

# Town of Oak Valley

2211 Oak Valley Lane  
Corsicana, Texas 75110

May 14, 2024

## MINUTES

### In attendance

Mayor **Max Taylor**. Aldermen - **Norma Finnen, Rebecca Chandler, Leon Ward, Randy Burkey** and **Kendall Walker**. Secretary - **Kelli Burkey**.

Mayor **Max Taylor** called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM  
**Randy Burkey** gave the invocation.

### **Certification of New Officers for Alderman, Places 3, 4 & 5**

#### **Swearing In of New Officers:**

Mayor **Max Taylor** read the oaths to the following officers and swore them in.

Alderman, Place 3 - Norma Finnen

Alderman, Place 4 - Kim Ogden

Alderman, Place 5 - Leon Ward

### **Reception for Outgoing Officers and Executive Session (closed meeting):**

*\*\*Guests invited to have refreshments while the Board of Aldermen meet in closed session.*

**Resumed meeting at 6:40 PM.**

### Agenda:

#### **Review and Approval of Previous Town Hall Meeting Minutes:**

Minutes for April were reviewed and approved.

Motion made to accept April Minutes by **Randy Burkey** and seconded by **Norma Finnen**. Motion carried and approved by majority vote.

## **Bills to be paid / Financial Report:**

**Bills to be paid** were discussed and reviewed as follows:

### **GENERAL ACCOUNT:**

1. Check for \$100.00 to Kelli Burkey for secretarial/treasurer services.
2. Mowing - Simply Green Lawn Care & Irrigation for \$133.66
3. Corbet Water Supply electronic debit of \$36.64
4. Think Energy electronic debit of \$17.37 (security light account)
5. Think Energy electronic debit of \$203.81 (building account)
6. Yahoo Mail Plus electronic debit of \$5.00 (mail forwarding service)
7. T.O.A.S.E. Law Firm for \$2,803.80 (Mar. billing re: annexation).
8. T.O.A.S.E. Law Firm for \$4,993.75 (Mar. billing re: general legal).

**Financial Reports** were discussed and reviewed as follows:

### **GENERAL ACCOUNT:**

1. State Comptroller deposit \$567.58
2. Oncor Franchise Fee deposit: \$5.29
3. Contract Labor \$100.00 - March secretary/treasurer.
4. Legal \$3,850.00 - T.O.A.S.E Stmt #4 regarding Annexation \$2,187.50, T.O.A.S.E Stmt #2 regarding General \$1,662.50
5. Other Misc \$29.16 - Sign supplies from Lowe's
6. Road & Bridges Dept - \$40.14 - bridge repair materials from Home Depot.
7. Ending balance for April \$88,099.87.

### **GRANT ACCOUNT:**

1. TDA Deposit for Grant Drainage Project payments of \$253,050.00.
2. GrantWorks payment of \$3,200 for Milestone 4.
3. JR West Tx Concrete payment for \$249,850.00
4. JR West Tx Concrete payment for \$14,411.50 (portion of OV's 5% match of \$17,500)
5. Ending balance for April, \$11,795.73

### **MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT:**

1. Interest Deposit \$1.49
2. Ending balance for April, \$7,260.67

Motion made to approve **Bills to be Paid** and **Financial Reports** by **Leon Ward** and seconded by **Kim Ogden**. Motion carried and approved by majority vote.

## **Public Works Reports:**

### **Building & Permits:**

#### **Leon Ward -**

- 3042 Liberty - received application for permit for 3-sided barn (160 sq ft).
- Containers at 560 Oak Valley Ln. - no update.

### **Road & Bridges Report:**

**Randy Burkey** updated that we were out of rock asphalt. He had spoken to Commissioner **David Brewer** regarding cold mix. The County will be able to order the cold mix and spread it and it will be more cost effective than the rock asphalt.

- **Approval of Reskinning of Oak Valley Lane Bridge -**

Mayor **Max Taylor** led discussion around the need for materials to reskin OV Lane bridge. Commissioner **David Brewer** said he could look into obtaining the materials through the County but his crews were tied up with storm damage cleanup and it would be a couple of weeks before he would be able to. He will check their schedule and availability.

Wanda Goodson asked if someone could straighten the boards on the bridge. **David Brewer** will see what the County can do.

Motion made by **Randy Burkey** to approve County to source & procure lumber to reskin the OV Lane bridge up to \$6K in material costs. Motion was seconded by **Norma Finnen** and carried by majority vote.

- **CDBG-Drainage Improvement Project -**

Mayor **Max Taylor** updated that the work was complete and they were in the final stages of the paperwork. Issues exist regarding the RFQ that didn't include the HeadWalls and Safety End Treatments that were required. Contractor reached out to the Engineer but went ahead and built the HWs and SETs without approval. Talk around litigation over who owes. Our attorney recommends going back to the contractor as the Town of Oak Valley is indemnified and the contractor did the work w/o approval.

Motion made by **Randy Burkey** to have our attorney notify the contractor and engineer that according to the contract, the Town of Oak Valley is indemnified and we will hold off on any further payments. Motion seconded by **Norma Finnen** and carried by majority vote.

### **Commerce Report:**

#### **Update on Annexation Plans -**

Mayor **Max Taylor** recapped:

- We received an initial estimate to redo our 3 main Oak Valley roads from HA Pair for \$3M.
- With the Asphalt Zipper purchase/donation plus oil sand it will be closer to \$300K.
- The power that will be utilized by Riot Platforms will increase our Oncor Franchise fee significantly. The proposed annexation will not cost Riot Platforms or landowners anything. Only municipalities can receive the Oncor Franchise fees.
- Riot Platforms is currently planning a Town Hall meeting for the public to attend and ask questions.
- Per Commissioner **David Brewer**, the County did not take any action on the abatement for Riot Platforms. The citizen reaction was overwhelmingly against the tax abatement.

Wanda Goodson asked if there might be other opportunities to annex i.e. cell towers near Pin Oak. Mayor **Max Taylor** said they could look into it.

**Code Enforcement - Abatement vs Citation.** Tabled any discussion for now.

### **Volunteer Fire Department Report:**

None

### **Navarro County Sheriff's Dept. Report:**

None

## **Oak Valley Ladies Report:**

**Update by Lynette Horton** - The National Night Out (NNO) will be in October. Asked Becky Chandler about hosting again and she will let us know. Lynette has also already reached out to the Sheriff's Dept about NNO. There were 4 ladies that helped organize the event last year and they could always use additional help this year.

This Thursday, the 16th, is the ladies meeting and it will be on Mental Health Awareness.

Debbie Taylor updated us that the cleanup day on April 20th was rained out.

## **New Business:**

None

## **Open Forum for Public Comment:**

None

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Next meeting scheduled for June 11, 2024