CITY OF OAK HILL
M I N U T E S
City Council Meeting - September 2020
September 14, 2020 - 6:30 PM

The regular monthly meeting of the Oak Hill City Council was held in person on September 14, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church due to the COVID 19 pickup.

Call to Order
The Mayor called the meeting to order.

Roll Call
The City Clerk called the roll and attendance was as follows:

PRESENT	**ABSENT**
Mayor Daniel Wright	Council Member Diana Janney
Council Member Thomas Oxley	
Council Member Michelle Holly	
Council Member Missy Wilshire	
Council Member Ronald Stephen Hayslette	
Council Member Charles Smallwood, Jr.	
Council Member Benitez Jackson	

Invocation
Reverend Swisher of Calvary Baptist Church gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance
Council Member Jackson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Motion- ***Dismiss with the reading of and approve the minutes of August 9, 2020.***

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 Wilshire, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Smallwood, Jr., Council Member Jackson

Treasurer's Report
Motion- ***Approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. This report includes the Vendor Checks Report and financial statements.***

Motion carried 6 - 0.
Motion made by Council Member Wilshire, Seconded by Council Member Jackson.
Voting Yea: Council Member Oxley, Council Member Holly, Council Member Wilshire, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Smallwood, Jr., Council Member Jackson

Correspondence
The City Clerk read an invitation to the dedication ceremony of the Gold Star Families Memorial Monument.

Citizens Comments
Sandy Radford, a resident of Mahan Street spoke on behalf of several residents of the area concerning drainage issues and other problems.
Crystal Warner spoke about the Gold Star Mothers.
James Birt asked Council to consider partnering with his company to provide affordable low income housing for the area.
Jim Ayres reported that Halstead Avenue is so congested that the Fire Department would not be able to access the houses on the street.

Council Comments and Department Reports
The Mayor asked for comments from Council and Department Heads. The following items were discussed:
The Fire Department grant from American Water, a residence on Main Street, drainage on S. Loop, an alley abandonment in Minden, extra patrols in Minden, Dickerson Street, Harlem Heights park improvements, Amhurst Drive, and August Police Reports.

Mayoral Comments
The Mayor discussed Halstead Avenue.

Unfinished Business

1. **Review of Oak Hill Municipal Code (OHMC) 11.20 Fire Prevention Code - 2nd Reading**

   Motion - ***Accept this as the 2nd reading and adoption of an amendment to the OHMC 11.20 Fire Prevention Code.***

   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 Wilshire, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Smallwood, Jr., Council Member Jackson

New Business

2. **Structural Inspection Board (SIB) Recommendation Order to Demolish the Structure at 104 Central Ave., Map 25, Parcel 107, Owned by Barry Blackburn**

   Motion - ***Accept the recommendation of the SIB and order demolition of the structure at 104 Central Ave., owned by Barry Blackburn.***

   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 Wilshire, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Smallwood, Jr., Council Member Jackson

3. **SIB Recommendation to Demolish the Structure at 10 Rocklick School Rd., Map 59J, Parcel 13, Owner by Gauley Outdoor Center**

   Motion - ***Accept the recommendation of the SIB and order demolition of the structure at 10 Rocklick School Rd. owned by Gauley Outdoor Center.***

   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 Wilshire, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Smallwood, Jr., Council Member Jackson

4. **SIB Recommendation to Demolish the Structure at 11 Rocklick School Rd., Map 59J, Parcel 14, Owned by Randy Crawford**

   Motion - ***Table action on this item due to no proof of service.***

   Motion carried 6-0.
   Motion made by Council Member Holly, Seconded by Council Member Hayslette.
   Voting Yea: Council Member Oxley, Council Member Holly, Council Member Wilshire, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Smallwood, Jr., Council Member Jackson

5. **SIB Recommendation to Demolish the Structure at 40 Beaver Rd., Map 59E, Parcel 23, Owned by ACE Adventure Resort**

   Motion - ***Accept the recommendation of the SIB and order demolition of the structure at 40 Beaver Rd., owned by ACE Adventure Resort.***

   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 Wilshire, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Smallwood, Jr., Council Member Jackson

6. SIB Recommendation to Demolish the Structure at 118A High St., Map 7, Parcel 226, Owned by Novelle Barrett

Motion - ***Accept the recommendation of the SIB and order demolition of the structure located at 118A High St., owned by Novelle Barrett.***

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 Wilshire, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Smallwood, Jr., Council Member Jackson

7. Police Hiring

The Civil Service Commission presented a recommendation to hire Brandon Dodrill on a 90-day emergency hiring. He is already certified and will take our entrance examination before the 90 days expires. The Chief of Police explained this hiring is needed due to the resignation of an officer and officers going to the academy.

Motion - ***Accept the recommendation of the Civil Service Commission and hire Brandon Dodrill.***

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 Wilshire, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Smallwood, Jr., Council Member Jackson

The Chief of Police also explained that Officer Dodrill was the K9 handler for Mt. Hope and he would like permission to purchase the K9 and the equipment used for the dog from the Mt. Hope Police Department.

Motion - ***Authorize the purchase of the K9 unit and equipment.***

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 Wilshire, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Smallwood, Jr., Council Member Jackson

8. Consideration to Amend 6.06.030 to Allow for Wearing Masks, Hoods, or Face Coverings for Reasons of Health

Motion - ***Accept this as the 1st reading of an amendment to OHMC 6.06.030 to allow for wearing masks, hoods, or face coverings for reasons of health.***

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 Wilshire, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Smallwood, Jr., Council Member Jackson

9. Consideration and Adoption of a Resolution in Support of Gold Star Mother's Day

Motion - ***Authorize a resolution in support of Gold Star Mother's Day.***

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 Wilshire, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Smallwood, Jr., Council Member Jackson

10. Request for Abandonment of Right-of-Way Between 209 Duncan Ave. and 211 Duncan Ave.

Motion - ***Accept this as the 1st reading to abandon the right of way between 209 Duncan Ave. and 211 Duncan Ave.***

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 Wilshire, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Smallwood, Jr., Council Member Jackson

11. Consideration to Allow Trick or Treating on October 31, 2020
This item was introduced because of the COVID 19 pandemic. After much discussion it was decided to have trick or treat according to our ordinance and let the residents decide if they wish to participate.

Motion - ***Observe trick or treat as prescribed by the OHMC*.**

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 Wilshire, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Smallwood, Jr., Council Member Jackson

12. Consideration to be Recognized as a Tree City
The City Manager asked Council to consider being recognized as a Tree City. There are certain requirements to receive this recognition.

Motion - ***Authorize the City Manager to draft an ordinance that allows the City of Oak Hill to be recognized as a Tree City.***

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 Wilshire, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Smallwood, Jr., Council Member Jackson

13. League of American Bicyclist Bike Friendly Community Application and Healthy People Healthy Places Application

Erin Reid informed Council that she has been working on an application for the League of American Bicyclist Bike Friendly Community and the Healthy People Heathy Places application. These would be very prestigious designation if Oak Hill were to be selected. She is asking for Council's blessing and cooperation on the applications.

Motion - ***Approve the work on the application and agree to provide support to finish the application***.

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 Wilshire, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Smallwood, Jr., Council Member Jackson

Adjournment

Motion - *Adjourn the meeting*.

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 Wilshire, Council Member Hayslette, Council Member Smallwood, Jr., Council Member Jackson

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Daniel E. Wright, Mayor Damita Johnson, City Clerk