

# Mayor & Board of Aldermen –Special Call Meeting @ 6:00PM

## Meeting Minutes

- June 30, 2025

Present: Mayor Adrian Wiggins  
Vice Mayor Cates  
Aldermen Marilyn Austin, Harry Campbell & Debbie Hummel

### 1. Call to Order

Mayor Wiggins called the meeting to order.

### 2. Establish Quorum

Dan Bailey was absent.

### 3. Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance

### 4. Approval of the Agenda

Town Manager requested a correction to agenda Item 7c. Ordinance 25-07 a *Public Hearing*.

A motion was made by Alderman Hummel to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Alderman Austin. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

### 5. Citizen Comments

Roy Neuhauser – Countryside Drive – Spoke against the recent agenda procedure change, related to the *Citizen Comments* section of board meeting agendas. He requested the board to reconsider the change that was made.

### 6. Consideration of Other Business

Mayor Wiggins briefly explained that creating an Industrial Development Board is to promote the growth of commercial and industrial businesses, which will generate additional revenue for the Town of Oakland. Stating the board is made up of 7 members serving staggered terms (appointed by Mayor Wiggins), he presented the following, Ken

Sutton & Dave Trospen as serving a 2 year-term, Blake Daigle & Paul Witt serving 4 year - term; and Hollie Holland, Aron Pullen & Vinney Bleau serving a 6 year-term.

Vice Mayor Cates made a motion to accept the list of candidates as presented. Alderman Hummel seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

## **7. Old Business: Ordinances Second and Final Reading w/ Public Hearings**

### **a. Ordinance 25-05 - Adopting the FY 2026 Annual Operating and Capital Budget**

Mayor Wiggins opened the floor to a Public Hearing. With no one approaching to speak, the Public Hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Cates to hear the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance 25-05. Alderman Campbell seconded the motion.

Vice Mayor Cates made a motion to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance 25-05. Alderman Hummel seconded the motion. Mayor Wiggins asked for a roll-call vote, resulting in 4 yes votes: Campbell, Austin, Hummel and Cates. All in favor, none opposed. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance 25-05 passed.

### **b. Ordinance 25-06 – Establishing Municipal Property Tax Levy for FY26**

Mayor Wiggins opened the floor to a Public Hearing.

Six (6) citizens spoke in opposition of the 40% proposed tax increase: Debbie Couch of Fair Oaks Drive, Roy Neuhauser of Countryside Drive, Gary Borth of Lewis Fairway Circle, Violet Gray of Emerson Cove, Myron Massey of Lakewood Drive and Chelsa Kivelle of Suzanne Drive.

One (1) citizen, Ken Sutton of Black Ankle Drive, spoke in favor.

A motion was made by Alderman Hummel to hear the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance 25-06. Alderman Campbell seconded the motion.

Alderman Hummel made a motion to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance 25-06. Alderman Campbell seconded the motion. Mayor Wiggins asked for a roll-call vote, resulting in 4 yes votes: Campbell, Austin, Hummel and Cates. All in favor, none opposed. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance 25-06 passed.

**c. Ordinance 25-07 – Authorizing a Water Rate Reduction And Sewer Rate Increase for Usages**

Mayor Wiggins opened the floor to a Public Hearing.

Three (3) citizens spoke in opposition of the sewer rate increase: Gary Borth of Lewis Fairway Circle, Roy Neuhauser of Countryside Drive and Myron Massey of Lakewood Drive.

A motion was made by Alderman Campbell to hear the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance 25-07. Alderman Hummel seconded the motion.

Alderman Hummel made a motion to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance 25-07. Vice Mayor Cates seconded the motion. Mayor Wiggins asked for a roll-call vote, resulting in 4 yes votes: Campbell, Austin, Hummel and Cates. All in favor, none opposed. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance 25-07 passed.

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

**Resolution 25-19 Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract for Auditing Services for Fiscal Year 2026**

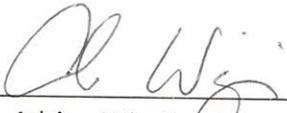
A motion was made by Vice Mayor Cates to hear Resolution 25-19.

Vice Mayor Cates made a motion to move forward with the audit contract with Godwin & Associates, PLLC. based on the Town Manager's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Alderman Campbell. All were in favor, none opposed. Resolution 25-19 passed.

**8. Motion to Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Hummel.

Date: June 30, 2025

  
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Adrian Wiggins, Mayor

  
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K. Yvonne Bullard, Town Recorder