CITY OF OAK HILL
M I N U T E S
October 2019 Council Meeting
October 14, 2019 - 6:30 PM

The regular monthly meeting of the Oak Hill City Council was held in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Monday, October 14, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Call to Order
Mayor Daniel E. Wright called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

Present

Mayor Daniel E. Wright	Steve Hayslette
Tom Oxley	Charles Smallwood
Michelle Holly	
Diana Janney	
Melissa Wilshire	

The invocation was led by Rev. Michael Hicks, Jones Avenue Church of God

The Pledge of Allegiance led by Clerk-Treasurer Damita Johnson

Presentation
Debbie Sizemore with the US Census Bureau explained the 2020 Census procedures to Council.

Public Comments
Christa Hodges updated Council on the activities of Destination Downtown.

Reading and Approval of Minutes
MOTION: Dismiss with the reading of and approve the minutes of September 9, 2019.
Motion carried 6-0.
Motion made by Council Member Janney, Seconded by Council Member Oxley.
Voting Yea: Council Member Oxley, Council Member Holly, Council Member Janney, Council Member Wilshire, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Smallwood, Jr.

Treasurer's Report
MOTION - Approve the Treasurer's report as presented.
Motion carried 6-0
Motion made by Council Member Wilshire, Seconded by Council Member Janney.
Voting Yea: Council Member Oxley, Council Member Holly, Council Member Janney, Council Member Wilshire, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Smallwood, Jr.

Correspondence
None

Council Comments and Department Reports
The EPA visit; having two meetings a month; honoring Benny Connor in the Christmas parade; reporting streetlight outages; abandoned houses; the school on Lincoln Street; and the sign on the CoMac building was discussed.

Unfinished Business

1. **Consideration of Proclamation to Establish a Complete Count Committee for the 2020 Census**
   MOTION - Authorize the Mayor to sign a proclamation to establish a complete count committee for the 2020 census in conjunction with the Fayette County Commission.
   Motion carried 6 - 0.
   Motion made by Council Member Oxley, Seconded by Council Member Hayslette.
   Voting Yea: Council Member Oxley, Council Member Holly, Council Member Janney, Council Member Wilshire, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Smallwood, Jr.

2. **Structural Inspection Board (SIB) Recommendation Order to Demolish / Suzan Blevins, 204 Third Ave., Map 12, Parcel 63**
   MOTION - Accept the recommendation of the Structural Inspection Board and order the demolition of the structure at 204 Third Avenue.
   Motion carried 6-0.
   Motion made by Council Member Holly, Seconded by Council Member Oxley.
   Voting Yea: Council Member Oxley, Council Member Holly, Council Member Janney, Council Member Wilshire, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Smallwood, Jr.

3. **SIB Recommendation Order to Demolish / Deanna Lawson, Damon McDowell, 219 Highland Ave., Map 38, Parcel 5**
   MOTION - Accept the recommendation of the Structural Inspection Board and order the demolition of the structure at 219 Highland Avenue.
   Motion carried 6 - 0.
   Motion made by Council Member Oxley, Seconded by Council Member Holly.
   Voting Yea: Council Member Oxley, Council Member Holly, Council Member Janney, Council Member Wilshire, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Smallwood, Jr.

   The following three items were considered in one motion.

4. **Demo Bid Opening / Yvonne Warwick, 722 Summerlee Ave., Parcel 218**
5. **Demo Bid Opening / Carlos Stockhouse, 386 Lynch Harper Rd., Parcel 169**
6. **Demo Bid Opening / Arnetta Sherer, Lunch Harper Rd., Map 33 Parcel 159**
   The only bidder for the demolition of the structures was received from Empire Salvage as follows:
   722 Summerlee Avenue - $5,500
   386 Lynch Harper Rd - $5,500

Lynch Harper Rd - Sherer - $5,500

MOTION - Award the bid to Empire Salvage for the demolition of the three structures listed in the bid.

Motion carried 6 - 0.

Motion made by Council Member Oxley, Seconded by Council Member Wilshire.
Voting Yea: Council Member Oxley, Council Member Holly, Council Member Janney, Council Member Wilshire, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Smallwood, Jr.

7. **Examination of Demolition Report for 332 Wright Turn Rd. / Property Owner: S Reid.**

The City Manager reported that the structure has been demolished at a cost of $6,500. He also gave other details of the demolition.

MOTION - Accept the City Manager's report and issue an order advising the owner of the demolition report and their right to contest said report.

Motion carried 6 - 0.

Motion made by Council Member Oxley, Seconded by Council Member Hayslette.
Voting Yea: Council Member Oxley, Council Member Holly, Council Member Janney, Council Member Wilshire, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Smallwood, Jr.

8. **Examination of Demolition Report for 3 Thomas Morst Rd. / Property Owner: M. Woodson**

The City Manager reported that the structure has been demolished at a cost of $3,500. He also gave other details of the demolition,

MOTION - Accept the City Manager's report and issue an order advising the owner of the demolition report and their right to contest said report.

Motion carried 6 - 0.

Motion made by Council Member Smallwood, Jr., Seconded by Council Member Oxley.
Voting Yea: Council Member Oxley, Council Member Holly, Council Member Janney, Council Member Wilshire, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Smallwood, Jr.

9. **Examination of Demolition Report for 304 Thomas Morst Rd., / Property Owner: M. Hardy Estate**

The City Manager reported that the structure has been demolished at a cost of $5,000. He also gave other details of the demolition,

MOTION - Accept the City Manager's report and issue an order advising the owner of the demolition report and their right to contest said report.

Motion carried 6 - 0.

Motion made by Council Member Oxley, Seconded by Council Member Wilshire.
Voting Yea: Council Member Oxley, Council Member Holly, Council Member Janney, Council Member Wilshire, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Smallwood, Jr.

10. Examination of Demolition Report for Minden/Mary Lane / Property Owner: A. Coffman

The City Manager reported that the structure has been demolished at a cost of $4,863. He also gave other details of the demolition.

MOTION - Accept the City Manager's report and issue an order advising the owner of the demolition report and their right to contest said report.
Motion carried 6 - 0.
Motion made by Council Member Oxley, Seconded by Council Member Wilshire.
Voting Yea: Council Member Oxley, Council Member Holly, Council Member Janney, Council Member Wilshire, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Smallwood, Jr.

11. Examination of Demolition Report for 171 Minden Rd. / Property Owner: B. Blackburn

The City Manager reported that the structure has been demolished at a cost of $5,000. He also gave other details of the demolition.

MOTION - Accept the City Manager's report and issue an order advising the owner of the demolition report and their right to contest said report.
Motion carried 6 - 0
Motion made by Council Member Wilshire, Seconded by Council Member Holly.
Voting Yea: Council Member Oxley, Council Member Holly, Council Member Janney, Council Member Wilshire, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Smallwood, Jr.

12. Police Hiring

The Chief of Police presented hiring lists on behalf of the Civil Service Commission. The first list given had Les Foster at the top of the list. The recommendation was to remove Les Foster from the emergency hiring position and hire him on a permanent basis.
MOTION - Remove Les Foster from the emergency hiring position and hire him on a permanent basis.
Motion carried 6-0.
Motion made by Council Member Oxley, Seconded by Council Member Wilshire.
Voting Yea: Council Member Oxley, Council Member Holly, Council Member Janney, Council Member Wilshire, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Smallwood, Jr.

The next list from the Civil Service Commission had Paul Stalnaker at the top. Paul Stalnaker left the department last spring and has asked for reinstatement.
MOTION - Rehire Paul Stalnaker to the Oak Hill Police Department.
Motion carried 6-0.
Motion made by Council Member Oxley, Seconded by Council Member Wilshire.
Voting Yea: Council Member Oxley, Council Member Holly, Council Member Janney, Council Member Wilshire, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Smallwood, Jr.

The next listed presented on behalf of the Civil Service Commission had Aaron Michael Radcliff as the recommendation for hire.

MOTION - **Hire Aaron Michael Radcliff as a police officer for the Oak Hill Police Department.**

Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Council Member Oxley, Seconded by Council Member Hayslette.
Voting Yea: Council Member Oxley, Council Member Holly, Council Member Janney, Council Member Wilshire, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Smallwood, Jr.

The 4th list presented showed Caleb Floyd Weeks as the top recommendation of the Civil Service Commission.

MOTION - **Hire Caleb Floyd Weeks as a police officer for the Oak Hill Police Department.**

Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Council Member Wilshire, Seconded by Council Member Oxley.
Voting Yea: Council Member Oxley, Council Member Holly, Council Member Janney, Council Member Wilshire, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Smallwood, Jr.

The Chief presented the final hiring list with Tyler Wayne Vandall at the top of the list. He asked Council to hire one more officer due to upcoming retirements.

MOTION - **Hire Tyler Wayne Vandall as a police officer for the Oak Hill Police Department.**

Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Council Member Oxley, Seconded by Council Member Janney.
Voting Yea: Council Member Oxley, Council Member Holly, Council Member Janney, Council Member Wilshire, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Smallwood, Jr.

13. **Planning Commission Recommendations-Repeal Oak Hill Municipal Code 5.06 due to duplications elsewhere, and amend OHMC 10.08.010, OHMC 15.04.010, OHMC 15.10.040, OHMC 15.38.230, OHMC 15.40.070, pertaining to outdoor storage of wrecked, junked, abandoned vehicles, non-outdoor furniture, and residential fences. 2nd Reading**

There was discussion on the changes to this ordinance and the reasoning behind them.

MOTION - Table this item until the chair of the Planning Commission can attend the meeting and explain the changes.

Motion carried 6 - 0.

Motion made by Council Member Oxley, Seconded by Council Member Janney.
Voting Yea: Council Member Oxley, Council Member Holly, Council Member Janney, Council Member Wilshire, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Smallwood, Jr.

14. **Fireworks Ordinance 2nd Reading**

MOTION - Accept this as the 2nd reading and adoption of the fireworks ordinance.

Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Council Member Oxley, Seconded by Council Member Hayslette.

Voting Yea: Council Member Oxley, Council Member Holly, Council Member Janney, Council Member Wilshire, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Smallwood, Jr.

New Business

15. **Procedure to Fill Vacancy on Council**

MOTION - Accept letters of interest and resumes´ from Ward 2 residents to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Paul Baker.
Motion carried 6-0.
Motion made by Council Member Holly, Seconded by Council Member Oxley.
Voting Yea: Council Member Oxley, Council Member Holly, Council Member Janney, Council Member Wilshire, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Smallwood, Jr.

16. **Recommendation to establish a Historic Landmark Commission**

The Mayor recommends establishing a Historic Landmark Commission.

MOTION - Establish a Historic Landmark Commission for the City of Oak Hill.
Motion carried 6-0
Motion made by Council Member Oxley, Seconded by Council Member Wilshire.
Voting Yea: Council Member Oxley, Council Member Holly, Council Member Janney, Council Member Wilshire, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Smallwood, Jr.

17. **Consideration to Lease White Oak Rail Trail Depot**

MOTION - Table action on this item until the City Manager has information ready to advertise the rental opportunity.
Motion carried 6-0
Motion made by Council Member Oxley, Seconded by Council Member Janney.
Voting Yea: Council Member Oxley, Council Member Holly, Council Member Janney, Council Member Wilshire, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Smallwood, Jr.

18. **Southern Appalachian Labor School Requests Council to Consider the Release or Reduction of the Lien on Property at 334/226 Central Ave.**

John David, Executive Director of the Southern Appalachian Labor School requested that the City release or reduce our lien on property at 334/336 Central Avenue. The school has plans to renovate and improve the curbside appeal of the structure.
There was much discussion on the merits of the request. The City would not receive any money from this transaction. The selling price of the building is $10,000.

MOTION - Deny this request in its present form.
Motion carried 6-0
Motion made by Council Member Oxley, Seconded by Council Member Hayslette.
Voting Yea: Council Member Oxley, Council Member Holly, Council Member Janney, Council Member Wilshire, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Smallwood, Jr.

19. **Consideration to Make a Contribution to Southern Appalachian Labor School for the Incurred Cost of Registering the Oak Hill Elementary School with the National Register of Historic Places**

MOTION - Contribute $1,000 to Southern Appalachian Labor School for the incurred cost of registering the Oak Hill Elementary School with the National Register of Historic Places
Motion carried 6-0
Motion made by Council Member Oxley, Seconded by Council Member Janney.
Voting Yea: Council Member Oxley, Council Member Holly, Council Member Janney, Council Member Wilshire, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Smallwood, Jr.

20. **Consideration to reduce speed from 25 mph to 15 mph on Burkholder Ave. and Warren Ave.**

Council would like to have input from the residents of the streets affected. Only one resident made this request.

MOTION - Table this item until more input from residents can be received.
Motion carried 6-0.
Motion made by Council Member Oxley, Seconded by Council Member Janney.
Voting Yea: Council Member Oxley, Council Member Holly, Council Member Janney, Council Member Wilshire, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Smallwood, Jr.

21. **Approval of Service Line Warranties Fall Campaign**

MOTION - Approve and authorize the service line warranties fall campaign.
Motion carried 6-0
Motion made by Council Member Oxley, Seconded by Council Member Holly.
Voting Yea: Council Member Oxley, Council Member Holly, Council Member Janney, Council Member Wilshire, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Smallwood, Jr.
The November Council meeting will be held on November 18, 2019.

Adjournment

MOTION - Adjourn the meeting.
Motion carried 6-0.
Motion made by Council Member Janney, Seconded by Council Member Holly.
Voting Yea: Council Member Oxley, Council Member Holly, Council Member Janney, Council Member Wilshire, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Smallwood, Jr.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

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Mayor Daniel E. Wright City Clerk, Damita Johnson