

# Town of Oak Valley

2211 Oak Valley Lane  
Corsicana, Texas 75110

February 11, 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 6:08 PM and gave the invocation.

### Agenda:

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

Minutes for January were reviewed and approved.

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

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

Financial Reports were discussed and reviewed as follows:

##### **GENERAL ACCOUNT:**

1. State Comptroller deposit \$765.21
2. Annual Oncor franchise fee deposit \$8,447.34
3. Permits deposit \$234.61
4. Interest deposit \$3.80
4. Advertising expense \$50 - NavCo Chronicle Agenda posting.
5. Lawn Care \$395.00 - January expense.
6. Legal - T.O.A.S.E. \$525.00 - Annexation
7. Ending balance for January \$52,500.48.

**GRANT ACCOUNT:**

1. Interest deposit \$.05
2. Ending balance for January \$531.80

**MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT:**

1. Interest Deposit \$1.54
2. Ending balance for January \$7,274.38

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

**GENERAL ACCOUNT:**

1. Check for \$100.00 to Kelli Burkey for February 2025 secretarial/treasurer services.
2. Mowing - Simply Green Lawn Care & Irrigation for \$395.00
3. Corbet Water Supply electronic debit of \$36.69
4. Think Energy electronic debit of \$17.48 (security light account)
5. Think Energy electronic debit of \$518.22 (building account)
6. Yahoo Mail Plus electronic debit of \$5.00 (mail forwarding service)
7. NavCo Chronicle for \$50 (monthly agenda posting)
8. TML Bond Insurance for aldermen \$295.00

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

**Public Works Reports:**

**Building & Permits:**

**Leon Ward -**

- Nothing new this month.

**Mayor Max Taylor -**

- **Norah Mosnia** filed for a building permit last month. They are out of town but will be notifying **Max** when they get the electrician to set the pole. **Max** will need to notify Oncor and **Richard Tate**. **Leon** confirmed they had been laying the water line last week and doing some clearing by the tank.

## **Road & Bridges Report:**

- **Road Maintenance Update - Randy Burkey**

**Randy** spoke with Commissioner **David Brewer** this week and confirmed that the County has ordered a new vibratory steel drum roller that should come in soon. When they get started, they will begin on Liberty Dr and may take several weeks to complete. **Debbie Taylor** asked if that includes the oil sand and who does that. **Randy** confirmed that Oak Valley will purchase the oil sand and the County will apply during the process.

**Kim Ogden** asked about the bad place in the road in front of the Horton's where the potholes are getting larger. **Randy** said he still had about 4 bags of the patch but it doesn't work in cold, wet conditions. **Max** asked about the washed out culvert on Pin Oak Ln. **Randy** and **Kendall** have talked to **David Brewer** and the county may be able to use rip rap there. **Randy** said he has some reflectors like he used at the Liberty Dr deep culvert that could be put out for now.

Resident **Jim Moore** asked if anything would be done with the ditches. **Randy** responded that as they work the roads, they will crown them for better drainage. But they will have to be careful around the utilities.

Resident **Johnny Allen** expressed concern about places where the rain water currently runs over the road. That will not be good for oil sand. **Randy** responded that the county anticipates having to bring in more road base in some areas to build up the road vs digging deeper ditches.

## **Commerce Report:**

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

- Regarding our roads in relation to annexation, the plan is for Oak Valley to be able to maintain our own roads. We make up about 1% of the roads in the County and with successful annexation we would have the funds to proactively maintain our roads. We will still need the County to help but we will be able to do things like mowing the right-of-ways, etc.
- Riot Corsicana has asked for some updates/changes to the agreement. Riot is asking for ordinances for subdivisions related to the special planned district where their land is located. Riot will probably be subdividing the land at some point.

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

- Property by the bridge, 650 Oak Valley Ln - **Max** spoke to **Adam Mintz** (Navarro County Environmental Officer) and he has not been able to meet up with the landowner.

**Jim Moore** asked what recourse the County has. **Max** explained that if **Adam Mintz** makes contact, he can begin to cite the landowner up to \$400/day. And if he doesn't pay, he can be put in jail. Oak Valley's recourse is that we can condemn the property and pay to clean it up. We could then use it for public use i.e. park. However, we would not own the property and would have to offer it back to the landowner for the amount of our expenses. Resident **Jim Moore** offered to clean it up. For now, we need to see what **Adam Mintz** can do. The property cannot be sold because there are heirs that the attorneys have not been able to locate.

**Volunteer Fire Department Report:** None

**Navarro County Sheriff's Dept. Report:** None

### **Oak Valley Ladies Night Out Report: Debbie Taylor**

We had to reschedule from last Thursday the 6th, so the group will be meeting this Thursday, Feb 13th, 5:30-7:30 pm. This will be a Valentine craft activity to deliver to shut-ins and elderly in our community. It will also be posted on Facebook.

### **New Business:**

#### **May, 2025 Election Update: Mayor Max Taylor**

On May 3rd we will have our election. If you would like to run for Mayor, Place 1 or Place 2 Alderman positions, you have until February 14th to submit your application to be placed on the ballot.

### **Open Forum -**

**Johnny Allen** expressed appreciation to the Mayor and Council for a job well done for the Town of Oak Valley.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Next meeting scheduled for March 11, 2025