

Town of Oak Valley

2211 Oak Valley Lane
Corsicana, Texas 75110

June 10, 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 6:03 PM.

Invocation given by **Randy Burkey**.

Agenda:

Review and Approval of Previous Town Hall Meeting Minutes:

Minutes for May were reviewed and approved.

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

Financial Reports / Bills to be paid:

Financial Reports for May were discussed and reviewed as follows:

GENERAL ACCOUNT:

1. State Comptroller deposit \$756.68
2. Loan Funds deposited \$98,756.00
3. SWBell Franchise Fee \$37.74
4. Advertising expense \$50 - NavCo Chronicle Agenda posting
5. Bank Analysis Activity Service Chg \$1.48
6. Contract Services \$100 - Secretarial/Treasurer
7. Lawn Care \$395.00
8. Legal \$2,162.50 - T.O.A.S.E.
9. Roads & Bridges - \$98,821.52 (\$98,756 Nav Co asphalt, \$65.52 Home Depot stop sign hardware)
10. Utilities (Electric) \$212.37
11. Utilities (Water) \$36.69

12. Ending balance for May \$45,997.94

GRANT ACCOUNT:

1. Interest deposit \$.00 (Interest has been removed from acct)
2. Ending balance for May \$531.93

MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT:

1. Interest Deposit \$1.55
2. Ending balance for May \$7,280.37

Bills to be paid in June 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. Simply Green Lawn Care & Irrigation \$395.00
5. Think Energy electronic debit \$16.26 (security light account)
6. Think Energy electronic debit \$175.51 (building account)
7. T.O.A.S.E. (Legal) \$175.00 (General) & \$700.00 (Annexation)
8. SOSA Heating & Air \$225.00 (replaced capacitor)
8. Yahoo Mail Plus electronic - cancelled 5/18/25.

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

Public Works Reports:

Building & Permits:

Update by Leon Ward -

We received the carport permit application and payment from **Alicia Greer**.

Mayor **Max** asked if there was an update on the rental property at Black Oak Dr. where **Richard Tate** was not able to approve for service in May. **Leon** had no further update.

Mr. Michael Jackson submitted an application to move in a trailer on his property. **Max** will speak to him and let him know that he may need to split/parcel his land so there will be at least 1 designated acre where the trailer will be for septic.

Norma Finnen asked if we have distributed/posted our ordinances so they are available to residents. **Max** confirmed they are on our website. Also discussed preparing a “Welcome Packet” for anyone new to the community that could include where they can find our ordinances and other information regarding Oak Valley.

Road & Bridges Report:

- **Road/Bridge Maintenance Update - Randy Burkey**

We approved for the county to purchase additional patch material and they filled pot holes last week. With the recent stormy weather and add'l TXDOT requirements, the county will be delayed a few more weeks before they can continue on Liberty Dr.

The purchase of the two truck loads of patch material will add to the road base when they use the zipper in those areas.

Max will post updates on our website and the FB pages regarding the weather delay.

Debbie Taylor asked about a FB post regarding a tree that was down. Who should citizens contact/call when that happens?

→ They should contact the County.

Max will also talk to **Eric Myers** (Nav Co Emergency Mgmt) regarding Disaster Relief. **Randy** suggested that the Army Corp of Engineers may be able to help with a retention pond or some other solution.

Mary Jock asked who residents call when there is flooding that makes roads impassable so that barriers get put up and no one gets stuck.

→ They should call County Precinct 4 or the Sheriff's Dept after hours.

Commerce Report:

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

Max has sent out landowner information letters. Our attorney is in the process of creating annexation notifications to send to the county as well as TXDOT. Typically they don't respond back and a "no response" after 60 days is considered approved.

The goal is to have annexation of landowners done by the time the 60 day period ends. Then the annexation application goes to the TX Comptroller.

Of the approx 13 returned landowner postcards, most are not interested in being annexed but a couple are. There are still ~40-50 that have not responded and we will recontact them. The attorney is preparing a draft landowner annexation agreement that will go out to them so they can see what it includes.

We plan to have hearings for the general public / Oak Valley residents. **Max** suggested we also invite the landowners in the annexation path to 1 of 3 annexation information meetings that we would provide a dinner for. Could possibly have these meetings in 2-3 weeks.

Jeremy Cobb (Corbet-Oak Valley CFD) had contacted **Max** wanting to know what Oak Valley could possibly do for the VFD. **Max** may make a visit this week and invited members of the Council if they want to join him.

Max asked for Council feedback on the following: A landowner near Corbet Water Supply, on a nearby County Rd, expressed interest to **Max** of being annexed along with 5-6 of his neighbors who are interested. This area is not included in our annexation path. The main reason they are interested in being annexed is for their road maintenance. There are a couple of ways that this area could be included in our annexation. But we would need to discuss with David about coming back to pave add'l annexed properties. Even though they are not in our direct path, they could be valuable to our plan.

Norma asked since these landowners want to annex, would they be subject to eminent domain in the future? Discussion followed regarding eminent domain, ETJs (Extra Territorial Jurisdictions) and protection from annexation/ad valorem tax by other cities.

Mike McCarter - What happens if we don't get the vote for annexation?

Max explained that we don't vote on annexation as a Type B city, the only votes are for elections.

If people don't want to be annexed, does Oak Valley lose the Oncor franchise fees?

Max explained how the Oncor Franchise fees are only available to municipalities and as long as our annexation path to Riot is approved, we will receive the Oncor Franchise fees. Even if people don't want to be annexed, we still have the road right-of-ways.

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

Max spoke to Mike Dowd, Nav Co Tax Assessor/Collector, regarding the house at 650 Oak Valley Ln. He said that it could be sold on the Courthouse steps if there is a tax lien on it.

Oak Valley could also condemn it and run an ad in the newspaper. If no one comes forward, then we can take ownership of the property.

We would then have to make it public use and not sell it.

However, if taxes are behind then Mike Dowd said we could take it to Linebarger Attorneys and they could proceed with taking it to auction. **Max** will follow up with Linebarger.

Volunteer Fire Department Report:

None

Navarro County Sheriff's Dept. Report:

None

Oak Valley Ladies Night Out Report: Debbie Taylor

Game night will be this Thursday, 5:30-7:30 pm here at Town Hall. Everyone is invited to come and bring a snack. We may play Bunco, ChickenFoot or other games. Hope lots of ladies can come!

Nat'l Night Out is coming up the 1st Tuesday of October. The location will probably be at Town Hall like last year. **Kim Ogden** volunteered to help/lead. **Norma** will be glad to approach some local businesses like SuperOne for food donations as their community outreach. **Max** will check with RIOT for possible donations as well.

Mike McCarter volunteered to help cook.

We need to get registered for NNO. We still have the signs from last year.

New Business:

None

Open Forum -

Someone has a really cute pomeranian puppy that has come up to their house. If anyone is missing it, the Roughton's have it.

Resident **Jim Venable - Jim** expressed concern that a tree trimming company came yesterday and cut lots of large tree limbs on a tree across the street from his house on Post Oak Dr. They left limbs in his yard also. Who's responsible for cleaning up the limbs?

Max will contact Oncor and try to find out who the tree trimming company is and when they are coming back to clean up the branches.

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 PM.

Next meeting scheduled for July 8, 2025