

Mayor & Board of Aldermen – Regular Meeting

Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2024

Present: Mayor H. Michael Brown
Vice Mayor Wiggins, Aldermen Frank Cates, Debra Hummel, Jeff Fisher & Sutton

Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

- 1. Call to order by Mayor Brown**
- 2. Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag**
- 3. Establish Quorum**
All were present
- 4. Approval of Agenda**

Vice Mayor Wiggins made a motion to approve the agenda. Alderman Cates seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed.

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

January 18, 2024 – Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Alderman Sutton made a motion to approve the January 18, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. Alderman Fisher seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

January 22, 2024 – Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Alderman Hummel made a motion to approve the January 22, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes as amended. Vice Mayor Wiggins seconded the motion. Four (4) in favor, one (1) abstention. Alderman Fisher abstained due to not being present at the meeting. The motion passed.

6. Special Presentation

None

7. Citizen's Comments

Harry Campbell – 30 Chestnut Springs Cove – He presented the intent of holding a “Cruz-In” event beginning March 12th at Green Cactus. He expressed appreciation of the police presence during the event last year and requested the police to stop periodically to ensure order during event.

Roy Neuhauser – 290 Countryside – Addressed the board of information he had received from the office of Representative Ron Gant related the issue of a “fee vs tax”. Mr. Neuhauser referred to the document/information specific to a 2020 judgement ruled involving the Homebuilders Association and Williamson County. Attorney Tom Minor asked for the “cite,” which Mr. Neuhauser handed the

documentation to him. Mr. Neuhauser then referred to Oakland's Resolution 23-102, Activity Center Rental Fees, pointing out that Athletic Fees have never been presented to the Board for approval. He requested that the Board have input as to the athletic fees being charged, reminding them it is not only a responsibility as a Board Member, but their authority.

8. Communications from the Mayor

Mayor Brown introduced Kerrigan McCarty, a Girl Scout Brownie who is selling Girl Scout cookies as means to earn money to attend Girl Scout Camp this summer. Mayor Brown asked Alderman Hummel to speak, as an experienced Girl Scout Leader.

Alderman Hummel explained that Girl Scouts programs provides encouragement to young ladies to grow, to be courageous, and building self-esteem which prepares them for adulthood. She explained there are many levels of achievements in the Girl Scouts that teach values, ethics and integrity. She further explained the money raised in the cookie sales at \$5.00 per box, the troop gets a small portion to use for community projects that benefits others and for a fun camping trip. Alderman Hummel acknowledged the courage in Kerrigan standing before this board, the audience present and in selling cookies to the public.

9. Communication from the Aldermen

Alderman Sutton addressed the comments made by Mr. Neuhauser regarding the Parks and Recreation Athletic Fees, stating he could not recall a time the fees charged for participating in sports have been presented to the board. Alderman Sutton reiterated Attorney Minors input, that if the fees are changed, it should be presented to the Board in a form of a resolution.

Vice Mayor Wiggins inquired if that meant a resolution would be required every season and every sport? Would it not fall under the Parks & Rec Directors job description with guidance from the Parks & Rec Board? Alderman Sutton stated, only in the event of a change in the fee a resolution would be necessary; and whenever a fee is involved, it should be presented for Board approval.

Alderman Fisher requested to take the opportunity to "set the record straight regarding the events leading up to my being censured...." Alderman Fisher described the events taking place on January 4, 2024 as Alderman Sutton accusing him (Fisher) of receiving a bribe from VC3, Inc. (VC3 logo printed socks). Alderman Fisher acknowledged his choice of words were unprofessional which led to his censure and offered a public apology. Alderman Fisher, stating he understood the Board's decision, expressed disappointment that the Board acted on censuring him in a meeting he was unable to attend. Alderman Fisher further cautioned the Board; it is their duty to report any suspicious activity and/or furnish proof to the proper officials for investigative purposes. In conclusion, Alderman Fisher stated he did not take a bribe and neither does he believe that Alderman Wiggins or Town Manager Ellis accepted a bribe in accepting/distributing the socks from VC3, Inc.

10. Department Head Reports

Director Coker of the Wastewater Department addressed the numerous calls from citizens related to the odor from the treatment plant. He stated a wastewater treatment plant in the center of a town is less than ideal, however he sympathizes with the citizens and reiterated odor is not harmful, it is simply a nuisance. The upgrades and expansion of the plant, currently underway, will help.

11. Town Manager Report

Mr. Ellis made the Board aware the budget process had begun.

12. New Business: Ordinances First Reading – Public Hearing

Public Hearing Opened – Roy Neuhauser requested reduced fees to Oakland citizens vs those residing elsewhere.

Public Hearing Closed

A. Ordinance 24-10 REGULATING MOBILE FOOD PREPARATION VEHICLES

Vice Mayor Wiggins made a motion to hear 1st Reading of Ordinance 24-10.

Discussion of the Board deemed the need in one (1) ordinance to include all vendors (wreath, cup, t-shirt sales, etc.) determining both long-term and short-term fees.

Alderman Fisher made a motion to approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance 24-10. Alderman Sutton seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The 1st Reading of Ordinance 24-10 passed.

13. Consideration of Resolutions:

A. Resolution 24-10 REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR CPA CONSULTING SERVICES

Vice Mayor Wiggins made a motion to hear Resolution 24-10.

Vice Mayor Wiggins made a motion to approve Resolution 24-10. Alderman Sutton seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Resolution 24-10 passed.

B. Resolution 24-11 REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR PLANNING AND DESIGN SERVICES OF OAKLAND SPORTS PARK COMPLEX PHASE 1B

Alderman Cates made a motion to hear Resolution 24-11.

Vice Mayor Wiggins made a motion to approve Resolution 24-11. Alderman Sutton seconded the motion. Four (4) in favor, one (1) abstention. Alderman Fisher abstained. Resolution 24-11 passed.

C. Resolution 24-12 AUTHORIZING CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL LAWN MAINTENANCE FOR PARKS AND ATHLETIC FIELDS

Vice Mayor Wiggins made a motion to hear Resolution 24-12.

Vice Mayor Wiggin asked if consideration of a 3-year contract had been explored. David Fulmer, business owner of Mid-South Turf, 195 Bowers Road, was asked to approach the Board. Mr. Fulmer stated that he would extend the proposal to a 3-year contract with no price increase.

Alderman Hummel made a motion to approve Resolution 24-12 contingent of a contract change from a 2-year to 3-year contract with no price increase as described by David Fulmer; and, with consideration of Mid-South Turf working with the town's Oakland Sports Park as the landscaping is under development. Alderman Fisher seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Resolution 24-12 passed.

NOTE - While Mid-South Turf was not the lowest bid received, the Board recognizes and exercises its right to award this Professional Service Contract "on the basis of recognized competence and integrity rather than competitive bids." (Ordinance 13-17, Section 27 – Uniform Purchasing Policy).

D. Resolution 24-13 AUTHORIZING CONTRACT FOR AUTOMATED TIME-KEEPING SYSTEM

Vice Mayor Wiggins made a motion to hear Resolution 24-14.

Town Manager Ellis introduced the quotes and staff's recommendation. In doing so, he also called attention to the fact that instead of the two (2) Finger Readers quoted, the actual need will be six (6) to cover all departments. The costs will be shared among the various departments.

Vice Mayor Wiggins made a motion to approve Resolution 24-14. Alderman Cates seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Resolution 24-14 passed.

E. Resolution 24-14 AUTHORIZING CONTRACT FOR AUTOMATED WORK ORDER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Vice Mayor Wiggins made a motion to hear Resolution 24-15.

Vice Mayor Wiggins made a motion to approve Resolution 24-15. Alderman Sutton seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Resolution 24-15 passed.

F. Resolution 24-15 EXECUTING CONTRACT FOR (2024) ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Alderman Fisher made a motion to hear Resolution 24-15.

Alderman Fisher made a motion to approve Resolution 24-15. Alderman Hummel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was requested; the results were, Voting Yes, Aldermen Fisher, Hummel and Wiggins. Voting No, were Aldermen Sutton and Cates. Resolution 24-15.

G. Resolution 24-16 EXECUTING AGREEMENT WITH CUMBERLAND SECURITIES COMPANY

Vice Mayor Wiggins made a motion to hear Resolution 24-16.

Alderman Sutton made a motion to approve Resolution 24-16. Alderman Cates seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Resolution 24-16 passed.

H. Resolution 24-17 EXECUTING LETTER OF ENGAGEMENT FOR FY24 AUDITING SERVICES

Vice Mayor Wiggins made a motion to hear Resolution 24-17.

Alderman Fisher made a motion to approve Resolution 24-17. Alderman Cates seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Resolution 24-17 passed.

15. Other Items of Business

- A. BURCH, PORTER & JOHNSON - Attorney Minor stated Town Manager Ellis and Planning Director Courton had shared concerns about the obligations of the town and vesting issues on the horizon related to the developments that have been approved; and, what it means for the town legally, as the developments come online. With the sewer issues that the town is working to resolve, it is uncertain how everything will line up timewise. He went on to say they had met with an associate of Burch, Porter & Johnson, who is experienced and specializes in this area. Since that meeting the firm has provided a proposal to provide services on an as-needed basis at a discounted rate of \$275. (two-hundred seventy-five dollars) per hour.

Attorney Minor explained the vesting as stages of the developments, once reached, there are certain commitments that the law gives the developer and obligates the town to abide by.

He also mentioned that this firm would be able to assist with establishing an Industrial Development Board if the town decides to move in that direction.

Alderman Hummel made a motion for a temporary table of this item. Alderman Cates seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

Vice Mayor Wiggins made a motion to reconsider Burch, Porter & Johnson. Alderman Fisher seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

Vice Mayor Wiggins made a motion to engage with Burch, Porter & Johnson. Alderman Sutton seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

B. Establishing Workshop

A workshop was scheduled for Thursday, March 7, 2024 at 6pm.

16. Approval of Invoices

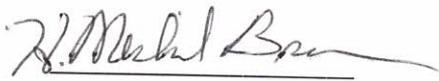
Two (2) invoices were presented for approval, O'Reilly's – over 45 days.

Alderman Cates made a motion to approve paying O'Reilly's invoices. Alderman Sutton seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

17. Meeting Adjourned

Alderman Cates made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Date: February 15, 2024


H. Michael Brown, Mayor


K. Yvonne Bullard, City Recorder