

# Mayor & Board of Aldermen – Regular Meeting

## Meeting Minutes

December 19, 2024

Present: Mayor Adrain Wiggins  
Alderman Austin, Bailey, Cates, and Hummel

### **Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag**

#### **1. Call to order by Mayor Wiggins**

#### **2. Establish Quorum**

All present

#### **3. Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag**

#### **4. Approval of Agenda**

Alderman Cates requested the following to be added to the agenda under “*VI. Special Item*” following “*Resolution 24-56 Acceptance of Alderman Resignation*”:

(1) Board Member Appointment and (2) Elect Board Members to Serve on Committees.

Alderman Hummel made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Alderman Bailey seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

#### **5. Reading and Correction/Approval of Minutes of Regular Board**

##### **October 17, 2024 – Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

Alderman Cates made a motion to approve the **October 17, 2024** Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Alderman Hummel seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

#### **6. Special Item:**

##### **A. Resolution 24-56 - Acceptance of Alderman Resignation Vacating Seat**

Alderman Cates made a motion to accept Resolution 24-56, the resignation of Adrian Wiggins as alderman and declaring the seat vacant. Alderman Hummel seconded the motion. A roll-call vote resulted as: M. Austin, D. Hummel, D. Bailey and F. Cates voting in favor to accept. None opposed. Resolution 24-56 passed.

## **B. Board Member Appointment**

Alderman Cates nominated Harry Campbell to fill the two-year term of the vacated seat as alderman. With no additional nominations Mayor Wiggins declared the nominations closed. A roll-call vote resulted as: M. Austin, D. Hummel, D. Bailey and F. Cates voting in favor to accept. None opposed.

Judge McDaniel performed the swearing in of Alderman Harry Campbell.

## **C. Elect Vice Mayor and Board Members to Committees**

Mayor Wiggins requested nominations to serve in the role as Vice Mayor. Alderman Bailey nominated Alderman Frank Cates. Alderman Hummel seconded the motion. A roll-call vote resulted as: H. Campbell, M. Austin, D. Hummel, D. Bailey and F. Cates voting in favor to accept. None opposed.

Mayor Wiggins requested nominations to serve as Chairman of the Beer Board. Alderman Austin nominated Alderman Frank Cates. A roll-call vote resulted as: H. Campbell, M. Austin, D. Hummel, D. Bailey and F. Cates voting in favor to accept. None opposed.

Mayor Wiggins requested nominations to serve on the Planning Board Committee. Alderman Bailey nominated Alderman Marilyn Austin. A roll-call vote resulted as: H. Campbell, M. Austin, D. Hummel, D. Bailey and F. Cates voting in favor to accept. None opposed.

Mayor Wiggins requested nominations to serve on the Parks & Recreation Committee. Alderman Cates nominated Alderman Harry Campbell. A roll-call vote resulted as: H. Campbell, M. Austin, D. Hummel, D. Bailey and F. Cates voting in favor to accept. None opposed.

## **7. Citizen's Comments**

None

## **8. Communications from the Mayor**

Mayor Wiggins thanked the voters, and everyone present for taking time to attend tonight's meeting. He acknowledged and welcomed Fayette County Mayor Taylor.

## **9. Communication from the Aldermen**

Alderman Austin- expressed thanks to the citizens of Oakland for voting in the recent election, and for the opportunity in serving the community.

Alderman Hummel – congratulated each of the new members and looks forward to serving with each of them.

Alderman Bailey – thanked the citizens for their vote of confidence and entrusting him to serve as Alderman of Oakland.

Vice Mayor Cates – mentioned the social media comments, related to the Fayette County Ambulance Service relocating outside of Oakland. He asked if Fayette County Mayor Taylor would mind speaking on the subject. Mayor Taylor stated the ambulance service has temporarily moved to Somerville, approximately 7 minutes away from Oakland. In the meantime, a permanent location is still being sought. Mayor Taylor expressed that no matter where they are housed, Oakland will continue to have ambulance service. He further stated that response time will be closely monitored and if necessary, adjustments will be made accordingly.

Vice Mayor Cates updated the town citizens and board members of comments made during the last meeting, about state requirements of the Mayor and Board Members to attend “out-of-town” training sessions and conferences. He reported the Mayor and Board are required to maintain 12 hours of Utility Board Training, and stated those can be done on-line.

#### **10. Department Head Reports**

Chief Walls congratulated and welcomed the new board. He went on to speak on the social media posts regarding the ambulance service, pointing out that in FC there is an Emergency Medical Services. He explained, when a citizen dials 911, the Sheriff’s Department immediately dispatches an ambulance, the Fire Department and Police Department. In 80 seconds or less, a medic unit with the best medical technicians will roll out to make the call. In his closing, he promised that the people of Oakland are not in jeopardy due to the relocation of the ambulance service.

At the request of Alderman Hummel, Chief Walls explained that most fires begin in the garage, because they aren’t monitored. It’s being recommended to change the code to require “Heat Alarms” to be installed as a deterrent.

Alderman Hummel inquired of Director Armstrong of the status of Floride Removal. He reported notifications to customers will go out the week after Thanksgiving, a notice must be placed in the local newspaper, then presented to the Mayor and Board for a vote in January 2025.

#### **11. Town Manager Report**

Town Manager Ellis welcomed new members, inviting them to the staff Thanksgiving Luncheon at the Oakland Activity Center. He also announced the Park expansion bid would be held tomorrow at City Hall and invited all interested parties to attend.

#### **12. Old Business: Ordinances Second and Final Reading**

##### **A. Ordinance 24-10 Amending Municipal Code Title 9, Business, Peddlers, Solicitors, ETC., Creation of Section 5 Titled “Mobile Food Preparation Vehicles”**

A motion to hear Ordinance 24-10 was made by Alderman Hummel. Vice Mayor Cates seconded the motion.

A motion was made by Alderman Hummel to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance 24-10. Alderman Campbell seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance 24-10 passed.

**B. Ordinance 24-11 – Amending Municipal Code Title 4, Chapter 4 – Travel Reimbursement Regulations**

A motion to hear Ordinance 24-11 was made by Alderman Hummel. Alderman Bailey seconded the motion.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Cates to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance 24-11, as amended. Alderman Bailey seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance 24-11 passed.

**13. New Business: Ordinances First Reading/ Public Hearing**

A. None

**14. Consideration of Resolutions: Old Business**

A. None

**15. Consideration of Resolutions: New Business**

**A. Resolution 24-57 – Water Treatment Plant SCADA Project – Contract Award**

A motion to hear Resolution 24-57 was made by Alderman Campbell.

A motion to approve Resolution 24-57 was made by Alderman Campbell. Alderman Hummel seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Resolution 24-57 passed.

**B. Resolution 24-58 – Establish Wastewater S.T.E.P Fund with First Citizen’s Bank**

A motion to hear Resolution 24-58 was made by Alderman Hummel.

A motion to approve Resolution 24-58 was made by Vice Mayor Cates. Alderman Austin seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Resolution 24-58 passed.

**C. Resolution 24-59 – Authorizing Purchase of Two Utility Trucks – Water Department**

A motion to hear Resolution 24-59 was made by Alderman Hummel.

A motion to approve Resolution 24-59 was made by Vice Mayor Cates. Alderman Campbell seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Resolution 24-59 passed.

**D. Resolution 24-60 – Authorizing Purchase of a Utility Truck – Waste-Water Department**

A motion to hear Resolution 24-60 was made by Vice Mayor Cates.

A motion to approve Resolution 24-60 was made by Vice Mayor Cates. Alderman Bailey seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Resolution 24-60 passed.

**E. Resolution 24-61 – Authorizing Purchase of NextGen Fixed Asset Accounting Module**

A motion to hear Resolution 24-61 was made by Alderman Hummel.

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A motion to hear Resolution 24-61 was made by Alderman Rounds.

A motion to approve Resolution 24-61 was made by Alderman Bailey. Alderman Campbell seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Resolution 24-61 passed.

**16. Old Business:**

None

**17. Other Item of Business:**

**A. Establish Work-Session -December 5, 2024 @ 5pm**

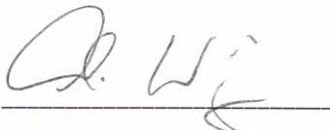
**18. Approval of Invoices**

None

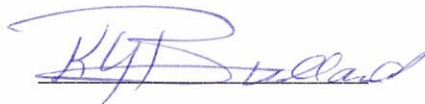
**19. Meeting Adjourned**

Alderman Rounds made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Date: November 21, 2024



Adrian Wiggins, Mayor



K. Yvonne Bullard, City Recorder