

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 Hummel made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Vice Mayor Cates seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

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

November 14, 2024 – Special Call Meeting Minutes

Vice Mayor Cates made a motion to approve the November 14, 2024 Special Call Meeting Minutes. Alderman Hummel seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

November 21, 2024 – Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Alderman Bailey made a motion to approve the November 21, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Alderman Campbell seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

6. Special Item:

None

7. Citizen's Comments

Steve Yant approached the Board, seeking permission to place an engraved stone at Cypress Creek. Mr. Yant introduced Melinda Henderson, whose son, Jacob Robinson, drowned near the site where the landscape stone would be placed. It is the wish of Ms. Henderson, not to place a memorial for her son, but to place a warning for others and call it the "Warning Rock".

Alderman Hummel made a motion to suspend the rules to accept the request of the "Warning Rock" placement as presented. Alderman Campbell seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

8. Communications from the Mayor

Mayor Wiggins extended his appreciation of the Water Department's work and time that was necessary in repairing the recent waterline break.

9. Communication from the Aldermen

Alderman Austin- also expressed thanks to the staff of the Water Department, in their efforts related to the repair of "another broken pipe". She recognized the Oakland Police Department in sponsoring the *2024 Shop With A Cop* event.

Alderman Bailey – wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Alderman Campbell – offered his gratitude to the Water Department and wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Alderman Hummel –agreed with previous comments made by the Board Members and wished all Happy Holidays.

Vice-Mayor Cates – thanked all the town employees; and, extended to everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy & safe New Year.

10. Department Head Reports

Director Blake Coker reported to the Board, the Wastewater Project is more than halfway through of the first construction phase. It's anticipated by next fall the transition into the two new basins will take place.

Mr. Coker reported the hiring of Randall Andrews in the Wastewater Department. Mr. Andrews interest in the National Rural Water Association Operator Apprenticeship Program, led him to apply with Oakland.

Vice-Mayor Cates questioned Parks & Rec Director Weston and Town Manager Ellis, the reasoning behind the Christmas Parade being held in the rain. Mr. Weston replied it was a joint decision of his and Mr. Ellis.

11. Town Manager Report

Town Manager Ellis welcomed everyone, wishing them a Merry Christmas. He thanked all who did participate in the Christmas Parade and assisted in it taking place.

Mr. Ellis announced his completion of the Certified Municipal Finance Officer, (CMFO), course.

Mr. Ellis expressed thanks to all employees of the Town of Oakland and advised the Board of his confidence in department heads that are currently in place.

12. Old Business: Ordinances Second and Final Reading

A. None

13. New Business: Ordinances First Reading

A. Ordinance 24-13 - AMEND CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES, TITLE 12 BUILDING AND UTILITY CODES, CHAPTER 1 STANDARD CODE ADOPTED

A motion to hear Ordinance 24-13 was made by Alderman Hummel. Alderman Campbell seconded the motion.

A motion to approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance 24-13 was made by Vice Mayor Cates. Alderman Austin seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The 1st Reading of Ordinance 24-13 passed.

14. Consideration of Resolutions: Old Business

A. None

15. Consideration of Resolutions: New Business

A. Resolution 24-62 AMENDING THE RENTAL FEES FOR PRIVATE USE OF OAKLAND ACTIVITY CENTER

A motion to hear Resolution 24-62 was made by Alderman Campbell.

A motion to approve Resolution 24-62 was made by Alderman Hummel as amended. Alderman Bailey seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Resolution 24-62 passed.

16. Old Business:

A. None

17. Other Item of Business:

A. Establish Work-Session

There was no work-session scheduled for January 2025.

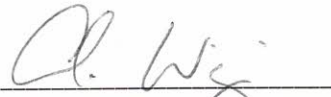
18. Approval of Invoices

None

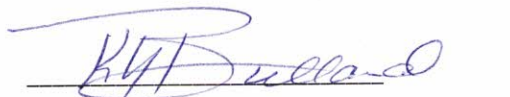
19. Meeting Adjourned

Vice Mayor Cates made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Date: December 19, 2024



Adrian Wiggins, Mayor



K. Yvonne Bullard, City Recorder