Mayor & Board of Aldermen – Regular Meeting

Meeting Minutes
May 16, 2019

Present:  
Mayor Chris Goodman  
Vice-Mayor Ken Sutton  
Aldermen Kelly Rector & Frank Cates

Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

1. Call to order by Mayor Goodman
2. Quorum established with Alderman Duncan absent
3. Approval of Agenda

Mayor Goodman called for a motion to review the agenda; a motion was made to review by Vice Mayor Sutton and seconded by Alderman Rector. Alderman Cates requested the agenda be amended to include as a discussion item, “Home Business”. Unanimous decision to accept the amended agenda. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Reading and correction/Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting

Mayor Goodman called for a motion to review April 18, 2019 Regular Board Meeting Minutes; a motion was made to review by Alderman Rector and seconded by Vice Mayor Sutton. A call to vote accepting the minutes as presented; all in favor, none opposed. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Citizen’s Comments

Billy Ray Morris – Oakland – Mr. Morris addressed the Board of a noticeable water usage in his March billing ($267.97). Due diligence was done on Mr. Morris’s part in having plumbers to check for leaks and contacting the Water Department resulted in having the meter replaced. Mr. Morris ask the board for consideration of adjusting the sewer portion of his bill, because of the unexplained water usage.

6. Communications from the Mayor

Mayor Goodman welcomed and thanked all in attendance. The Mayor acknowledged the Fire Department and Public Works Department in compliments he had received by email, expressing gratitude in their attitudes and jobs well done. The Mayor responded to Mr. Morris’ request in stating consideration would be given. Alderman Rector requested the Mayor to have Harvey Ellis to send to the Board Members his findings to base their decision.

7. Reports from Department Heads

Code Enforcement - Walter Owens provided update.
Water & Public Works – Jenna Arnold provided update, as Harvey was absent.
Parks & Recreation – Brandon Mullins provided update.
Police Department – Asst. Chief Gaines provided update.
Fire Department – Chief Walls provided update.
Admin. Department – Yvonne Bullard provided update.

8. Report from Oakland Chamber of Commerce

Ms. Krepeka was absent. The Mayor mentioned the Farmers Market and Oakland in October as future events. The Board agreed that a portion of the $2,500.00 Springfest Sponsorship be refunded since the event was cancelled due to weather.

9. Reports from Members of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen

Discussion Items:

- **Charter Change** - Alderman Cates inquired of the time line causing the delay at the State. Vice Mayor Sutton requested all correspondence between the Mayor and State be emailed to the board including certified mailing information.

- **Sales Tax** – Alderman Cates requested a status update.

- **Revolution Church Purchase** – Alderman Cates asked if an environmental study had been done. The issue will be addressed in a special call meeting.

- **Live Stream Meetings** – Vice Mayor Sutton made a motion to have Yvonne Bullard to compile an all-inclusive quote for live streaming. The motion was seconded Alderman Rector. Vice Mayor Sutton made a motion for a Resolution or Ordinance to be presented at the June to allow Live-Streaming of Town Business. The motion was seconded by Alderman Cates. All in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

- **Sound Equipment** – Vice Mayor Sutton made a motion for Resolution or Ordinance to approve purchase of a sound system for the courtroom. The motion was seconded by Alderman Cates. All in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

- **Employee Insurance** - The board was presented with 4 quotes from various insurance brokers. The Board agreed to hold a workshop on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at 7:00pm to review and discuss further. Also, a special call meeting will be held regarding Revolution Church.

- **Sewer Projects Update** – Vice Mayor Sutton inquired of status of both East & West Project.

- **Grass Cutting & Trash – Hwy 64** - Vice Mayor Sutton request that Harvey get a quote on the cost of maintaining Hwy 64 grass cutting from the Welcome Sign on the west side of Oakland to Tomlin Road on the east side.

- **Mowing** - Vice Mayor Sutton asked the Tom Minor his legal opinion of the Town to use its manpower and resources to cut grass on private property with no compensation. Attorney Minor answered no. At the direction of the Board, the Mayor was instructed to end such arrangement.
- **Black Ankle Creek** – Vice Mayor Sutton asked when would the TDEC permit expire and the Town take over maintaining the natural area. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Sutton to have Attorney Minor to review the TDEC contract and email findings to the Board. The motion was seconded by Alderman Rector. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Home Business** - Alderman Cates inquired of a way to insure anyone within the city limits who has a Home-Based Business is paying personal property tax. When asked of Walter Owen his opinion, he stated the town not have the manpower to verify by going door to door. Mayor Goodman agreed.

10. Old Business – None

11. New Business

**Ordinance 19-01 – 2018-2019 Budget Amendment – 1st Reading**

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Sutton and seconded by Alderman Rector. A typo was found in the General Fund “Ending Fund Balance” of the 2018-2019 Amended proposal. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Sutton to rescind/table the original motion for the purpose of verification and move the item to the end of the agenda. The motion was seconded by Alderman Duncan. A motion was made by Alderman Duncan to reopen Ordinance 19-01. The motion to reopen was seconded by Alderman Cates. The typo was verified by recalculating the spreadsheet. It was determined the $2,297,862.00 on Ordinance 19-01 was incorrect and should be $2,297,882.00 (two million, two hundred ninety-seven, eight hundred eighty-two dollars). A motion was made by Alderman Cates to pass Ordinance 19-01 with the correction to the General Fund Ending Balance showing $2,297,882.00. The motion was seconded by Alderman Rector. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed unanimously.

**Ordinance 19-02 – Refund of Overpayments – 1st Reading**

A motion was made by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Rector. Mayor Goodman called for a vote; all were in favor, none opposed. The 1st Reading of Ordinance 19-02 passed unanimously.

**Resolution 19-20 – Bid Award of Skid Steer**

A motion was made by Alderman Rector and seconded by Alderman Duncan to review. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Sutton to award the bid to Stribling Equipment in the amount of $49,160.00 (lowest bid). Mayor Goodman called for a vote; all in favor, none opposed. The motion passed unanimously.

**Resolution 19-21 Authorizing the Advertising Bids for Sanitary Sewer 16" Force Main to Loosahatchie**

A motion was made by Alderman Cates and seconded by Vice Mayor Sutton. Mayor Goodman called for a vote; all were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed unanimously.
Resolution 19-22 Authorizing the Advertising Bids for Sanitary Sewer Expansion – U.S. Hwy 64 - Westside

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Sutton and seconded by Alderman Cates. Mayor Goodman called for a vote; all were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 19-23 Authorizing the Advertising Bids for Asphalt Paving Contract

A motion was made by Alderman Cates and seconded by Alderman Rector. Mayor Goodman called for a vote; all were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 19-24 Establishing Policy for Water Leak Adjustments

A motion was made by Alderman Cates and seconded by Alderman Duncan. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Sutton to set the “exceeding” amount at $250.00 (two hundred fifty dollars exactly). The motion was seconded by Alderman Cates. Mayor Goodman called for a vote; all were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 19-25 Authorizing the Oakland Police Department to Conduct a Public Auction

A motion was made by Alderman Cates and seconded by Alderman Rector. Mayor Goodman called for a vote; all were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed unanimously.

New Hire Request – Police Department

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Sutton and seconded by Alderman Cates. Mayor Goodman called for a vote; all were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed unanimously.

Fire Equipment Disposal

A motion was made by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Rector. Mayor Goodman called for a vote; all were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Approval of Invoices or Credit Applications

A motion was made by Alderman Rector and seconded by Alderman Cates. Mayor Goodman called for a vote; all were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn by Alderman Rector and seconded by Vice Mayor Sutton. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned.

Date: May 16, 2019

Chris Goodman, Mayor

K. Yvonne Bullard, City Recorder