CITY OF OAK HILL
M I N U T E S
August 2019 Council Meeting
August 12, 2019 - 6:30 PM

The Oak Hill City Council held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, August 12, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Oak Hill City Hall.

Call to Order
The Mayor called the meeting to order.

Roll Call
The City Clerk called the roll.

Present	**Absent**
Mayor Danny Wright	**Paul Baker**
Tom Oxley	
Michelle Holly	
Diana Janney	
Melissa Wilshire	
Steve Hayslette	
Charles Smallwood, Jr.	

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
The invocation was led by Rev. Dr. Ken Krimmell, Pastor of Oak Hill United Methodist Church
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilor Stephen Hayslette.

Bradley Harris, West Virginia American Water Grant Presentation
Mr. Harris presented a $1,000 grant to the Oak Hill Volunteer Fire Department.

Public Comments
John David, SALS Executive Director, asked Council to consider releasing the lien on Lot 12 Central Avenue. This is the property formerly owned by John Zink and is now owned by Stacey Blackburn. Council agreed that they would consider if Mr. David would present and executed sales contract.

Mary Lynn Flint updated Council on the activities of Destination Downtown.

John Brenemen informed Council that he would not be renewing his lease of the depot on the rail trail. He cited vagrancy issues as the reason for his non-renewal.

Reading and Approval of Minutes
Motion: Dispense with the reading of and approve the minutes of July 8, 2019.
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.

Reading and Approval of July 29, 2019 Special Meeting

Motion: Dispense with the reading of and approve the minutes of July 29, 2019.
Motion carried 6 - 0
Motion made by Council Member Wilshire, Seconded by Council Member Smallwood, Jr..
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 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.

Correspondence

None

Council Comments and Department Reports

The Mayor asked Council for comments and the WVML Annual Conference was discussed.

Unfinished Business

1. **Fireworks Ordinance**
   Councilor Oxley suggested that Council, Mayor, Chief of Police, and the Fire Chief review the proposed ordinance and make revisions as needed in September.
   Motion - Table this item until September.
   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.

2. **Police Hiring**
   Motion - Table this item until September.
   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.

3. **Structural Inspection Board (SIB) Recommendation for City to Demolish / Yvonne Warwick, 722 Summerlee Ave., Parcel 218**
   Motion - Authorize resolution for City to demolish.
   Motion carried 6-0
   Motion made by Council Member Oxley, Seconded by Council Member Smallwood, Jr..
   Voting Yea: Council Member Oxley, Council Member Holly, Council Member Janney, Council Member Wilshire, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Smallwood, Jr.

4. **SIB Recommendation for City to Demolish / Carlos Stockhouse, 386 Lynch Harper Rd., Parcel 169**
   Motion - Authorize resolution for City to demolish.
   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.

5. **Demolition Bid Opening / Linda Sue Johnson, 250 Minden Rd., Map 58L, Parcel 14**
   One bid was received from Empire Salvage in the amount of $4,500.
   Motion - Award bid to Empire Salvage for $4,500 provided all specifications are met.
   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.

6. **Demolition Bid Opening / Yvonne Oliver, Minden Rd., Map 26, Parcel 337**
   One bid was received from Empire Salvage in the amount of $9,000.
   Motion - Award bid to Empire Salvage for $9,000 provided all specifications are met.
   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.

7. **Demolition Bid Opening / ACE, Surf Lot #204 Blk 4 Minden SD, Map 58M Parcel 50**
   This structure is being torn down.
   Motion – Table indefinitely.
   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

8. **New River Humane Society**

Casey Gioeli, President of the Humane Society, and Michelle Riser updated Council on the society's budget shortcomings. The County Commission increased the budget for the humane society, but they still need $44,000 for salaries. Councilors Wilshire and Holly left the room during the discussion and voting of this item.

Motion - The City Manager and City Clerk will review our budget and make a recommendation of financial support at the September meeting.

Motion carried 4-0

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

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

Voting Abstaining: Council Member Holly, Council Member Wilshire

9. **Appointments to Administration, Boards, Commissions, & Committees**

The following appointments or reappointments were presented for Council's approval:

SANITARY BOARD (3-year term) after initial appt.

Bill Hannabass, City Manager - Term of Current Council
Loren Cox - July 1, 2022
Barney Stinnett - Term of Project

STRUCTURAL INSPECTION BOARD

Bill Hannabass, City Manager - Term of Council
Tim Richardson, Fire Chief - Term of Council
Josh Jones (at will and pleasure of Council) (Member-At-Large) - Term of Council
John Tuggle - Term of Council
Daniel E. Wright, Mayor - Term of Council

RECREATION COMMITTEE (3-year term) after initial appt.

Paul Baker, Council	Term of Council
Cindy Whitlock	Term of Council
Christa Hodges	Term of Council
Patty Nelson	Term of Council
Saundie Smith	Term of Council
Bill Hannabass, City Manager	Term of Council
Diana Janney	Term of Council
Christina F. Wright	Term of Council
Tim Buskus	Term of Council

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE (4-year term)

Jeanay Booth	Term of Council
Judy Lively	Term of Council
Cindy Canterbury	Term of Council
Beth Burdette	Term of Council
Karen Jones	Term of Council
Sheila Malay	Term of Council
Barbara Ridenhour	Term of Council

Michelle Holly	Term of Council
Daniel E. Wright, Mayor	Term of Council
Bill Hannabass, City Manager	Term of Council

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Tim Richardson, Fire Chief
Mike Whisman, Police Chief
Bill Hannabass, City Manager

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Tom Oxley, Council-At-Large
Missy Wilshire, Council
Diana Janney, Council
Bill Hannabass, City Manager
Damita Johnson, City Clerk/Treasurer

RAIL TRAIL COMMITTEE

Beth Gardner	Term of Council
Erin Ellis-Reid	Term of Council
Bill Hannabass, City Manager	Term of Council
Missy Wilshire, Council	Term of Council

AMPHITHEATER COMMITTEE

Daniel E. Wright, Mayor	Term of Council
Bill Hannabass, City Manager	Term of Council
Melissa Wilshire, Council	Term of Council
Mike Lively	Term of Council
Kathleen Lively	Term of Council
Marilyn Montgomery	Term of Council
Mike Kemlock	Term of Council
Merry Hanning	Term of Council
Don Williams	Term of Council
Gail Mauritz Treadway	Term of Council

Motion - Approve list as presented
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.

Motion - Reappoint City Manager, Bill Hannabass; City Clerk-Treasurer, Damita Johnson; Chief of Police, Mike Whisman; Municipal Judge, Wilbur Toney; and City Attorney, Bill File for the term of this Council.
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.

10. **Police Fines**

The State has raised some fees that are associated with fines by $10. This will also raise our fines.

Motion - Authorize the $10 increase in police fines.

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. **SIB Recommendation / Paul & Clarice Lassinger & Clifford Bragg, 216 Chestnut Ave., Map 32, Parcel 70**

Council has tabled this order, ordered demolition, rescinded the demolition order after listening to the owner's plan, order demolition again after the plan was not followed. The Structural Inspection Board has recommended demolition. Some progress has been made and the owners have asked for more time to complete the renovation.

Motion - Table any action for demolition and direct the City Manager to visit the property twice a month and if the renovation discontinues, the Council will not be inclined to be lenient again.

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.

12. **SIB Recommendation / Suzan Blevins, 204 Third Ave., Map 12, Parcel 63**

Ms. Blevins addressed Council over her concerns about the property and her inability to pay to have the structure demolished after a fire destroyed it. She has also had difficulty in obtaining a police report

Motion - Table action until September with the understanding the Ms. Blevins contact the Sheriff's department to get a police 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.

13. **SIB Recommendation /Deeanna Lawson, Damon McDowell, 219 Highland Ave., Map 38 Parcel 5**

Motion - Table action until September

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.

14. **Consideration to Purchase Approximately One Mile of the Railroad Bed on the Northern End of the White Oak Rail Trail**

Motion - Enter into executive session to discuss negotiations with Norfolk Southern.
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.

Upon return from executive session, the Mayor announced the reason for the executive session was negotiations regarding the purchase of one mile of the railroad bed on the northern end of the White Oak Rail Trail. No action was taken in executive session.
Motion – Proceed with the purchase of the railroad bed as discussed.
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.

15. **Planning Commission Recommendation - Deny the Request to Rezone Lot at 101 Lee Street to B-2 Commercial**

Motion - Table this recommendation until September so that more information can be obtained.
Motion carried 6-0
Motion made by Council Member Hayslette, 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. **Planning Commission Recommendation - 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, and non-outdoor furniture**

Motion - Accept this as the 1st reading of amendments to the Oak Hill Municipal Code.
Motion carried 5-1.
Motion made by Council Member Oxley, Seconded by Council Member Smallwood, Jr..
Voting Yea: Council Member Oxley, Council Member Holly, Council Member Janney, Council Member Wilshire Voting Nay: Council Member Hayslette

Adjournment

Motion - Adjourn the meeting.

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.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

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Daniel E. Wright, Mayor

Damita Johnson, City Clerk