**OAK HILL CITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes**

**July 9, 2018**

The regular session of the Oak Hill City Council convened in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Monday, July 9, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

**Members Present** **Also Present**

Fred Dickinson William Hannabass, City Manager

Diana Janney Damita Johnson, City Clerk-Treasurer

Jeff Atha

 Paul Baker

 Steve Hayslette **Absent**

 Tom Oxley

 Mike Fox

**Call to Order**

Mayor Dickinson called the meeting to order.

**Public Comments**

Edna Wriston spoke about the continuing firework activities and the lack of enforcement.

Mary Lynn Flint updated Council on the activities of Destination Downtown.

Missy Cox, the owner of Glow Tanning asked for more patrol on Main Street due to the drug problem. This sparked a lengthy discussion on drug issues in the community.

Terri Harlan, Director of the Fayette County Health Department, made Council aware that the health department has a needle exchange program in effect.

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***Councilor Janney moved to dispense with the reading of and accept the minutes of the meeting on June 11, 2018. Councilor Wilshire seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those in attendance.***

**Treasurer’s Report**

***Councilor Janney moved to approve the financial reports and the vendor checks report as presented by the City Treasurer. Councilor Wilshire seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those in attendance.***

**Correspondence**

None

**Old Business**

The Mayor polled Council for old business. Nothing was discussed.

**City Manager**

1. **Scout Cabin Renovation –** The Fayette Institute of Technology will take the renovation on as a project. They will schedule an assessment in mid-August.
2. **Utilization of Farmers Market –** Councilor Atha has talked to the president of the Farmer’s Market association. She is contacting board members to try to come up with a resolution of the underutilization of the structure.
3. **Structural Inspection Board Recommendations**
4. **417 Blake Street –** The deed has been recorded in the name of Popcorn Properties. The proceedings are starting over.

***b.* Lewis Street Apartments** – No Change. The owner of this property has been cited for failure to comply with the repair order.

***c.* 106 St. Clair –** This structure has been demolished at a cost of $5,000.00. ***Councilor Atha moved to order the property owner to pay $5,000. Councilor Hayslette seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those in attendance.***

***d.*  76 Robinson Street –** This structure has been demolished at a cost of $7,500.00. ***Councilor Atha moved to order the property owner to pay $7,500. Councilor Janney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those in attendance.***

**4. Appointment to Building Commission** – John Frazier does not wish to be reappointed to the Building Commission. There is no recommendation for a replacement at the time. ***Council member Baker moved to table this item until the next meeting. Council member Janney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those in attendance.***

**New Business**

The mayor polled Council for new business.  The members discussed reviewing vagrancy and loitering ordinances, trash complaints in the Whistle Stop area, parking at the Dog Wash, and the structure at 8 Sutton Place.   Also, there was a discussion about the trash at 110 Broadway, a full-size basketball court in Harlem Heights, leasing the Minden Elementary School, and a playground in Minden.

 **City Manager**

1. **Consideration of and final action on a Resolution approving a Funding Assistance Agreement with the West Virginia Water Development Authority and the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection to provide funding assistance in the amount of $1,000,000 as “principal forgiveness’ to pay for or reimburse the City for certain costs relating to its sewerage system project in the Minden area.** – This is additional bond funding from the DEP that does not have to be paid back. There are several items earmarked with this funding, but most have to do with environmental issues. One item is a requirement to truck any fill excavated from the force main in Minden to the land fill at $90 an hour trucking time plus tipping fees after we test to insure it is not contaminated. The $1,000,000 of tax money was held in contingency for a multitude of projects, not just ours, in case there were beneficial situations that a little more money could make possible. ***Councilor Atha moved to accept this resolution and Councilor Janney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those in attendance.***
2. **Police Hiring** – The Civil Service Commission recommends hiring Paul Stalnaker permanently. He was originally hired under the 90 day emergency hire. ***Council member Atha moved to accept the recommendation of the Civil Service Commission concerning Paul Stalnaker. Councilor Wilshire seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those in attendance.***
3. **Precision Safe Sidewalks Proposal** – The proposal for this project is $49,309.00. ***Councilor Baker moved to accept the proposal and proceed with the project and adjust the budget as needed. Councilor Janney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those in attendance.***
4. **WV American Water Grant for OHFD** – WV American Water could not attend this meeting.

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

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