

Town of Oak Valley

2211 Oak Valley Lane
Corsicana, Texas 75110

September 9, 2025

MINUTES

In attendance

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

Mayor **Max Taylor** called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

Invocation given by **Max Taylor**.

Agenda:

Review and Approval of Previous Town Hall Meeting Minutes:

Minutes for August were reviewed and approved.

Motion made to accept August Minutes by **Leon Ward** and seconded by **Randy Burkey**. Motion carried and approved by majority vote.

Financial Reports / Bills to be paid:

Financial Reports for August were discussed and reviewed as follows:

GENERAL ACCOUNT:

1. State Comptroller deposit \$925.84
2. Permit deposit \$40.00 - Dan & Alisia Greer
3. Advertising expense \$50 - NavCo Chronicle Agenda posting
4. Contract Services \$100 - Secretarial/Treasurer
5. Lawn Care \$395.00
6. Legal \$3,412.50 - Annexation
7. Roads & Bridges \$2,506.90 - Navarro Co. Precinct 4, Texas Materials
Inv for 22.79 tons of cold mix
8. Utilities (Electric) \$333.98
9. Utilities (Water) \$36.69
10. Ending balance for August \$39,728.67

GRANT ACCOUNT:

1. Interest deposit \$.00 (account does not earn interest)
2. Ending balance for August \$531.93

MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT:

1. Interest Deposit \$1.55
2. Ending balance for May \$7,284.97

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

GENERAL ACCOUNT:

1. Burkey, Kelli (Secretarial/Treasurer services) \$100.00
2. Corbet Water Supply electronic debit \$36.69
3. NavCo Chronicle \$50.00 (monthly agenda posting)
4. Lawn Care \$.00 (contract ended, looking for new service)
5. Think Energy electronic debit \$16.26 (security light account)
6. Think Energy electronic debit \$278.11 (building account)
7. TOASE \$1,137.50 (August billing re:Annexation)

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

Kelli Burkey spoke to VeraBank about changing our General Account to Basic Business with Interest. Stefanny Varela with VeraBank confirmed that we would not need to complete any paperwork. There is no minimum balance required, other than we need to maintain \$1,000 in order to earn interest. If the balance drops below \$1,000 we will not earn interest that month but there is no service charge.

Motion was made by **Kim Ogden** to change our General Acct to Basic Business with Interest and seconded by **Randy Burkey**. Motion carried and approved by majority vote.

Council also discussed moving funds from our Grant Account to our Money Market account. Currently our Grant Account earns no interest and our Money Market account earns .25%.

Motion was made by **Norma Finnen** to move \$481.93 from Grant Acct to Money Market Acct leaving a balance of \$50 in our Grant Acct. Motion seconded by **Kim Ogden**, carried and approved by majority vote.

Public Works Reports:

Building & Permits:

Update by Leon Ward -

Betsy Dour, 1890 Oak Valley Ln, to complete her shipping container permit payment through our PayPal link.

David and Sherry Berry, new construction residential permit on Pin Oak. They need a 911 address. Max will assign.

Road & Bridges Report:

- **Road/Bridge Maintenance Update**

No new updates.

When the county begins work on Liberty Dr. they will smooth as they go. **Randy** will follow-up with Commissioner **David Brewer** to see if the county can fill pot holes that have developed.

Commerce Report:

- **Planned Annexation Update, Mayor Max Taylor**

- Public Hearings

First hearing is Thursday, Sept 18, 2025 at 6:00 PM.

Second hearing is Tuesday, Sept 23, 2025 at 6:00 PM.

Max sent letters to 70 prospective landowners in the annexation path and notified of hearings. Notice has been posted on the website and in paper. Format will be a presentation of our annexation plan (video and verbal), Powerpoint of why, benefits to town and residents of OV.

Then a public comments section (3 min per person that signs up). Cards will be distributed to ask questions. Take up cards and address questions.

Surveys on 1100, 2452 & 709 are in process and should be complete by 9/12. The next step is to complete the annexation plan and submit it to the Controller of Public Accounts. Our attorney advised that the plan does not require an approval, it must just be submitted. **Max** will confirm.

- Additional Land Acquisitions

Riot is buying land around their existing parcel - another 600 acres. Potentially more data centers - not for bitcoin but others i.e. google etc. Our agreements are in place. Riot came to **Max** asking to annex these additional properties into Oak Valley.

Do we move forward or wait?

Randy asked if there is a waiting time to add additional properties to annexation. **Norma** agrees that going forward would be best. We don't know the time frame on closing on the properties and/or timeline on additional annexation.

- **Code Enforcement Update, Mayor Max Taylor**

No update on property by bridge. **Max** will check status in the next few days.

Volunteer Fire Department Report:

Max met with Jeremy Cobb of the Corbet/Oak Valley VFD but there's no update if they want to join us. It would be a benefit for Oak Valley to have agreements with both Retreat and Oak Valley VFD.

Navarro County Sheriff's Dept. Report:

None

Oak Valley Ladies Night Out Report: Debbie Taylor

Debbie Taylor - We had a great turnout for SING-O night at the theater!

National Night Out is 10/7 and we are currently working on a plan for here at the Community Center from 5:30-7:30.

Planning activities i.e. bouncehouse, games, food, bingo, door prizes, car club and, of course, emergency response vehicles.

New Business:

Lawn Care - We need a new contract. Our current contract expired April 30th and that company will no longer provide our lawn care service.

Max received three bids. Council discussed and agreed to award a contract to Lonestar Lawn Care as their price per mowing was the best. Council preferred to make monthly payments based on the number of mowings per month not to exceed 3/month. Trimming and weed control only as needed. Contract to start 9/1/25 and go through 8/31/26.

Open Forum -

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 PM.

Next meeting scheduled for October 14, 2025