Mayor & Board of Aldermen – Regular Meeting

Meeting Minutes
December 19, 2019

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

Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

1. Call to order by Mayor Goodman
2. Quorum established
3. Approval of Agenda

Mayor Goodman called for a motion to review the agenda; a motion was made by Alderman Cates and seconded by Alderman Rector. The Mayor requested the review of Police Department Application to be added to the agenda. A motion was made by Alderman Duncan to amend the agenda as requested. The motion was seconded by Alderman Rector. All were in favor of accepting the amended agenda, none opposed. The motion passed unanimously. All were in favor of setting the amended agenda, 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 November 21, 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 November 21, 2019 Regular Board Meeting minutes as presented; all in favor, none opposed. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Goodman called for a motion to review November 21, 2019 Beer Board Meeting Minutes; a motion was made to review by Alderman Cates and seconded by Alderman Duncan. A call to vote accepting the November 21, 2019 Beer Board Meeting minutes as presented; all in favor, none opposed. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Citizen’s Comments

Jim Larkin-Blackhill Drive- Thanked the decision makers, naming he and his wife, Linda, the honor of serving as Grand Marshall’s for Oakland 2019 Christmas Parade. As Grand Marshalls of the parade, it was their wish to dedicated the parade to the police department, fire department and all the first responders.
6. **Communications from the Mayor**

Mayor Goodman expressed appreciation of those taking time to attend the meeting. He thanked Mr. & Mrs. Larking for serving as Grand Marshalls in the 2019 Christmas Parade, as well as, all they do within the Town of Oakland.

The Mayor reported hours worked for the month of November – 151 hours and December - 166.25 hours.

Mayor Goodman reminded the citizens, that meetings are videoed and can be accessed on the town’s website.

Mayor Goodman wished all a Merry Christmas.

7. **Reports from Department Heads**

- **Code Enforcement** - Walter Owens
- **Water & Public Works** - Harvey Ellis
- **Parks & Recreation** – Brandon Mullins
- **Police Department** – Chief Earl
- **Fire Department** – Chief Walls
- **Admin/Finance** – Yvonne Bullard

8. **Report from Oakland Chamber of Commerce**

Ms. Krepela absent.

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

**Discussion Items:**

- **Audit** – Vice Mayor Sutton requested the board have an opportunity to meet with the auditors prior to the audit presentation. Vice Mayor Sutton asked the findings be emailed to the board members.

- **Comcast Franchise Agreement** - At this time 5% of their revenue will be paid quarterly and a quarterly report will be sent.

- **Charter Legislation** – Vice Mayor Sutton requested Yvonne to contact Representatives Gant and Gresham as to when we can expect this to be presented in committee.

- **Contracts** – Vice Mayor Sutton requested Attorney Minor to look into incorporating Chickasaw as an entity obligated in paying PILOT fees.

- **Grant Writer** – Alderman Cates asked the intent of getting a grant writer. Mayor Goodman stated he had contact Community Development Group to start on the AFG grant.

- **Cypress Creek Bridge** – Alderman Cates inquired of the meeting with Fayette County Mayor, School Board and Commissioners. Mayor Goodman stated the meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 14, 2020 @ 9am. The meeting will be held in the court room of Oakland City Hall. The Mayor assured that invitations would be sent to the school board members and the commissions representing Oakland.
• **Future Sports Complex/Parks** – Alderman Cates suggested that additional workshops need to be scheduled. Mayor Goodman updated the board, stating there have been several architectural firms that have submitted “Request for Qualifications” and a workshop is in order for the board to review the packets and select a firm. Once a firm is chosen, bring in the citizens for comments and suggestions.

• **Revolution Church Property** – Vice Mayor Sutton asked about building plans and plans in moving the staff. Mayor Goodman stated he has not received any from the person working on it. Mayor Goodman will follow-up.

• **Police Access (keys) to Buildings** – Alderman Cates asked if keys had been given to police department, which Mayor Goodman replied yes.

• **Responsibility to Follow Through on Board Decisions** – Alderman Cates asked who is responsible in acting on decisions made by the board. Mayor Goodman answered, “as Chief Executive that would be me”.

• **Board Meeting Agenda on Town Website** – Alderman Cates stated he had several citizens to complain, the agenda was not on the website. Mayor Goodman assured him they were being posted within 48 hours of the scheduled meeting as required and that all of 2019 to date was on the website.

• **Citizen’s Comment to Old Business** – Alderman Cates stated he had given consideration to a recommendation that was presented in November’s meeting; As citizens come before the board with a comment or issue, should it be left unresolved, the item will be placed on the agenda, of the next regular board meeting, as a discussion item. The board unanimously agreed.

10. **Old Business – NONE**

11. **New Business**

• **Resolution 19-61 – Authorizing Naming Rights of Smoot Property**
  A motion to hear for approval was made by Alderman Cates, with a second by Alderman Rector. Vice Mayor Sutton called for vote. All in favor, none opposed. Resolution 19-61 passed unanimously. None opposed.

12. **New Hire Application(s)**

• **Volunteer Fire Fighter** – A motion to review application was made by Vice Mayor Sutton. Alderman Cates seconded the motion. There was discussion of driving record, but Chief Walls assured the board, this applicant would not serve as a driver. A motion to approve the application was made by Vice Mayor Sutton and seconded by Alderman Cates. The motion passed unanimously. None opposed.

• **Police Officer** – A motion to review application was made by Alderman Cates. Alderman Rector seconded the motion. A motion to approve the application was made by Alderman Cates and seconded by Alderman Rector. The motion passed unanimously. None opposed.
13. Approval of Invoices or Credit Applications - NONE

14. Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn by Alderman Rector, seconded by Alderman Cates all in favor. The meeting was adjourned.

Date: December 19, 2019

Chris Goodman, Mayor

K. Yvonne Buillard, City Recorder