

CITY OF OAK HILL
MINUTES
City Council Meeting February 2022
February 14, 2022 - 5:30 PM

The regular monthly meeting of the Oak Hill City Council was held on February 14, 2022, in the Council Chambers of Oak Hill City Hall at 5:30 p.m.

Call to Order

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

The roll was called with the results as follows:

PRESENT

Mayor Daniel Wright
Councilmember Thomas Oxley
Councilmember Diana Janney
Councilmember David Perry
Councilmember Christa Hodges
Councilmember Charles Smallwood, Jr.
Councilmember Ronald Stephen Hayslette
Councilmember Benitez Jackson

Invocation led by Pastor Charles Schnuck, Oak Hill Gospel Tabernacle

Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmember Hayslette

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Motion – *Dispense with the reading of and approve the minutes of the council meeting held on January 10, 2022.*

Motion carried 7 - 0

Motion made by Councilmember Perry, Seconded by Councilmember Oxley.
Voting Yea: Councilmember Oxley, Councilmember Janney, Councilmember Perry, Councilmember Hodges, Councilmember Smallwood, Jr., Councilmember Hayslette, Councilmember Jackson

Treasurer's Report

Motion - *Approve the treasurer's report as presented.*

Motion carried 7- 0.

Motion made by Councilmember Janney, Seconded by Councilmember Hodges.
Voting Yea: Councilmember Oxley, Councilmember Janney, Councilmember Perry, Councilmember Hodges, Councilmember Smallwood, Jr., Councilmember Hayslette, Councilmember Jackson

Correspondence

None

Citizens Comments

Jeanine Robinson, Executive Director of Destination Downtown, updated the Council on the activities of Destination Downtown.

Council Comments and Department Reports

Department Reports

The department reports were included in the council packets. Council members asked department heads questions concerning the following:

Mobile signs for speeding traffic, training requirements for the firemen, city park sign for Gary and Linda Harding, an update on the VOAD properties, Dollar General parking lot, lights between Chase bank and the mural. Council asked for a report from the Economic Coordinator beginning next month.

Council Comments

The Mayor asked for Council comments and the black history lecture series was discussed.

Mayoral Comments

The Mayor thanked all those who had part in the Black History lecture series and also discussed the format for each week of the series. This event was recognized on National Public Radio.

The Mayor reported that he served as a judge for the county spelling bee.

He also reported a trash and brush problem on Mayfair Ave.

Unfinished Business

Motion - Consider agenda items #1 and #2 together.

Motion carried 7 - 0.

Motion made by Councilmember Perry, Seconded by Councilmember Janney.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Oxley, Councilmember Janney, Councilmember Perry, Councilmember Hodges, Councilmember Smallwood, Jr., Councilmember Hayslette, Councilmember Jackson

1. Planning Commission Recommendation to Change Land Classification from B-2 General Business District, to B-R Recreation Business District on 1500 Acres Located in Minden - 2nd Reading

Motion - Accept the planning commission recommendation and accept this as the 2nd reading and adoption of the land classifications changes for 1500 acres located in Minden and for 1.11 acres located at 3023 East Main St.

Motion carried 7 - 0.

Motion made by Councilmember Perry, Seconded by Councilmember Janney.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Oxley, Councilmember Janney, Councilmember Perry, Councilmember Hodges, Councilmember Smallwood, Jr., Councilmember Hayslette, Councilmember Jackson

2. Planning Commission Recommendation to Change Land Classification from R-2 Medium Density Residential District, to B-2 General Business on 1.11 Acres Located at 3023 East Main St., Owned by BM&W Properties, LLC - 2nd Reading

Considered and acted upon with item #1.

3. Examination of Demolition Report of Residential Structure Located at 219 Highland Ave., Map 38, Parcel 5, Owned by Damon McDowell & Deeanna Lawson

The City Manager presented the demolition report for 219 Highland Ave., showing before and after pictures and highlighting the cost of the demolition.

Motion - *Accept the demolition report on the residential structure at 219 Highland Avenue.*

Motion carried 7 - 0.

Motion made by Councilmember Oxley, Seconded by Councilmember Janney.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Oxley, Councilmember Janney, Councilmember Perry, Councilmember Hodges, Councilmember Smallwood, Jr., Councilmember Hayslette, Councilmember Jackson

4. Consideration to Adopt a Resolution to Lay an Assessment Lien on Property Located at 1119 Minden Rd., Map 27, Parcel 18, Owned by ACE Adventure

Motion - *Adopt a resolution to lay assessment liens on the property at 1119 Minden Road owned by ACE Adventure.*

Motion carried 7 - 0

Motion made by Councilmember Janney, Seconded by Councilmember Oxley.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Oxley, Councilmember Janney, Councilmember Perry, Councilmember Hodges, Councilmember Smallwood, Jr., Councilmember Hayslette, Councilmember Jackson

5. Bid Opening for Demolition of Scout Cabin

Three bids were received for demolishing the scout cabin as follows:

John League - \$13,800; Empire Salvage - \$7,500; Reclaim, LLC - \$28,180.

Motion - *Accept Empire Salvage's bid of \$7,500.*

Motion carried 7 - 0.

Motion made by Councilmember Perry, Seconded by Councilmember Oxley.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Oxley, Councilmember Janney, Councilmember Perry, Councilmember Hodges, Councilmember Smallwood, Jr., Councilmember Hayslette, Councilmember Jackson

6. Appoint Committee to Select Qualified Organizations to Submit Proposals to Produce Building Design Guideline and Artistic Renditions of Selected Structures

Motion - *Appoint Adam Hodges, Kevin Willis, Erin Reid, and David Perry as the committee to select qualified organizations to submit proposals to produce building design guidelines and artistic renditions of selected structures.*

Motion carried 7 - 0

Motion made by Councilmember Perry, Seconded by Councilmember Jackson.
Voting Yea: Councilmember Oxley, Councilmember Janney, Councilmember Perry,
Councilmember Hodges, Councilmember Smallwood, Jr., Councilmember Hayslette,
Councilmember Jackson

New Business

7. Consideration of Vernon Miller's Request to Abandon Right-of-Way located at Willywood Ave.

Motion - *Accept as the 1st reading to abandon the right of way located at Willywood Ave. contingent upon receiving receipts of certified mailing from the adjoining property owners.*

Motion carried 7 - 0.

Motion made by Councilmember Perry, Seconded by Councilmember Oxley.
Voting Yea: Councilmember Oxley, Councilmember Janney, Councilmember Perry,
Councilmember Hodges, Councilmember Smallwood, Jr., Councilmember Hayslette,
Councilmember Jackson

8. Semi-Monthly Council Meetings Consideration

There was discussion on whether to have semi monthly meetings since the previous meetings have been very lengthy. Changes have been made to start the meetings at 5:30 p.m. and not have oral department head reports.

Motion - *Table this discussion until the May meeting wherein Council will evaluate the meetings of March and April to make a decision.*

Motion carried 7 - 0.

Motion made by Councilmember Perry, Seconded by Councilmember Jackson.
Voting Yea: Councilmember Oxley, Councilmember Janney, Councilmember Perry,
Councilmember Hodges, Councilmember Smallwood, Jr., Councilmember Hayslette,
Councilmember Jackson

9. Recommendation of the Oak Hill Sanitary Board to Appoint Jack Booda to the Oak Hill Sanitary Board

Motion - *Accept the recommendation of the Sanitary Board to appoint Jack Booda as a member of the Oak Hill Sanitary Board.*

Motion carried 7 - 0.

Motion made by Councilmember Perry, Seconded by Councilmember Janney.
Voting Yea: Councilmember Oxley, Councilmember Janney, Councilmember Perry,
Councilmember Hodges, Councilmember Smallwood, Jr., Councilmember Hayslette,
Councilmember Jackson

10. General Budget Revision

The treasurer presented a budget revision in the amount of \$485,000.

Motion - *Accept the budget revision as presented by the treasurer.*

Motion carried 7 - 0.

Motion made by Councilmember Perry, Seconded by Councilmember Hodges.
Voting Yea: Councilmember Oxley, Councilmember Janney, Councilmember Perry,
Councilmember Hodges, Councilmember Smallwood, Jr., Councilmember Hayslette,
Councilmember Jackson

11. Consideration to Approve Commemorative Banners for the Veterans of the Armed Services

The City Manager asked approval for a project to place commemorative banners for Veterans of the Armed Services along the streets of Oak Hill. The City will provide the brackets and offer a 24" x 48" banner to be purchased by those wanting to honor someone. The anticipated date for completion is July 4.

Motion - *Approve the commemorative banners for Veterans of the Armed Services.*

Motion carried 7 - 0

Motion made by Councilmember Perry, Seconded by Councilmember Janney.
Voting Yea: Councilmember Oxley, Councilmember Janney, Councilmember Perry,
Councilmember Hodges, Councilmember Smallwood, Jr., Councilmember Hayslette,
Councilmember Jackson

12. Addition of \$5.00 to all Fines Paid to the City of Oak Hill Municipal Court for Purpose of Funding Fayette County Teen Court - 1st Reading

The Fayette County Teen Court has asked us to participate in its funding by adding \$5 to each fine paid to our municipal court. The Chief of Police believes this is a worthwhile cause and recommends the request be approved.

Motion - *Accept this as the 1st reading to add \$5 to each fine paid to the City of Oak Hill Municipal Court for the purpose of funding Fayette County Teen Court.*

Motion carried 7 - 0.

Motion made by Councilmember Perry, Seconded by Councilmember Oxley.
Voting Yea: Councilmember Oxley, Councilmember Janney, Councilmember Perry,
Councilmember Hodges, Councilmember Smallwood, Jr., Councilmember Hayslette,
Councilmember Jackson

13. Resolution to Approve and Execute an Agreement Between the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways, and the City of Oak Hill, for the Purpose of a Lighting Project on the White Oak Rail Trail

Motion - *Adopt a resolution to execute an agreement between the WVDOT, Division of Highways and the City of Oak hill for the purpose of a lighting project on the White Oak Rail Trail.*

Motion carried 7 - 0.

Motion made by Councilmember Oxley, Seconded by Councilmember Hodges.
Voting Yea: Councilmember Oxley, Councilmember Janney, Councilmember Perry,
Councilmember Hodges, Councilmember Smallwood, Jr., Councilmember Hayslette,
Councilmember Jackson

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14. Black History Month Proclamation

The Mayor issued a proclamation for Black History Month and asked that it be attached to these minutes.

15. Future Agenda Items

None

There being no further business appearing, the meeting was adjourned.

Daniel E. Wright, Mayor

Damita Johnson, City Clerk