie McVey, Michael Williams, and Jim Ayers all spoke about their concern over what is being built on the property behind Domino's.

Ms. McVey also stated that she is against having ATVs on city streets.

Council Comments and Department Reports

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

ATVs, compliments for all departments, status of City Attorney Bill File reviewing the building permit process, status of Main St. manholes, status of speed limit signs on Woods Ave. and Park St., status of lighting on Avian Addition, status of water situation on Maple Ave., asked the City Manager to write a letter to Steve Cole with the DOH to restate the importance of the issues with Main Street and Maple Avenue, a request for the city attorney to attend the next meeting, report on the economic development committee, and thanks to the same committee.

January 2021 Police Reports

Councilmember Perry asked the Police Chief to explain the activity report that is included in the packet. He then commended the department on their activities.

Mayoral Comments

The Mayor commended all the department heads.

Mayor Wright also announced the black history display on our website and commended Ronda Falk for her work on the display.

Delegate Austin Haynes is willing to consider any requests for legislation that Oak Hill needs.

The Mayor congratulated Damita Johnson on her attainment of the Master Municipal Clerk certification.

Unfinished Business

1. Bid Opening for Demolition of Residential Structure Located at 11 Rocklick School Rd., Map 59J, Parcel 14, Owned by Randy Crawford

The City Manager reported that the owner of the Exxon Gas Station and Car Wash filed a petition of injunction to stop the demolition process on that structure. This item will have to be excluded from any motions made. There was discussion on this issue and Councilmember Perry asked the City Manager to contact the DEP concerning the tanks at the gas station.

The City Manager requested for all the bid openings be handled in one motion (items 1, 2, and 3) because the bids are given in total but with a separate price for each structure. The bidders were told that the jobs would be awarded according to the lowest total bid.

The following bids were received:

S&E Clearing and Hydroseeding - \$27,800 (Exxon Station \$7,200)

Reclaim Company - \$28,938 (Exxon Station \$9,500)

Empire Salvage - \$18,000 (Exxon Station \$8,000)

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion (after amendment) - *Accept the recommendation of the City Manager and remove the bids for the Exxon Station and Car Wash and award the bid to Empire Salvage for a cost of \$10,000.*

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

Voting Yea: Council Member (At Large) Oxley, Council Member Janney, Council Member Wilshire, Council Member Perry, Council Member Smallwood, Jr., Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Jackson

2. Bid Opening for Demolition of Structure Located at East Main St. (Exxon Gas Station & Car Wash) Excluding Tanks and Canopy, Map 18, Parcels 459 & 462, Owned by C&E Investment, Inc.

Considered under item #1. Bids were not considered on this structure due to an injunction being filed.

3. Bid Opening for Demolition of Residential Structure Located at 118A High St., Map 7, Parcel 226, Owned by Novelle Barrett

Considered under #1.

4. Consideration and Adoption of a Resolution for the City to Demolish the Structure at 175 Minden Rd., Map 58M, Parcel 97, Owned by Jimie & Tiffany Adamini

Motion - *Adopt a resolution for the city to demolish the structure at 175 Minden Road owned by Jimie and Tiffany Adamini.*

Motion carried 7-0

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

Voting Yea: Council Member (At Large) Oxley, Council Member Janney, Council Member Wilshire, Council Member Perry, Council Member Smallwood, Jr., Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Jackson

Motion made by Council Member Hayslette, Seconded by Council Member Jackson.
Voting Yea: Council Member (At Large) Oxley, Council Member Janney, Council Member Wilshire, Council Member Perry, Council Member Smallwood, Jr., Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Jackson

5. **Consideration and Adoption of a Resolution for the City to Demolish the Structure at Corner of Rocklick School Rd. & Minden Rd., Map 59J, Parcel 27, Owned by Teresa Lynn Blevins**

Motion - Adopt a resolution for the city to demolish the structure at the corner of Rocklick School Road and Minden Road owned by Teresa Blevins.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Council Member Wilshire, Seconded by Council Member Perry.
Voting Yea: Council Member (At Large) Oxley, Council Member Janney, Council Member Wilshire, Council Member Perry, Council Member Smallwood, Jr., Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Jackson

6. **Consideration and Adoption of a Resolution for the City to Demolish the Structure at the Corner of Victory St. & Adkins Ave., Map 13, Parcel 56, Owned by Elizabeth A. Basham**

Motion - Adopt a resolution for the city to demolish the structure at the corner of Victory Street and Adkins Avenue owned by Elizabeth A. Basham.

Motion carried 7 - 0.

Motion made by Council Member Janney, Seconded by Council Member Smallwood, Jr..
Voting Yea: Council Member (At Large) Oxley, Council Member Janney, Council Member Wilshire, Council Member Perry, Council Member Smallwood, Jr., Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Jackson

7. **Consideration and Adoption of a Resolution for the City to Demolish the Structure at 137 Minden Tipple Rd., Map 58M, Parcel 157, Owned by Geoffrey Stone**

Motion - Adopt a resolution for the city to demolish the structure at 137 Minden Tipple Road owned by Geoffrey Stone.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Council Member Janney, Seconded by Council Member Hayslette.
Voting Yea: Council Member (At Large) Oxley, Council Member Janney, Council Member Wilshire, Council Member Perry, Council Member Smallwood, Jr., Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Jackson

8. **Recommendation to Amend Oak Hill Municipal Code (OHMC) 10.12.010 All-Terrain Vehicles**

There was a lengthy discussion on this amendment that would allow all terrain vehicles on city streets. The City Manager recommends adopting both new state ordinances but adding the following for city streets:

Helmets must be worn; hours of allowed use would be from sunrise to sunset; the rider must have a valid driver's license, and the speed limit will be the lower of the posted limit or 25 mph.

Motion - *Accept this as the 1st reading of the amendment to OHMC 10.12.010 and in the next month council will review the state codes and the proposed amendment to gain a more in depth understanding.*

Motion carried 7 - 0.

Motion made by Council Member Perry, Seconded by Council Member Smallwood, Jr..
Voting Yea: Council Member (At Large) Oxley, Council Member Janney, Council Member Wilshire, Council Member Perry, Council Member Smallwood, Jr., Council Member Hayslette

New Business

9. Structural Inspection Board (SIB) Recommendation to Amend the Dilapidated Structure Scoring System

The City Manager presented a proposed scoring system for dilapidated structures. The Structural Inspection Board recommends the amendment.

Motion - *Accept the recommendation of the SIB and amend the scoring system for dilapidated structures.*

Motion made by Council Member Perry, Seconded by Council Member Jackson.
Voting Yea: Mayor Wright, Council Member (At Large) Oxley, Council Member Janney, Council Member Wilshire, Council Member Perry, Council Member Smallwood, Jr., Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Jackson

10. Proclamation Recognizing Black History Month

Motion - *Authorize the Mayor to sign a proclamation recognizing Black History Month.*

Motion carried 7 - 0.

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

Voting Yea: Council Member Oxley

Voting Yea: Council Member Janney

Voting Yea: Council Member Wilshire

Voting Yea: Council Member Perry

Voting Yea: Council Member Smallwood, Jr.

Voting Yea: Council Member Hayslette

Voting Yea: Council Member Jackson

11. Police Hiring - Officer B. Dodrill

The Civil Service Commission recommends hiring Brandon Dodrill as a patrolman for the Oak Hill Police Department and remove him from the emergency hiring status.

Motion - *Accept the recommendation of the Civil Service Commission and hire Brandon Dodrill.*

Motion carried - 7-0

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

Voting Yea: Council Member (At Large) Oxley, Council Member Janney, Council Member Wilshire, Council Member Perry, Council Member Smallwood, Jr., Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Jackson

Motion - *Add a place at the end of the agenda for future meeting agenda requests to be approved by the City Manager in conjunction with the Mayor.*

Motion carried 7-0

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

Voting Yea: Council Member (At Large) Oxley, Council Member Janney, Council Member Wilshire, Council Member Perry, Council Member Smallwood, Jr., Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Jackson

The Mayor allowed Kevin Willis to speak about enforcement on abandoned and vacant structures.

There will be a budget workshop on February 22 at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion - *Adjourn the meeting.*

Motion carried 7 - 0.

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

Voting Yea: Council Member (At Large) Oxley, Council Member Janney, Council Member Wilshire, Council Member Perry, Council Member Smallwood, Jr., Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Jackson