CITY OF OAK HILL
M I N U T E S
City Council Meeting - July 11, 2022
July 11, 2022 - 5:30 PM

Call to Order
The Mayor called the meeting to order.

Roll Call
PRESENT
Mayor Daniel Wright
Councilmember Thomas Oxley
Councilmember Diana Janney
Councilmember David Perry
Councilmember Christa Hodges
Councilmember Charles Smallwood, Jr.
Councilmember Ronald Stephen Hayslette
Councilmember Benitez Jackson

Invocation led by Reverend Michael Hicks, Jones Ave. Church of God

Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmember Jackson

Reading and Approval of Minutes
Motion- Dispense with the reading of and approve the minutes of the council meeting held on June 13, 2022.
Motion carried 7-0
Motion made by Councilmember Perry, Seconded by Councilmember Janney.
Voting Yea: Councilmember Oxley, Councilmember Hodges, Councilmember Smallwood, Jr., Councilmember Hayslette, Councilmember Jackson

Treasurer's Report
Motion- Approve the treasurer's report as presented.
Motion carried 7-0
Motion made by Councilmember Hodges, Seconded by Councilmember Oxley.
Voting Yea: Councilmember Janney, Councilmember Perry, Councilmember Smallwood, Jr.,

Correspondence
None

Citizens Comments

Glady Smith discussed issues with property on Burnside Street with a trailer & camper on the said vacant property.
John Garvin spoke about the purchase of the BB&T, how figures were reach and that he is against the purchase.
Geneiva Smith discussed the issue with the property on Burnside Street.
Katherine Holstein discussed the issue with the property on Burnside Street with same issues and dog issues.
Jessie Bain discussed the grass and weeds around the road by his coffee shop and being against the purchase of the BB&T building.
Jim Ayers discussed the BB&T building and ask when the Building Commission meeting is.
Jim Alshire discussed being against the purchase of the BB&T building.
Michelle Riser discussed being against the purchase of the BB&T building.
Becky Sullivan presented the information with the scavenger bear hunt.
Ginny Cracraft discussed concern about the BB&T building purchase.
Darin McGuffin read his letter to for the council to request a government access channel.
J.D. Belcher owner of J&J Multimedia spoke about his business and the City's new video Erin Reid presented.

Unfinished Business

1. **Progress Report of Property located at 526 Gatewood Rd., Map 13, Parcel 139, Owned by Property Traders**

   Mr. Mark Love discussed the progress on the old CAMCO building. Council requested a written report in 60 days and will put this property back on the agenda in September.
   Motion made by Councilmember Perry, Seconded by Councilmember Hayslette.
   Voting Yea: Councilmember Oxley, Councilmember Janney, Councilmember Hodges, Councilmember Smallwood, Jr., Councilmember Jackson
   Motion carries 7-0

2. **Consideration to Adopt a Resolution for the City to Have the Following Structures Demolished**
   A. **Harris St., Off-Broadway Ave., Map 7, Parcel 240, Owned by Andrew Thomas**
   B. **105 Rocklick Rd., Map 59J, Parcel 33, Owned by Brooke Armentrout**

   Motion made by Councilmember Perry to adopt a resolution to have the structures demolished. Seconded by Councilmember Smallwood, Jr.
   Motion carries 7-1

3. **Council Review of the Following Properties That Have Material Debris Remaining After Being Demolished**

   An order has been prepared for councils consideration to give the property owners notice that they have 30 days to removed the material or there will be a lien placed against the property.
   Motion made by Councilmember Perry, moved to accept the consideration to give the owners 30 days. Seconded by Councilmember Janney.

Motion carries 7-0

4. **Spirit of Oak Hill Award Committee Progress Report**
   Christia Hodges discussed finalizing the Spirit of Oak Hill Award and the nominee application should be online soon.
   Motion made by Councilmember Hodges to accept the report for selecting two in October 2022 and two in April 2022.
   Seconded by Councilmember Janney.
   Motion carried 7-0

5. **Consideration of an Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of, and the Design, Construction and Equipping of Additions, Betterments and Improvements to, Certain Real Estate Located at 101 Main St. East, Oak Hill, West Virginia; the Issuance by the Oak Hill Building Commission of Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2022, to Finance the Above-Described Purchase and Design, Acquisition, Construction and Equipping of the Real Property and the Costs of Issuance Thereof; and the Leasing of the Real Property by the City from the Building Commission to Serve as a City Hall - 2nd Reading**

   Motion made by Councilmember Oxley that this matter be tabled until a recommendation from the Building Commission be made. Seconded by Councilmember Hodges.
   Councilmember Perry opposed the suggestion to table this matter. Councilmember Oxley, Coucilmember Hodges and Coucilmember Janney all discussed reasons why this matter needed to be tabled. Benitez Jackson discussed there was other money allocated for the park.
   Councilmember Perry submitted 44 letters supporting the purchase of the BB&T building.

   Roll Call requested by the Mayor to determine whether to table the matter.
   Voting Yea: Councilmember Oxley, Councilmember Janney, Councilmember Hodges
   Voting Nay: Councilmember Perry, Councilmember Smallwood, Jr., Councilmember Hayslette, Councilmember Jackson
   Motion to table was not agreed to. 3-4
   Councilmember Perry moved that the 2nd reading of the consideration of the Ordinance. Seconded by Councilmember Hayslette.
   Roll called requested by the Mayor.
   Voting Yea: Councilmember Perry, Councilmember Smallwood, Jr., Councilmember Hayslette, Councilmember Jackson
   Voting Nay: Councilmember Oxley, Councilmember Janney, Councilmember Hodges.
   Motion carried 4-3.

6. **Consideration to Review Written Proposals to Broadcast City Council Meetings and Events**
   City Manager asked Council to table this matter until August.

Motion made by Councilmember Oxley to table this item, Seconded by Councilmember Perry.
Motion carries 7-0

7. Engineering Agreements for Council's Approval for the Following Projects

A. Virginia Street Sidewalk Project
B. Oak Hill Fire Dept. Addition Project
C. Oak Hill City Park Project

Sam Rich from Thrasher went over each agreements. Steering committee is needed for the Oak Hill City Park Project to make suggestions. Councilman Perry asked that Trasher finance the celebration and Thrasher unofficially agreed. Sam Rich asked for clarification and the minutes needs to reflect that Thrasher needs to have further conversation of what the celebration intels.
Mayor Wright suggested Damita Johnson gather names to submit to council. Councilman Smallwood suggested someone from the safety committee be on the Steering committee.
Motion made by Councilmember Perry for Damita Johnson to gather names for the Steering Committee, and approve Engineering Agreements, Seconded by Councilmember Hodges.

Voting Abstaining: Councilmember Oxley
Motion carries. 6-0-1

New Business

8. Consideration of Emergency Funding for Roof Replacement on the Historic School on School Street
Motion made by Councilmember Perry to approve emergency funding of $25,000 for the Historical School on School Street.

Seconded by Councilmember Smallwood, Jr.
Further discussion Councilmember Perry made a motion that payment not be made until written quote is received. Seconded by Councilmember Smallwood.
Motion carries 7-0

9. Appoint a Chairman for the Oak Hill Sanitary Board
Motion made by Councilmember Oxley to appoint the new City Manager Damita Johnson as the Chairman of the Oak Hill Sanitary Board, Seconded by Councilmember Janney.
Motion carries 7-0

10. Appoint New City Manager Damita Johnson to the Following Boards, Commissions, and Committees

A. Structural Inspection Board
B. Recreation Committee
C. Beautification Committee

D. Rail Trail Committee
E. Amphitheater Commission
F. Homeless/Opioid Abuse Advisory Committee
G. Future City Hall Building Negotiating Committee
H. Future City Hall Building Negotiating Committee
I. Committee to Select Organization to Produce Building Design Guidelines and Artistic Renditions

Motion made by Councilmember Perry to appoint City Manager Damita Johnson to the listed committees, Seconded by Councilmember Oxley.
Motion carries 7-0

11. Coal Severance Budget Revision

Expenditures need increased per City Manager Damita Johnson
Motion made by Councilmember Perry to approve the Coal Severance Budget Revision, Seconded by Councilmember Hodges.
Motion carries 7-0

12. Consideration of Planning Commission recommendation to Rezone 4.45 Acres at 178 Old Fayetteville Rd. From General Business B-2 District to Recreational Business B-R District to Allow the Operation of a RV Trailer Park for 30 to 35 Units

Angel Legg requested rezoning at 178 Old Fayetteville Road for a RV Trailer Park. Motion made by Councilmember Oxley to approve rezoning of the area at 178 Old Fayetteville Road for Operation of an RV Trailer Park, Seconded by Councilmember Perry.
Further discussion Councilmember Perry stated that the permit at been approved prior to the zoning request. Damita Johnson stated that Angel Legg applied for her license and the zoning had not been checked.
Motion carries 7-0

Department Reports

Street Department reports that they are finished with Trump Avenue and shoudl start milling Wednesday for paving. There are projects started at Hidden Valley, Miller Avenue, and Beech Avenue. Councilman Perry questions potholes on Highland Avenue. David Kirk explained the water company & gas company hasn't patched their holes.

Council Reports (with possible action)

Councilmember Perry asked that at the next meeting consider an ordinance to create a bonding situation with the other utilities to get them to fix their cuts and Damita Johnson & David Kirk suggest a recommendation.
Councilmember Janney asked about cutting the trees at the Pizza Hut. David Kirk advised they should have been done today or tomorrow.
Councilmember Jackson questioned potholes at the old Foodland Parking lot. This is private property and they have a contractor to fix it.
Fire Departments Reports was in the Councilmembers packets.

Councilmember Jackson questioned the Economic Development Director on how she does the press releases. Councilmember Smallwood also asked about the new video and adding the School.
Police Departments Reports was in the packet. Councilmember Perry questions the GPS, the Spillman and Tyler computer systems. Everything is up and running.
Councilmembers and Mayor thanked everyone involved in the transition.

Mayoral Comments
Mayor Wright complimented the department heads and the good job they are doing.

Adjournment
Motion made by Councilmember Perry, to adjorn and go into executive session, Seconded by Councilmember Janney.