**OAK HILL CITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes**

**October 21, 2013**

The regular session of the Oak Hill City Council convened in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Monday, October 21, 2013 6:30 p.m.

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

Fred Dickinson, Mayor William Hannabass, City Manager

Mollie Ray Damita Johnson, City Clerk-Treasurer

Diana Janney Barney Stinnett, Oak Hill Sanitary Board

Anna L. Holt News Media

Tom Oxley

Jeff Atha **Absent**

Bruce Coleman

Dianna Smallwood-Russell

Diana Janney led in prayer. The pledge of allegiance was then recited.

**Call to Order**

Mayor Dickinson called the meeting to order.

**Public Comments**

A representative from SALS and a representative from the Oak Hill High School Baseball team thanked the police department and fire department for their support of the Haunted House.

**Minutes**

***Council member Oxley made a motion to dispense with the reading of and accept the minutes of the meeting held on September 16, 2013. Council member Smallwood-Russell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.***

**Treasurer’s Report**

***Council member Janney made a motion 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 and the restroom at the park was discussed. The Fire Chief was absent.

**City Manager**

1. **Oak Hill Sanitary Board Public Hearing Concerning Rate Increase –** The City Manager explained that this rate increase is related to the sewer improvement project and is needed for the $14 million funding of the project. No one spoke either for or against the rate increase. Jim Kelsh, an attorney with Bowles Rice law firm explained that the rate increase will take place in two steps and the first increase of 11% will take place May 1, 2014 and the remaining increase will take place once the project is substantially complete. Jonathan Carpenter of Thrasher Engineering was in attendance to answer any questions about the project. After some discussion, the public hearing was closed.
2. **Oak Hill Sanitary Board Rate Increase 2nd Reading - *Council member Coleman made a motion to accept this as the 2nd reading and adoption of an ordinance to increase sewer rates. Council member Atha seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.***
3. **Mural and Funding Next to the White Oak Rail Trail –** The Mayor and Councilor Ray have not been able to meet to discuss possible funding alternates.
4. **Restroom, Parking Lot, Stairs, and ADA Ramp between City Park and the White Oak Rail Trail –** Progress is being made and the project should be completed soon.
5. **Application to Participate in the Home Rule Project –**There was discussion on this item. ***Council member Oxley made a motion to proceed with the application for the Home Rule Project. Council member Ray seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.***

**New Business**

The Mayor polled Council and department heads for new business and various items were discussed including drainage on Joy Street, Council member Janney as Fayette County Woman of the Year, and the Fayetteville sewer rate increase.

**City Manager**

1. **23rd Street Drainage Project –** Dennis Bess was in attendance concerning this item. The City Manager explained the drainage project that will require property owner participation.
2. **Naming of Streets: (A) Ridgeline Road (B) Sunnyview Lane –** The 911 center has named two streets in Wolf Creek Park without consulting us. The names are similar to names of current streets within City limits. ***Council member Oxley made a motion to put the 911 center and/or post office on notice that we will not accept these names and will present our own recommendation for street names. Council member Atha seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.***
3. **Ordinance to Approve Replacement Pages – *Council member Oxley made a motion, seconded by Council member Atha to accept this as the 1st reading of an ordinance to approve replacement pages to the codified ordinances. Motion carried unanimously.***
4. **Changes to the Police Department Rules and Procedures -** The Chief of Police presented new rules and procedures establishing a vehicle take home policy that limits vehicles to be taken home only within a 10 mile radius of the police station. ***Council member Janney made a motion to accept the police policies and procedures as presented. Council member Coleman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.***

Due to Veteran’s Day, the next council meeting will be on November 18, 2013.

***Council member Atha made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss legal matters. Council member Coleman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.***

Upon return from executive session the Mayor announced the reason for the executive session was to discuss legal matters. No action was taken.

There being no further business appearing, the meeting adjourned.

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 City Clerk Mayor