**OAK HILL CITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes**

**May 12, 2014**

The regular session of the Oak Hill City Council convened in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Monday, May 12, 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**

Tom Oxley Bruce Coleman

Jeff Atha

**Call to Order**

Mayor Dickinson called the meeting to order.

**Public Comments**

None

**Minutes**

***Council member Ray moved to dispense with the reading of and accept the minutes of the meeting held on April 14 and April 15, 2014. Council member Oxley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those in attendance.***

**Treasurer’s Report**

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

**Correspondence**

None

**Old Business**

The Mayor polled Council and department heads for old business. Questions concerning spring clean up and the intersection at Main/Martin were discussed.

**City Manager**

1. **Structural Inspection Board Recommendations** –
2. Former apartment building located on the NW corner of School Street and Central Avenue – All requirements to begin the demolition process are now met. ***Council member Oxley moved to authorize a resolution to begin the demolition process on this property. Council member Janney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those in attendance.***
3. Block structure in front of the former Basham’s Salvage Yard, East Main Street – There is a contractor on site to remove asbestos and there is a signed contract in place with a demolition contractor. ***Council member Oxley moved to table this item. Council member Janney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by all those in attendance.***
4. Structure located on the West (right side) of 112 Roberts Avenue – This structure has been demolished but the debris has not been removed.
5. **Home Rule** – Our application for home rule has been advertised for 30 days and now the City Manager is asking for public input on our proposal. Suzette Hardy, a resident of Oak Hill, asked the City Manager to explain Home Rule and outline our proposal. No other comments were made and the hearing was closed. ***Council member Oxley made a motion to accept this as the 1st reading of an ordinance to authorize the application for the City of Oak Hill to participate in the Home Rule Program. Council member Dianna Smallwood-Russell seconded the motion. Motion carried by those in attendance.***
6. **Ordinance to Create an Urban Mass Transportation Authority**, **WV Code 8-27-4** – Oak Hill is required to have an ordinance appointing a member to the transit authority for purpose of having a voice pertaining to public transit. ***Council member Oxley moved to accept this as the 2nd reading of an ordinance creating an urban mass transit authority and to appoint Bill Hannabass to a three year term on the transit authority. Council member Holt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by all those in attendance.***
7. **Adoption of State Code 8-10-2, Powers and Duties of Recorder or Clerk** – Adoption of this state code will allow the clerk of the court to arraign in the absence of the municipal judge. ***Council member Oxley moved to accept the adoption of WV State Code 8-10-2 by ordinance and make this the 2nd reading of the ordinance. Council member Janney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by all those in attendance.***

***Council member Oxley moved to adopt a resolution naming Anna Bickford and Amanda Honaker as the court clerk. Council member Ray seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those in attendance.***

**New Business**

The Mayor polled Council and Department Heads for new business. A gun being shot on Broadway, four-wheelers, and the disrepair of property on Victory/Adkins Ave. were discussed.

**City Manager**

1. **Planning Commission Recommendation** - The Planning Commission recommends that Council approve request U-48-14-1 for an activity building at 201 Terry Ave and Johnson Street. ***Council member Oxley moved to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the request for an activity building for Fellowship Memorial Baptist. Council member Janney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those in attendance.***
2. **Justice Assistant Grant** – The Police Department would like to apply for a JAG grant for forensic equipment. There is a small match required and the Chief will use funds from the drug account for this match. ***Council member Oxley moved to proceed with the application. Council member Janney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those in attendance.***
3. **School Resource Officer –** The Board of Education wants to place a School Resource Officer in Collins Middle School. This would be a one year contract and it would require us to hire another officer. The board will pay the salary and benefits of the officer. There are still some details that need to be worked out. The Police Chief is trying to ascertain if Council is in favor of proceeding with these negotiations. It was the general consensus of Council to proceed.

There being no further business appearing, the meeting adjourned.

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City Clerk Mayor