

CITY OF OAK HILL
MINUTES
City Council Meeting - October 2020
October 12, 2020 - 6:30 PM

The regular monthly meeting of the Oak Hill City Council was held in person on October 12, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church 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 attendance was as follows:

PRESENT

Mayor Daniel Wright
Council Member Thomas Oxley
Council Member Michelle Holly
Council Member Diana Janney
Council Member Missy Wilshire
Council Member Ronald Stephen Hayslette
Council Member Charles Smallwood, Jr.
Council Member Benitez Jackson

Invocation

Reverend Swisher of Calvary Baptist Church gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Wilshire led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Motion- *Dismiss with the reading of and approve the minutes of September 14, 2020.*

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Council Member Holly, 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

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 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

Correspondence

None

Citizens Comments

Sandra Hatcher and other residents from the Mahan Street area were in attendance. Ms. Hatcher was designated as the spokesperson and discussed the water issues in the area and also complained about Prudence Auto and the violations there.

Krista Hodges gave an update on the activities of Destination Downtown.

John David thanked Council for the contribution to Energy Express and announced that the Historical School has been placed on the National Register of Historic Buildings.

Becky Sullivan, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce updated Council on Chamber and CVB activities.

Council Comments and Department Reports

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

East End Exxon, former Lewis Chevrolet, S. Loop drainage, playground equipment for Minden, extra police patrol in Minden, Russell Mathews park, scout cabin, and Mahan Street.

Mayoral Comments

The Mayor mentioned some buildings in town that are in a state of disrepair and do not look good.

Unfinished Business

1. Structural Inspection Board (SIB) Recommendation to Demolish the Structure at 11 Rocklick School Rd., Map 59J, Parcel 14, Owned by Randy Crawford

The City Manager stated the owner expressed plans to demolish the structure.

Motion – *Table the SIB's recommendation to order the demolition of the structure at 11 Rocklick School Rd. until the November meeting.*

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

2. Consideration and Adoption of Resolution to Lay an Assessment Lien on Property Located at 101 Boley St., Map 8A, Parcel 91, Owned by Alva & Brittany Mendiola

The City Manager reported the costs associated with the demolition are \$7,710.09.

Motion - Lay an assessment lien on the property located at 101 Boley St. owned by Alva and Brittany Mendiola in the amount of \$7,710.09.

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

3. Consideration to Amend 6.06.030 to Allow for Wearing Masks, Hoods, or Face Coverings for Reasons of Health 2nd Reading

Motion- Accept this as the 2nd reading of an amendment to OHMC 6.06.030 to allow for wearing masks, hoods, or face coverings for reasons of health.

Motion carried 6-0

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

4. Request for Abandonment of Right-of-Way Between 209 Duncan Ave. and 211 Duncan Ave. 2nd Reading

One person owns both adjoining properties; the Right-of-Way is no longer needed.

Motion- Accept this as the 2nd reading to abandon the right of way between 209 Duncan Ave. and 211 Duncan Ave.

Motion carried 6-0

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

New Business

5. Consideration to Adopt an Ordinance Comprising of the Conservation Easement Agreement for Needleseye Park

The West Virginia Land Trust has asked Council to adopt an ordinance concerning the Needleseye Park conservation easement.

Motion- *Accept this as the 1st reading of an ordinance consisting of the establishment of Needleseye Park and the adoption of the deed and reservation of the conservation easement.*

Motion carried 7-0.

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

6. Request for Abandonment of Approximately 205 Feet of Right-of-Way Between Shumate St. and Sanford St. 1st Reading

Dimmie Ann Warden and Audie and Goldie Bell attended this meeting, and each spoke about the abandonment. Both parties agree to the abandonment. The other two property owners have also agreed.

Motion - *Accept this as the 1st reading to abandon approximately 205 feet of right of way between Shumate Street and Sanford Street.*

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

7. Request for Abandonment of Right-of-Way Between Parcel 69, 71, 72, 73, and 74 on Map 58L in Minden 1st Reading

There is no objection to this right of way abandonment by the property owners.

Motion - *Accept this as the 1st reading to abandon the right of way between parcels 69, 71, 72, 73, and 74 in Minden.*

Motion carried 7-0

Motion made by Council Member Hayslette, 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

8. Update on the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District by the County in the Vicinity of Plateau Medical Center

The City Manager was unable to gather any additional information on the TIF district.

9. Appointment to the Chamber of Commerce Representing the City of Oak Hill

Motion- *Appoint Benitez Jackson to the Chamber of Commerce to represent the City of Oak Hill.*

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

10. Consideration to Increase the Speed Limit on Old Scarbro Rd.

Motion - *Increase the speed limit to 25 mph on Old Scarbro Road.*

After much discussion on this issue, it was found that no one knows why the speed limit was never reduced on this street but an erroneous sign had been installed.

Motion failed 7-0

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

Motion - *Bring the speed limit on Old Scarbro Road into compliance with our ordinances.*

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

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Adjournment

Motion - *Adjourn the meeting.*

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Council Member Janney, 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

Daniel E. Wright, Mayor

Damita Johnson, City Clerk