**OAK HILL CITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes**

**August 10, 2015**

The regular session of the Oak Hill City Council convened in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Monday, August 10, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

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

Fred Dickinson, Mayor William Hannabass, City Manager

Diana Janney Damita Johnson, City Clerk-Treasurer

Melissa Wilshire

Mike Fox

Bruce Coleman **Absent**

Paul Baker Don Williams

**Call to Order**

Mayor Dickinson called the meeting to order.

New Business – Donation of two sculptures to the State of West Virginia – Randal Reid Smith, Director of the Division of Culture and History was present to receive two sculptures donated by Tom Omley to the City of Oak Hill.  ***Council member Oxley moved to convey the sculptures to the State of WV and authorize the City Clerk to sign the necessary paper work. Council member Janney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those in attendance.***

**Public Comments**

Lisa Tanner with the 911 committee invited Council to participate in the 9-11 community service on Friday, September 11 at 8:30 p.m.

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***Council member Oxley moved to dispense with the reading of and accept the minutes of the meeting held on July 13, 2015 and July 27, 2015. Council member Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those in attendance.***

**Treasurer’s Report**

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

**Correspondence**

None

**Old Business**

The Mayor polled Council and department heads for old business. Nothing was discussed.

**City Manager**

1. **Structural Inspection Board Recommendations** – **341 Jones Avenue –**The court date for the criminal complaint filed by the City Manager is August 20, 2015. The City Attorney is researching the force sale of this property to satisfy the lien.
2. **County Routes Maintained by the WV DOH within the City of Oak Hill** – The City Manager gave Council his estimates on maintaining the streets in the five street area that now belong to the Department of Highways. Paving will be approximately $500,000; drainage is estimated to cost $50,000; and snow removal will cost between $7,500 and $10,000. ***Council member Oxley moved to approach the Department of Highways in an official manner asking them to convey the streets in the five street area to the City of Oak Hill. Council member Coleman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those in attendance.***
3. **Home Rule Pilot Program** – We are in the advertising phase of the process.
4. **Lease Agreement for the Depot/Former “Whistle Stop” (caboose) –** John Breneman and Barbara Dixon were both in attendance to make a presentation and/or answer questions about their plans for the depot. After hearing presentations and asking questions, ***Council member Oxley moved to lease the depot to John Breneman for one year at a fee of $250.00 per month and allowing him the first option on the next five years. Council member Fox seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those in attendance.***

**Whistle Stop** – There was discussion on how to handle the lease payments for this structure. Discussion included lowering the minimum fee for leasing property without structures. ***Council member Coleman made a motion, seconded by Council member Baker to table this item until next month. Motion carried unanimously by those in attendance.***

1. **Suddenlink – Renewal of Cable Franchise – 2nd Reading** – ***Council member Coleman made a motion to accept this as the 2nd reading of the renewal of the cable franchise. Council member Janney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by all those in attendance.***

**New Business**

The Mayor polled Council and Department Heads for new business. The Oak Leaf Festival, the brush around the rail trail, the WVML, the rail trail victim case, and patrols on the trail were discussed.

**City Manager**

1. **Boards and Commissions Appointments** – (a) **Beautification** – ***Council member Coleman moved to appoint Allison Ibarra to the Beautification Commission. Council member Oxley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those in attendance.*** (b) **Amphitheater – *Council member Oxley made a motion to appoint Council member Wilshire to this committee. Council member Janney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those in attendance.*** (c) ***Council member Baker moved to reappoint Bill Hannabass as Chair of the Sanitary Board. Council member Oxley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those in attendance.*** (d) **Structural Inspection Board** - ***Council member Coleman made a motion to reappoint all members of the structural inspection board. Council member Oxley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by all those in attendance.***
2. **Disposition of Rails and Ties on the White Oak Rail Trail** – The rails, plates, and spikes are being sold on GovDeals.com. We will pull up the ties.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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