

CITY OF OAK HILL
MINUTES
November 2019 Council Meeting
November 18, 2019 - 6:30 PM

The regular monthly meeting of the Oak Hill City Council was held in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Monday, November 18, at 6:30 p.m.

Call to Order

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

Present

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

Absent

Diana Janney

The invocation was led by Rev. Dan Cupp, Pastor of Oak Hill Church of the Nazarene.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilor Wilshire.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

MOTION - *Dispense with the reading of and approve the minutes of October 14, 2019.*

Motion carried 5-0.

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

Treasurer's Report

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

Motion carried 5-0

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

Correspondence

None

Public Comments

Krista Hodges updated Council on the activities of Destination Downtown and reported the group's plans for activities in 2020.
Wayne Davis, the new owner of Fayco Lumber, invited everyone to visit the store and see the changes that are occurring.

Council Comments and Department Reports

The Chief of Police informed Council that Tyler Vandall has declined the offer of employment with the Oak Hill Police Department.

The Mayor asked council members for comments - the comprehensive plan, the city website, streetlights, parks, DOH street issues, the EPA in Minden, and Destination Downtown were discussed.

Mayoral Comments

The Mayor reported that he had taken a tour of the fire department, the police department, and the sewer plants and commends all the employees in these areas.

He also expressed his dismay with WV American Water over cutting streets to repair water lines and not repairing the street adequately.

The Mayor shared some of his ideas for celebrating Black History Month in February. More details will be forthcoming.

Unfinished Business

1. **Planning Commission Recommendations - Repeal Oak Hill Municipal Code 5.06 due to duplications elsewhere, and amend OHMC 10.08.010, OHMC 15.04.010, OHMC 15.10.040, OHMC 15.38.230, OHMC 15.40.070 pertaining to outdoor storage of wrecked, junked, abandoned vehicles, non-outdoor furniture, and residential fences.**

Steve Moss, the Chair of the Planning Commission explained the reasoning for the changes in the proposed ordinance amendment. Most of the changes are to avoid conflict with other parts of the code. There was a lengthy discussion on the addition of the B-3 zoning classification and the allowance of a storage yard in B-2.

Motion - Accept this as the 2nd reading and adoption of the amendment to the OHMC as recommended by the Planning Commission

Motion died for a lack of a second.

2. **Appointment to Fill Vacancy on Council**

The following have submitted a letter of interest for the council position vacated by Paul Baker.

Jeff Atha, Timothy Buskus, Chris Gill, Benitez Jackson, Colby Lopez, Vicky Pizzino

Each candidate in attendance was given the opportunity to speak on their own behalf. Colby Lopez, Chris Gill, Vicky Pizzino, and Tim Buskus took advantage of this opportunity (Mr. Atha and Mr. Jackson were not in attendance).

After hearing the candidates, Council member Hayslette nominated Vicky Pizzino for the available position in Ward 2.

Tom Oxley then nominated Jeff Atha for the Ward 2 opening and Charles Smallwood nominated Benitez Jackson.

The Mayor called for those in favor of Vicky Pizzino; she received one vote.

The Mayor then called for those in favor of Benitez Jackson; he received two votes.

The Mayor asked for those in favor of Jeff Atha; he received two votes.

There being a tie, the Mayor voted for Benitez Jackson to fill the vacant council position in Ward 2.

3. **Consideration to reduce speed from 25 mph to 15 mph on Burkholder Ave. and Warren Ave.**

The police surveyed the residents of these streets and were able to contact 14 of them. All were in agreement of lowering the speed limit to 15 mph.

MOTION - Reduce the speed limit on Burkholder Avenue and Warren Avenue from 25 mph to 15 mph.

Motion carried 5 - 0.

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

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

4. **Examination of demolition report for 250 Minden Rd. / Linda Sue Johnson**

The City Manager reported that the structure has been demolished at a cost of \$4,500. He also gave other details of the demolition.

MOTION - Accept the City Manager's report and issue an order advising the owner of the demolition report and their right to contest said report.

Motion carried 5 - 0.

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

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

5. **Examination of demolition report for Minden Rd. / Yvonne Oliver**

The City Manager reported that the structure has been demolished at a cost of \$9,000. He also gave other details of the demolition.

MOTION - Accept the City Manager's report and issue an order advising the owner of the demolition report and their right to contest said report.

Motion carried 5 - 0.

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

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

New Business

6. **Structural Inspection Board (SIB) recommendation Order to demolish / Lori Byrd, House #199 Minden Rd., Map 58M, Parcel 62**

7. **SIB recommendation Order to demolish / Edwin Warfield, 205 Terry Ave., Map 18, Parcel 387.01**

8. **SIB recommendation Order to demolish / Betty Adkins & Raymond Jones, 215 Mayfair Ave., Map 32 Parcel 162**

MOTION - Table the SIB recommendations for Lori Byrd, Edwin Warfield, and Betty Adkins/Raymond Jones due to not having proof of service returned from the Sheriff's department.

Motion carried 5-0.

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

9. **Bid opening for dog park fence**

Three bids were received as follows:

Court Street Construction - \$39,482.64

Dennler Fencing - \$24,900.00

All Quality, LLC - \$28,700.00

Motion - Award job to Dennler Fencing provided the bid is in order and meets specs.

Motion carries 5 - 0

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

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

10. **Consideration to adopt Small Business Saturday Proclamation**

The Mayor read the Small Business Saturday Proclamation.

**Motion - Authorize the Small Business Saturday Proclamation to be observed on
November 30, 2019.**

Motion carried 5 - 0.

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

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

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

Parking at this location causes a sight hindrance.

**Motion - Accept this as the 1st reading of an ordinance to restrict a parking place at the
intersection of Highland Avenue and Main Street**

Motion carried 5-0

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

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

12. **Recommendation to fill vacancy on Region 4 Planning & Development Executive Board**

Councilor Smallwood has agreed to serve in this position.

**Motion - Appoint Charles E. Smallwood, Jr. to fill the vacancy on the Region 4 Planning &
Development executive board.**

Motion carried 5-0.

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

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

13. **Consideration to rezone lot at 101 Lee Street to B-2 Commercial**

This was previously denied by the Planning Commission and Council but Council can send back to the Planning Commission for reconsideration.

Motion - Refer this to the planning commission once the ownership of the lot is made clear.

Motion carried 5-0

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

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

14. **Ordinance to provide for the annexation of additional territory, 217 Patterson Street without ordering a vote**

The owners of 217 Patterson Street have requested annexation into the city limits.

Motion - Accept this as the 1st reading of an ordinance for the annexation of 217 Patterson Street.

Motion carried 5-0

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

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

15. **Amendment to a Settlement & Release Agreement between the City of Oak Hill, Oak Hill Sanitary Board, and Triad Engineering, Inc.**

This is an agreement relating to the expanded sewer project. The Sanitary Board has agreed to this agreement.

Motion - Authorize the agreement with the understanding that the Sanitary Board has agreed to and recommended authorization.

Motion carried 5-0.

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

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

Adjournment

Motion - Adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried 5-0

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

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