CITY OF OAK HILL
M I N U T E S
City Council Meeting - April 2021
April 19, 2021 - 6:30 PM

The regular monthly meeting of the Oak Hill City Council was held on April 19, 2021 in the Council Chambers of Oak Hill City Hall at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom and in person.

Call to Order
The Mayor called the meeting to order.

Roll Call
The City Clerk called the roll with the following results:

PRESENT	ABSENT
Mayor Daniel Wright	Melissa Wilshire
Thomas Oxley	Charles E. Smallwood, Jr,
Diana Janney	
David Perry	
Ronald Stephen Hayslette	
Benitez Jackson	

Invocation
Council member Oxley led the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance
The Pledge of Allegiance was also led by Councilor Oxley.

Reading and Approval of Minutes
Motion - ***Dispense with the reading of and approve the minutes of March 8 and March 25, 2021.***
Motion carried 5 - 0.
Motion made by Council Member Perry, Seconded by Council Member (At Large) Oxley.
Voting Yea: Council Member (At Large) Oxley, Council Member Janney, Council Member Perry, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Jackson

Treasurer's Report
Motion - ***Approve the treasurer's report as presented.***
Motion carried 5 - 0.
Motion made by Council Member Janney, Seconded by Council Member Jackson.
Voting Yea: Council Member (At Large) Oxley, Council Member Janney, Council Member Perry, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Jackson

Correspondence
None

Citizens Comments
Jim Ayres would like the meetings to be opened for the public to attend in person. He is also still against the building being put in behind Domino's.
Kevin Willis thanked everyone for attending the grand opening of his ice cream business. He also commended the sewer department for their great work.
Judy Lively clarified that the bears in town are being purchased by the businesses and not by the City.
Christa Hodges reported on the city wide clean up and the upcoming rail trail expo.
Lesley McVey would like to see a full time code enforcement officer to take care of some of the terrible places in Oak Hill.
Cara Martin - Expressed her concern and asked questions about the DHHR building behind Domino's.

Council Comments and Department Reports
The Mayor asked for Council comments and the following items were discussed:
Oral reports from Police Chief and Fire Chief, complaints/concerns about vicious dogs, body cams for the police department, status of letter to Teddy Gray concerning the former BB&T building, naming City Park after Gary and Linda Harding, several unsafe structures, restoring banks at the creek on Oyler Ave., and kudos to David Kirk for arranging a meeting with DOH about manholes.
The City Manager and the Mayor were instructed to request the DHHR to put a fence around the building behind Dominos, pole at library, and the DEP is trying to contact David Bragg about the tanks on his property. There is a group looking at the scout cabin to estimate the cost of repairs, setting a date to open the council meetings, Economic Development Coordinator, building beautification enforcement, and encouraging property owners to spruce up their properties.

Mayoral Comments
The Mayor asked about placing a trash can on Central Avenue near active fitness.
He also reported that the Alumni Association would like to have Kelly Ave. blocked on August 6 - 8, 2021.

Unfinished Business
1. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the City to Demolish the Residential Structure Located at 103 Rocklick Rd., Map 59J, Parcel 40, Owned by Ace Adventure Resort
   Motion - ***Adopt a resolution authorizing the City to demolish the structure at 103 Rocklick Road, owned by Ace Adventure Resort.***
   Motion carried 5 - 0.

Motion made by Council Member (At Large) Oxley, Seconded by Council Member Perry.
Voting Yea: Council Member (At Large) Oxley, Council Member Janney, Council Member Perry, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Jackson

2. Examination of Demolition Report for 118A High Street, Map 7, Parcel 226, Owned by Novelle Barrett

   The City Manager gave a demolition report for the property at 118A High Street owned by Novelle Barrett and for property at 11 Rocklick School Rd, owned by Randy Crawford.
   Motion - ***Accept the demolition reports as given by the City Manager.***
   Motion carried 5 - 0.
   Motion made by Council Member (At Large) Oxley, Seconded by Council Member Jackson.
   Voting Yea: Council Member (At Large) Oxley, Council Member Janney, Council Member Perry, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Jackson

3. Examination of Demolition Report for 11 Rocklick School Rd., Map 59J, Parcel 14, Owned by Randy Crawford

   This item was considered with item #2.

4. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the City to Demolish the Residential Structure Located at 1013 1/2 Summerlee Ave., Map 24, Parcel 206.1, Owned by Steven L. Grunenberg

   Motion - ***Authorize the City to demolish the structure located at 1013 1/2 Summerlee Ave., owned by Steven Grunenberg.***
   Motion carried 5 - 0.
   Motion made by Council Member Janney, Seconded by Council Member (At Large) Oxley.
   Voting Yea: Council Member (At Large) Oxley, Council Member Janney, Council Member Perry, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Jackson

5. Recommendation to Amend Oak Hill Municipal Code (OHMC) 10.12.012 Recreational Trail Vehicles - 1st Reading

   Motion - ***Accept this as the 1st reading to amend OHMC 10.12.012 to add permitting regulations to the ordinance.***
   Motion carried 3 - 2.
   Motion made by Council Member Perry, Seconded by Council Member Hayslette.
   Voting Yea: Council Member Perry, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Jackson
   Voting Nay: Council Member (At Large) Oxley, Council Member Janney

New Business

6. Structural Inspection Board's (SIB) Recommendation to Demolish the Structure Located at 38 Poff Rd. and 40 Poff Rd., Map 59E, Parcels 45 and 46, Owned by Debra K. & Danny Thomas

   Motion - ***Accept the recommendation of the SIB to demolish the structure located at 38 Poff Road and 40 Poff Road, owned by Debra K. and Danny Thomas.***

Motion carried 5-0.
Motion made by Council Member Perry, Seconded by Council Member (At Large) Oxley.
Voting Yea: Council Member (At Large) Oxley, Council Member Janney, Council Member Perry, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Jackson

7. Mayor's Blanket Approval for Proclamations
Motion - *Allow the Mayor to issue proclamations at his discretion.*
Motion carried 5 - 0
Motion made by Council Member Janney, Seconded by Council Member Hayslette.
Voting Yea: Council Member (At Large) Oxley, Council Member Janney, Council Member Perry, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Jackson

8. Status of Collins Middle School
Gary Hough reported on the status of Collins Middle School. The FCBE is trying to gain ownership of the property for the intention of using the property for vocational education programs. This would entail applying for a brownfield grant and demolishing the buildings on the property. There is a building still being used for an auto body shop. There would be additional programs expanded at this location.
Motion - *Request the City Manager to write a letter to the heirs or foundation of the Collins Middle School property to ask what they intend to do with the buildings that are located on the property which have been deemed uninhabitable by ZMM Architectural Firm and the letter be signed by City Manager and the Mayor.*
Motion carried 5 - 0.
Motion made by Council Member Perry, Seconded by Council Member (At Large) Oxley.
Voting Yea: Council Member (At Large) Oxley, Council Member Janney, Council Member Perry, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Jackson

9. Abandoned Store Signs
There was discussion on signs that advertise a business that no longer exists. This is addressed in our ordinances and can be enforced. Council can email the City Manager with issues and he will look into each one.
10. Harm Reduction (needle exchange) Facility
Motion - *Accept this as the 1st reading by title only of an ordinance requiring City Council to act upon any request for a harm reduction facility.*
Motion carried 5 - 0.
Motion made by Council Member (At Large) Oxley, Seconded by Council Member Perry.
Voting Yea: Council Member (At Large) Oxley, Council Member Janney, Council Member Perry, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Jackson

11. Vacancy Appointment to Beautification Commission / Michelle Holly Resignation
Motion - *Appoint Councilor Oxley to the Beautification Commission.*
Motion carried 5 - 0.
Motion made by Council Member Perry, Seconded by Council Member Janney.

Voting Yea: Council Member (At Large) Oxley, Council Member Janney, Council Member Perry, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Jackson

12. Resolution - West Virginia Municipal League (WVML) 2021 Federal Advocacy Agenda
Motion - ***Authorize the Mayor to sign a resolution supporting the 2021 Federal Advocacy Agenda.***
Motion carried 5 - 0.
Motion made by Council Member (At Large) Oxley, Seconded by Council Member Janney.
Voting Yea: Council Member (At Large) Oxley, Council Member Janney, Council Member Perry, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Jackson

13. Community Development Block Grant - Mitigation
The City Manager would like to apply for this grant for stormwater mitigation in Minden.
Motion - ***Pursue the Community Development Block Grant in the maximum amount of $10 million.***
Motion carried 5 - 0.
Motion made by Council Member (At Large) Oxley, Seconded by Council Member Hayslette.
Voting Yea: Council Member (At Large) Oxley, Council Member Janney, Council Member Perry, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Jackson

14. Proclamation Recognizing Tyler Murray, Anthony Barren, and Kristy Plummer
The City Manager presented a proclamation recognizing Anthony Barren, Kristy Plummer, and Tyler Murray for rescuing James and Lillian Mathew from their burning home on March 4, 2021.
Motion - ***Adopt the resolution and authorize the Mayor to sign the resolution recognizing Anthony Barren, Kristy Plummer, and Tyler Murray.***
Motion carried 5 - 0.
Motion made by Council Member Perry, Seconded by Council Member Hayslette.
The City Clerk called the roll for voting:
Council Member (At Large) Thomas Oxley - Yes
Council Member Diana Janney - Yes
Council Member David Perry - Yes
Council Member Ronald Stephen Hayslette - Yes
Council Member Benitez Jackson - Yes

15. Future Agenda Items
Beautification Policy for Commercial Properties
Naming of City Park to Gary and Linda Harding City Park
Vicious Dogs Ordinance

Adjournment

Motion - *Adjourn the meeting*

Motion carried 5 - 0.

Motion made by Council Member Janney, Seconded by Council Member Jackson.
Voting Yea: Council Member (At Large) Oxley, Council Member Janney, Council Member Perry, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Jackson

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Daniel E. Wright, Mayor Damita Johnson, City Clerk