**OAK HILL CITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes**

**August 11, 2014**

The regular session of the Oak Hill City Council convened in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Monday, August 11, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

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

Fred Dickinson, Mayor William Hannabass, City Manager

Mollie Ray Damita Johnson, City Clerk-Treasurer

Anna L. Holt

Diana Janney

Dianna Smallwood-Russell **Absent**

Jeff Atha

Bruce Coleman

Tom Oxley

**Call to Order**

Mayor Dickinson called the meeting to order.

**Public Comments**

Tina Hale spoke to council about ways to make the rail trail safer and offered her help in any fundraising or grant seeking activities.

**Minutes**

***Council member Oxley moved to dispense with the reading of and accept the minutes of the meeting held on July 14 and July 29, 2014. Council member Ray seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.***

**Treasurer’s Report**

***Council member Ray moved to approve the finance reports and the vendor checks report as presented by the City Treasurer. Council member Oxley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.***

**Correspondence**

None

**Old Business**

The Mayor polled Council and department heads for old business. The depot, flags, John Zink, and Rosedale Mobile Home Park was discussed.

**City Manager**

1. **Amendment to Ordinance 1349.01(f)(2) Video Lottery to Resolve Conflict with Ordinance 1333.02(w)(2) –** In 2011 Article 1333.02(w)(2) was changed to allow less restriction in distances between video lottery establishments. Article 1349.01(f)(2) was not changed at this time and the ordinances should mirror each other. Also 1333.02 referred to a residential zone and 1349.01 referred to a residence.  **Motion was made by Council member Oxley, seconded by Council member Atha to accept this as the 2nd reading to change the distance to 300 feet in 1333.02(w)(2) and for both ordinances to state “within 300 feet of a residence”. Motion carried unanimously.**
2. **Consolidation of Arbuckle Public Service District with the Oak Hill Sanitary Board –** The City Manager presented a draft letter of intent for the Oak Hill Sanitary Board to acquire Arbuckle Public Service District. A lengthy discussion ensued concerning this consolidation, the annexation of the Minden Area, the costs of this project and whether or not the rate payers of the Oak Hill Sanitary Board would have to bear any of the costs of fixing the problems with Arbuckle. Jonathan Carpenter of Thrasher Engineering and John Tuggle of Region 4 Development Council were in attendance and explained various aspects of the project and the consolidation. ***Council member Atha made a motion to move forward with the letter of intent as presented. Any changes would have to be brought back before Council before being signed. Council member Janney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.***

**New Business**

The Mayor polled Council and Department Heads for new business. Main Street beautification and rail trail patrol were discussed.

**City Manager**

1. **Notice for the Consideration of Assessment Resolution – Former Apartment Building Demolished by the City Located on the Northwest Corner of School Street and Central Avenue –** Service of the order to John Zink occurred one day too late for a resolution to be passed at this meeting.
2. **Appointments to Boards, Committees and Commissions –** A vacancy exists on the Beautification Commission and the Amphitheater Committee. The City Manager will call a meeting of these committees and discuss the vacancies with them for a recommendation to Council.
3. **Annexation of the Minden Area –** There was considerable discussion on the annexation of the Minden area to go along with the consolidation of the two sewer systems. Council member Oxley would like to see a “business plan” on how services would be provided to the Minden Area. ***Council member Atha made a motion to move forward with the annexation. Council member Coleman seconded the motion. The motion carried with Council members Coleman, Atha, Holt, and Janney voting in the affirmative and Council members Oxley, Ray, and Smallwood-Russell voting in the negative.***
4. **Police Department Hiring** – The Civil Service Commission did not have a list to present at this time. ***Council member Coleman moved and Council member Atha seconded to table this item. Motion carried unanimously.***
5. **Police Department Promotions -** The Civil Service Commission presented a recommendation to promote Sgt. Paul E. Colon to Lieutenant. ***Council member Oxley moved to accept this recommendation and promote Eddie Colon to Lieutenant. Council member Janney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.*** The Civil service Commission also recommended promoting Corporal Abbie Ward to Sergeant. ***Council member Ray moved to accept this recommendation. Council member Janney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.***
6. **New River Transit Authority Assessment** – The NRTA is requesting the City of Oak Hill pay an assessment of $23,400 in order to receive federal matching funds. There was a lengthy discussion on this topic and the amount of the assessment of the other municipalities and the method of arriving at this assessment. Council feels the assessment should be based on per capita instead of ridership. ***Council member Ray moved to deny the request of the New River Transit Authority. Council member Coleman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.***

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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