Mayor & Board of Aldermen - Regular Meeting

Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2025

Present:

Mayor Adrain Wiggins Vice Mayor Cates

Aldermen Austin, Bailey, Campbell 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

Town Manager Ellis requested Resolution 20-07 Authorizing Professional Services Contract with Stericycle, Inc.; and, Resolution 25-08 Authorizing Town Manager to Enter Negotiations for Purchase of Property located at 14655 Hwy 194 be added to the agenda for a revote. He explained that when the resolutions were passed during the March 11, 2025 meeting that citizens were not allowed the opportunity to speak.

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

5. Reading and Correction/Approval of Minutes

February 20, 2025 – Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Vice Mayor Cates made a motion to approve February 20, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes. Alderman Austin seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

February 11, 2025 - Special Call Meeting Minutes

Alderman Hummel made a motion to approve the February 11, 2025 Special Call Meeting Minutes. Alderman Austin seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

6. Special Item: The Boards Consideration of Ceasing Fluoride in Oakland's Water Supply System

Mayor Wiggins opened the floor to those who wished to speak "in favor" of Fluoride in the water supply.

A. Three (3) spoke in favor of continuing the fluoride, Savannah Hughes, John Finn and Tina Boam.

Mayor Wiggins opened the floor to those who wished to speak "in opposition" of Fluoride in the water supply.

B. Four (4) spoke in opposition to fluoride, Ken & Janice Wozny, Roy Neuhauser and Benjamin Lies

Alderman Hummel made a motion to remove fluoride from the Oakland Water System. Alderman Campbell seconded the motion. Mayor Wiggins took a roll call vote, with the results Alderman Hummel, Campbell and Austion voting in favor of removing the fluoride. Vice Mayor Cates and Alderman Bailey abstained from vote. The motion passed in a 3 to 2 vote.

7. Citizen's Comments

- A. Roy Neuhauser Countryside Dr.- Spoke in opposition of Bed & Breakfast Building purchase.
- **B.** Randy Springer 515 Mebane Rd. Addressed the board regarding Parking Ordinances and his being citated for a take home service truck that is issued to him by his employer.
- C. Roland Robinson 185 Lazy J Dr. Spoke in opposition to building purchase.
- D. John Finn 100 Acadia Cir. Budget
- 8. Communications from the Mayor

Mayor Wiggins congratulated Fayette Ware for another good win.

9. Communication from the Aldermen

None

10. Department Head Reports

None

11. Town Manager Report

Town Manager Ellis reported contracted mosquito spraying will begin April 8th through September 2025 for those residents within Oakland City limits.

- 12. Old Business: Ordinances Second and Final Reading w/ Public Hearing
 - A. None
- 13. New Business: Ordinances First Reading

A. None

14. Consideration of Resolutions: Old Business

A. None

15. Consideration of Resolutions: New Business

A. Resolution 25-07 – Authorizing Professional Services Contract with Stericycle, Inc.

Alderman Austin made a motion to hear Resolution 25-07.

A motion was made by Alderman Hummel to approve Resolution 25-07. The motion was seconded by Alderman Austin. All were in favor, none opposed. Resolution 25-07 passed.

B. Resolution 25-08 – Authorizing Town Manager to Enter Negotiations for Purchase of Property located at 14655 Hwy 194.

Vice Mayor Cates made a motion to hear Resolution 25-08.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Cates to approve Resolution 25-08. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hummel. All were in favor, none opposed. Resolution 25-08 passed.

C. Resolutions 25-09 – Roadway Improvement – Request for Bids

A motion to hear Resolution 25-09 was made by Vice Mayor Cates.

A motion to approve Resolution 25-09 was made by Vice Mayor Cates. Alderman Austin seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Resolution 25-09 passed.

D. Resolution 25-10 - Outsourcing Utility Billing - Contract Award

A motion to hear Resolution 25-10 was made by Vice Mayor Cates.

Direct-FX lowest bidder at \$37,500 was recommended by staff.

A motion to approve Resolution 25-10 was made by Alderman Campbell. Vice Mayor Cates seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Resolution 25-10 passed.

E. Resolution 25-11 – Four Front Design – Terminate Contract

A motion to hear Resolution 25-11 was made by Alderman Bailey.

A motion to approve Resolution 25-11 was made by Alderman Austin. Alderman Hummel seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Resolution 25-11 passed

16. Other Item of Business:

A. Code of Ethics - Discussion

Vice Mayor Cates stated he was advised by MTAS that each town should draft its own Code of Ethics. He was further advised to incorporate the Code of Ethics provided by MTAS with Oakland's already established ethics and build from there. Mr. Cates stated that the Mayor and Board should be held to higher standards, setting the example for town employees.

Alderman Hummel stated a Code of Conduct was spoken of in the past by the board. She suggested this subject be placed on a workshop agenda.

B. Establish Work Session - April 3, 2025 @ 5pm

17. Approval of Invoices

None

18. Meeting Adjourned

Alderman Hummel made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Date: March 20, 2025

K. Yvonne Bullard, City Recorder

Adrian Wiggins, Mayor