**OAK HILL CITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes**

**March 11, 2013**

The regular session of the Oak Hill City Council convened in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Monday, March 11, 2013 6:30 p.m.

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

Fred Dickinson, Mayor William Hannabass, City Manager

Diana Janney Damita Johnson, City Clerk-Treasurer

Mollie Ray

Anna Lou Holt

Jeff Atha

Dianna Smallwood-Russell **Absent**

Bruce Coleman

Tom Oxley

Diana Janney gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was then recited.

**Call to Order**

Mayor Dickinson called the meeting to order

**Public Comments**

None

**Minutes**

***Council member Oxley made a motion to dispense with the reading of and accept the minutes of the meeting held February 11, 2013. Council member Dianna Smallwood-Russell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those in attendance.***

**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 by those in attendance.***

**Correspondence**

None

**Old Business**

The Mayor polled Council and department heads for old business and various items were mentioned including four wheelers on the rail trail.

**City Manager**

1. **Chamber/CVB Building – Consideration of Deeding Property –** There was discussion on whether to deed the property to the Chamber or enter into a long term lease. Council determined that a long term lease would be a better option. ***Council member Oxley made a motion for the City to enter into a ten (10) year lease with the Chamber of Commerce. Council member Coleman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those in attendance.***
2. **MTA Request for Contribution (New Business) –** Dr. Rex Haynes and Jim Mullens made a presentation to Council requesting a $5,797.50 contribution to the Mountain Transit Authority. This is $.75 per capita for the City of Oak Hill. There was discussion on the transportation system and its benefits, however no action was taken.
3. **Appointments to Boards and Commissions – Board of Zoning Appeals** – The City Manager recommended Don Phillips to serve on the BZA and Mr. Phillips is willing to serve. ***Council member Oxley made a motion to appoint Don Phillips to a term on the Board of Zoning Appeals which expires January 1. 2016. Council member Janney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those in attendance.***
4. **Sewer Rate Increase – 2nd Reading and Public Hearing –** The City Manager asked for public comment concerning the proposed six percent (6%) sewer rate increase. No comments were offered and the public hearing was closed. ***Council member Atha made a motion to accept this as the 2nd reading and adoption of the sewer rate ordinance implementing a 6% rate increase. Council member Oxley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those in attendance.***
5. **Adoption of Amphitheater Commission Ordinance –** The City Manager presented the Amphitheater Commission ordinance for a 2nd reading. This ordinance is modeled after the Beautification Commission ordinance. ***Council member Oxley made a motion to accept this as the 2nd reading of an ordinance creating an Amphitheater Commission. Council member Coleman seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council member Atha voting no.***

**New Business**

The Mayor polled Council and the Department Heads for new business and various items were discussed including a dog issue on the rail trail, Thompson Avenue parking, Oak Hill High School, a community meeting in Ward 2, and an officer in the drug task force.

**City Manager**

1. **Appointment to Boards and Commissions –** Tug Chamberlain has agreed to serve on the Recreation Commission and the City Manager recommends this appointment. He will be replacing Josh Jones. ***Council member Oxley made a motion to appoint Tug Chamberlain to the remaining term of Josh Jones on the Recreation Commission.******Council member Atha seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those in attendance.*** Stephen Richardson has agreed to serve on the Board of Zoning Appeals and the City Manager recommends this appointment. ***Council member Oxley made a motion to appoint Steven Richardson to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Council member Janney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by all those in attendance.***  Chris Pennington and Sharon Dickinson have indicated their willingness to serve on a committee. There are openings on the Board of Zoning Appeals and the Recreation Committee. The City Manager will make contact with them and see if Ms. Dickinson is willing to serve on the Recreation Committee and if Mr. Pennington is willing to serve on the Board of Zoning Appeals. (Council member Coleman returned to the meeting at this time).
2. **Consider Auction Bid for 399 Rogers Street/1004 Summerlee Avenue –** A public auction was held for this property owned by the City on February 21. The highest bid received was $17,500. Council will have to decide whether to accept or reject this bid. ***Council member Oxley made a motion to accept the bid of $17,500. Council member Coleman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.***
3. **Sewer Rate Increase –** The Sanitary Board has recommended a sewer rate increase of six (6) percent. This is in anticipation of the $14 million project. Our rates are required to be at a certain level in order to qualify for funding and we are trying to achieve this in steps. ***Council member Atha made a motion to accept this as the first reading of an ordinance to increase sewer rates by 6%. Council member Oxley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.***
4. **Budget Approval FY 2013-2014 –** The City Manager and the City Treasurer presented the FY 2014 budget for the general fund in the amount of $4,347,642 and the coal severance fund in the amount of $46,006. This budget included all the items discussed in the budget workshop. ***Council member Coleman made a motion to accept the FY 2014 budget as presented. Council member Atha seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council member Oxley voting no.*** Council member Oxley stated that his reason for voting against the budget was because of the $25,000 appropriation for the farmers’ market.
5. **Advertising for Street Paving –** The City Manager discussed the streets to be paved and presented Council with a listing of the streets. Council member Coleman mentioned that Terry Avenue needed paved again. The City Manager will look at it. ***Council member Oxley made a motion to advertise for bids according to the list presented with modifications as required by the City Manager. Council member Atha seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.***
6. **Adoption of Amphitheater Commission Ordinance –** The City Manager requests the 1st reading of an ordinance establishing an Amphitheater Steering Commission. Perhaps this Commission could be modeled after the Beautification Commission. This will work better than the Amphitheater Commission trying to obtain its own non- profit status. ***Council member Oxley made a motion to accept this as the 1st reading by title only on an ordinance establishing an Amphitheater Steering Commission. Council member Coleman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Council member Oxley made a motion to participate in the Energy Express funding discussed earlier in the amount of $900. Council member Janney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.***

There being no further business appearing, the meeting adjourned.

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