

# Town of Oak Valley

2211 Oak Valley Lane  
Corsicana, Texas 75110

December 17, 2024

## MINUTES

### In attendance

Mayor **Max Taylor**. Aldermen - **Norma Finnen, Kim Ogden, Kendall Walker** and **Leon Ward**. Secretary - **Kelli Burkey**.

Absent - **Randy Burkey**.

Mayor **Max Taylor** called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.  
**Kendall Walker** gave the invocation.

### Agenda:

#### **Review and Approval of Previous Town Hall Meeting Minutes:**

Minutes for November were reviewed and approved.  
Motion made to accept November Minutes by **Kendall Walker** and seconded by **Leon Ward**. Motion carried and approved by majority vote.

#### **Financial Reports / Bills to be paid:**

Financial Reports were discussed and reviewed as follows:

##### **GENERAL ACCOUNT:**

1. State Comptroller deposit \$586.15
2. Interest deposit \$3.90
3. Advertising Expense \$50 - NavCo Chronicle Agenda posting.
4. Building Expense \$1,275 - Sosa A/C for blower motor in main unit \$1,100, City Air Systems \$175 for service call only.
5. Lawn Care \$395.00 - November expense.
6. Legal - T.O.A.S.E. \$1,606.25 - Annexation \$1,575, Open Records Request \$31.25.
7. Road & Bridges \$2,100 - ECW Lawn & Tree Service. Remove tree on Pin Oak impeding drainage.
8. Ending balance for November \$44,816.17.

**GRANT ACCOUNT:**

1. Final payment to JRWest Tx Concrete \$25,516.50.
2. Ending balance for November \$531.70

**MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT:**

1. Interest Deposit \$1.49
2. Ending balance for November \$7,271.30

**Bills to be paid** were discussed and reviewed as follows:

**GENERAL ACCOUNT:**

1. Check for \$100.00 to Kelli Burkey for December secretarial/treasurer services.
2. Mowing - Simply Green Lawn Care & Irrigation for \$395.00
3. Corbet Water Supply electronic debit of \$36.64
4. Think Energy electronic debit of \$17.42 (security light account)
5. Think Energy electronic debit of \$224.22 (building account)
6. Yahoo Mail Plus electronic debit of \$5.00 (mail forwarding service)
7. T.O.A.S.E. Law Firm for \$612.50 (Nov. billing re: Annexation)
8. NavCo Chronicle for \$50 (monthly agenda posting)

Motion made to approve all **Financial Reports** by **Norma Finnen** and seconded by **Kim Ogden**. Motion carried and approved by majority vote.

**2025 Budget:**

The 2025 Budget was reviewed by **Council** in the Dec. 5th Public Meeting & Workshop. After 15 days, the **Council** needs to approve. **Council** discussed and agreed to meet again in a Special Called Meeting on Dec 20th at 4:00 PM to approve the 2025 Budget and have further review of ordinances.

**Public Works Reports:**

**Building & Permits:**

**Leon Ward -**

- Joshua Sanchez at 123 Water Oak. **Leon** mentioned that he saw a backhoe there and assumed it was for the septic. **Max** confirmed that the owner had received approval from the County and confirmed the 911 address. Owner to pay the permit fee via PayPal.

## **Road & Bridges Report:**

- **Road Maintenance Update -**  
**Randy Burkey** not available for update. **Kendall Walker** asked about any updates from the County regarding availability of the roller. Max reported that he had posted on FaceBook that the scheduling for road work is currently out of our hands, waiting on the County.

## **Commerce Report:**

### **Planned Annexation Update, Mayor Max Taylor**

- Currently still waiting on Riot Platform's review. Since they changed personnel, the documents/agreement are in the process of being reviewed again. **Max Taylor** will start calling and emailing Riot instead of having the attorney's do it. Only if questions or concerns come up will he engage the attorney.

### **Code Enforcement Update, Mayor Max Taylor**

- Property by the bridge - Certified letter was sent to the property owner and was returned as refused. Correct address was confirmed.

**Max Taylor** contacted **Adam Mintz** (Navarro County code enforcement officer). **Adam** agreed that he will go in person to the property owner's address in Malakoff to cite him. This will be handled through the County.

Our Plan B would be to condemn the property and take ownership. Then Oak Valley would have the clean-up expense and also be required to use the property for public use or sell it back to the landowner at FMV.

**Volunteer Fire Department Report:** None

**Navarro County Sheriff's Dept. Report:** None

### **Oak Valley Ladies Night Out Report, Mayor Max Taylor**

**Max** has asked several ladies if they are interested in taking over the group since Lynette Horton has stepped down. The group has been used as a way to offer civic activities at the Community Center for no charge. We would like to keep activities going with the Ladies Night Out being the responsible group endorsed by the Council.

**Debbie Taylor** volunteered to step up to oversee this and has asked a couple of others to help. She mentioned that maybe a couple of times per year would work instead of monthly.

**Max** responded that after annexation, we would be able to build a budget for Ladies Night Out.

### **New Business:**

Mayor **Max Taylor** tabled any new business until Friday's meeting to discuss ordinances. All council members should have a booklet of the ordinances and an email that explains some of the areas that need to be reviewed due to annexation and future funding.

Also, **Max** had an update on the reporting status of the funds we received from the TDEM back in 2021 and 2022 for a total of \$9,900. His understanding was that we had to report how the funds were used by YE 2024 or be required to return the funds. Council reviewed an email that Max had received from government treasury support for clarification and agreed that the obligation deadline for annual reporters is April 30, 2025.

### **Open Forum -**

Per **Debbie Taylor** someone had mentioned the road by the bridge being bad. But she noticed tonight that it appeared to have been fixed. Also the section in front of Town Hall has developed more potholes. **Max** will talk to **David Brewer** and see if the County can come out and smooth over that section.

Meeting adjourned at 6:46 PM.

Next meeting scheduled for January 14, 2025