

Town of Oak Valley

2211 Oak Valley Lane
Corsicana, Texas 75110

July 14, 2026

MINUTES

In attendance

Mayor - **Max Taylor**. Aldermen - **Norma Finnen, Kendall Walker** and **Leon Ward**. Secretary - **Kelli Burkey**. Absent - **Randy Burkey, Kim Ogden**.

Mayor **Max Taylor** called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

Quorum declared.

Invocation given by **Kendall Walker**.

Agenda:

Review and Approval of Previous Town Hall Meeting Minutes:

Minutes for June were reviewed and approved.

Motion made to accept June Minutes by **Norma Finnen** and seconded by **Leon Ward**. Motion carried and approved by majority vote.

Financial Reports / Bills to be paid:

Financial Reports for June were discussed and reviewed as follows:

GENERAL ACCOUNT:

1. State Comptroller deposit \$5,711.63
2. Interest \$1.08
3. Permits \$60 - Norma Finnen \$30, Becky Chandler \$15, Kim Ogden for Byron Harris \$15.
4. Southwestern Bell - \$27.04
5. Advertising expense \$50 - NavCo Chronicle monthly Agenda posting
6. Contract Services \$100.00 - Secretarial/Treasurer for June
7. Lawn Care \$420 - Lonestar Lawn Care
8. Utilities (Electric) \$178.30
9. Utilities (Water) \$36.74
10. Ending balance for June \$14,852.89

GRANT ACCOUNT: (account does not earn interest)

1. Interest Deposit \$0.00
2. Ending balance for June \$50.00

MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT:

1. Interest Deposit \$1.60
2. Ending balance for June \$7,782.94

Bills to be paid in July were discussed and reviewed as follows:

GENERAL ACCOUNT:

1. Burkey, Kelli (Secretarial/Treasurer services) \$100.00
2. Corbet Water Supply electronic debit \$36.74
3. NavCo Chronicle \$50.00 (monthly agenda posting)
4. Lonestar Lawn Care \$420.00 (June lawn care)
5. Think Energy electronic debit \$24.61 (security light account)
6. Think Energy electronic debit \$218.10 (building account)

Receivables:

Permit payments -

- Scott Miller, 1900 Pin Oak Lane, (\$100 mobile home) Invoice sent 5/14/26, payment received and deposited 7/13/26. - PAID
- Linda & Julie ???, 1010 Oak Valley Lane. Property still in the name of Jordan Reichenau, % Nancy Miller Life Est.

Motion made to approve all **Financial Reports** by **Kendall Walker** and seconded by **Norma Finnen**. Motion carried and approved by majority vote.

Public Works Reports:

Building & Permits: Leon Ward

No new permits.

Road & Bridges Report:

Road/Bridge Maintenance: Randy Burkey - absent.

Max Taylor read updates that **Randy Burkey** had sent him since he would miss this meeting.

Trees on road - Two massive dead trees overhanging CR 1100 (from our annexed road frontage) that have been dropping limbs onto the road.

Commissioner David Brewer has offered to haul them away if we have them cut into manageable pieces. They are a danger as they are.

Kendall has reached out to Shane Richards about doing the work. Shane responded during our meeting that the quote would be \$1,500 to take the trees down or \$2,000 to take down and haul off.

Motion to remove and haul off the two dead trees on CR 1100 made by **Norma Finnen** and seconded by **Leon Ward**. Motion carried and approved by majority vote.

Condition of roads: Max

They have talked to the Precinct 4 road crew manager and determined that they were almost able to fill the remaining potholes with the leftover asphalt they had from our last purchase. Do we want to get more and fix the rest of the low spots or hold off to see if the current rains will cause more potholes and then address it next month? Max is concerned about proceeding until we have a better feel for how much our State Sales/Use Tax will increase going forward.

Discussion was held around the amount of our deposits, when they usually hit our account and some available reports that **Kelli Burkey** may be able to run from the Texas State Comptrollers site. She will follow up on that.

Kendall Walker's recommendation was to wait until next month to see if we think it's necessary at that time. **Max** brought up that the Council had given **Randy** authority to make purchases within budget as needed, however there is not much left in the road budget. **Max** suggested taking \$2.5K from the money market and putting it into the general account road fund.

Motion made by **Leon Ward** to move \$2,500 from our Money Market account to our General Account road fund, seconded by **Kendall Walker**. Motion carried and approved by majority vote.

Commerce Report:

Annexation Update: Mayor Max Taylor

Max read an update from **Randy** regarding the RIOT facility tour this past Friday morning that he attended along with other County and City officials from Corsicana.

Topics of interest:

- Future plans to transition current bitcoin mining over to data centers (AI) resulting in a major reduction in water demand than is currently being used.
- Data Center requirements will also dictate a much higher number of employees at a higher pay scale.
- Regarding self-generated power; with the current power stations in place, there's no foreseeable benefit to add alternative energy sources. However, the possibility of other proposed government regulations could require a significant level of self-generated power.

Possible tour of the Riot facility for Oak Valley residents in September. **Max** is confirming with Riot to get it scheduled.

Riot is also in the early construction phases of building a two story data center at the same site, which is already annexed in.

Max also called our attorney regarding the delay in our Oncor franchise fees and to see if he could be more persuasive with them. **Kelli** mentioned that she had sent **Max** an email with information that TML could possibly get involved to speed up the review process with Oncor. **Max** will follow-up.

Code Enforcement Update Right of Way Issues: Mayor Max Taylor

No ROW issues lately. Mastec may be done for now. The other fiber optic company backed out.

No further communication from Oncor on new pole work locations. They should be going to Liberty Drive next. Need to see if we have a permit for Liberty Dr.

Volunteer Fire Department Report:

None

Navarro County Sheriff's Dept. Report:

None

Oak Valley Ladies Night Out Report: Debbie Taylor

A few ladies will be meeting this Thursday at the Taylors to talk about NNO which is the first Tuesday in October. Anyone interested in helping, please contact Debbie.

Clean up day for ditches was recommended - maybe late August or September.

We need to consider plans for another Neighborhood Garage Sale weekend. We already have the banner. Think about possibly putting it on the calendar for November.

New Business: Mayor Max Taylor**Workshop:**

Max would like to hold a workshop in August. He will be sending out an email of available dates, probably a 2-3 hour session. There are a couple of needs we have and that is to revisit all the ordinances and, based on projections of franchise fees, discuss what we want to consider to reshape Oak Valley's management and City Hall.

Max will speak to other municipalities our size and see what they do. This could take a series of workshops. Need to have ordinances in place when the franchise fees start to come in. Code Enforcement capability will be key. But our #1 priority is our roads.

Google Drive Account:

Also, need to schedule a workshop to clean-up and migrate our current Google Drive to a designated Drive for the Town of Oak Valley. **Max** will touch base with Sean to see if he can help coordinate/confirm the steps necessary to get this done.

Max will also send an email regarding possible dates for this workshop.

City Audit -

We still need more bids. **Max** has sent out more requests. **Norma** asked if TML could help with this. **Max** will follow-up with them to see.

Open Forum -

Meeting adjourned at 6:54 PM.

Next meeting scheduled for August 11, 2026