

ENCHANTED OAKS, TEXAS
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

September 10, 2024

Mayor Natalie Onate called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Secretary Maegan Mojica called roll. Council members in attendance: Kim Cochran, Tim Johnson, Natalie Onate, Don Agold, Bill Grissom and Shelia Hermes (absent). A quorum was present.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A.** Minutes from August 20, 2024, Regular Council Meeting
- B.** Financial Reports for August 2024
- C.** Employee Employment Agreement for FY 2025.
- D.** **FY 2024 Audit Contract.**

Kim Cochran made a motion to approve without acceptance of consent agenda item C. Don Agold made a second. No further discussion. All in favor. **Motion Passed.**

REPORTS – COUNCIL MEMBERS

Anthony Katsoulas – Chief of Police – Chief Katsoulas submitted a report to council. Calls for service: 15. Callouts from home 6. Chief requests that residents lock their vehicles and garage doors.

Mowing Report – Brad Neighbor – Not present. Written Report submitted to council. Mowed the inner entrance ways, PD station, and boat ramps. Cleared litter and deadfall throughout the city. Performed maintenance on city equipment and mowers. Trimmed ditches, 4-way stop, and WMS exterior.

Steve Foster – Maintenance – Not Present. No written report submitted.

Jeff Onate, Board of Adjustments/Building Permits – No report.

Jacqueline Huff – Ladies Club –

Friday night game this Friday. October 1st 6-8pm is National Night Out all residents are welcome to this free event, pets are welcome must be on a leash. Ladies Club is accepting donations for the annual October 19th garage sale please contact Kim Cochran her information is posted on the Enchanted Oaks Website.

Kim Cochran - Maintenance of Building, Grounds – No report.

Tim Johnson – Parks / Boat Ramps – Water levels are going down, please watch out for sand bars.

Don Agold – Pool/Emergency Mgt./Trailer Parking – Pool:

Sunday September 29, 2024 will be the last day for the pool to be open. Pool cover will be installed September 30, 2024. Volunteers are needed.

Trailer Parking: No report

Bill Grissom – Roads & Drainage – Huge Thank you to Steve for installing the new radar sign. In response to an inquiry about a drainage issue on Enchanted Drive- Per city ordinance it is homeowners' responsibility to maintain and clean culverts, and currently evaluating the situation.

Shelia Hermes – WMS roll off was a success. Thank you to Jeff Patterson and Steve Foster for fixing the entrance breaker that controls the sprinkler system at Enchanted Oaks entrance. Residents be aware curb side trash pickup is against city ordinance and restrictions.

REPORTS – ADMINISTRATION

Damian Decell - Treasurer Activities– Completed Monthly Reporting without issues. Not present. No report.

Maegan Mojica– City Secretary – Activities, Coordination – No report

Mayor Reports of Contacts for prior month – Business as usual. Completed and finalized Budget and Tax paper work. Enchanted Oaks city vehicle has been purchased for police and ground keeping. Brad will begin working on upfitting the truck to meet current TCOLE law enforcement standards for patrol vehicles.

ACTION ITEMS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS: Items under this section are matters to be formally considered and decided by the Town Council. Discussions and deliberations are limited to the posted matter –

NO ACTION ITEMS

Comments by Citizens & Guests-

Resident requested information regarding the accepted contract for Broadband internet to enter Enchanted Oaks.

Mayor Natalie Onate spoke to the matter informing residents that Broadband internet has rights through the county, and to please contact Henderson County regarding any question or concerns.

ADJOURN – Tim Johnson made a motion to adjourn. Don Agold made a second. All in favor. 7:22 p.m.

Attest: Maegan Mojica, City Secretary

ENCHANTED OAKS, TEXAS
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
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August 20, 2024

Mayor Natalie Onate called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Secretary Maegan Mojica called roll. Council members in attendance: Kim Cochran, Tim Johnson, Natalie Onate, Don Agold, Bill Grissom and Shelia Hermes (absent). A quorum was present.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A.** Minutes from July 16, 2024, Special Meeting
- B.** Minutes from July 16, 2024, Regular Council Meeting
- C.** Financial Reports for July 2024
- D.** Consider an ordinance declaring as elected unopposed candidates for Town Council.
- E.** Ladies club annual garage sale October 19, 2024.
- F.** National night out date October 1, 2024, 6-8 p.m.

Bill Grissom made a motion to approve as presented. Tim Johnson made a second. No further discussion. All in favor. **Motion Passed.**

REPORTS – COUNCIL MEMBERS

Anthony Katsoulas – Chief of Police – Chief Katsoulas submitted a report to council. Calls for service: 15. Callouts from home 6. Chief requests that residents lock their vehicles and garage doors.

Mowing Report – Brad Neighbor – Written Report submitted to council. Mowed the Town Hall, entrance ways, PD station, and parks. Cleared litter and deadfall throughout the city. Performed maintenance on city equipment and mowers.

Steve Foster – Maintenance - Written Report submitted to council. Building and Maintenance: replaced electrical outlets and A/C filters. Tree removal on Lark/Lark Place. Removed excess gravel from city roads. Ditch work grading on Enchanted Dr. Measured roads for future road repair work in FY2025.

Tractor work: Tractor mow ROW on Enchanted entrance, city streets, and city lots. Completed tractor maintenance.

Jeff Onate, Board of Adjustments/Building Permits – 1 new build permits, 2 driveway permits, and new fences being installed.

Jacqueline Huff – Ladies Club – July 6th parade was successful and one of the best years. Thank you to all the volunteers, we appreciate everyone coming out to support the ladies club. Ladies club is looking for a new team leader for July 4th parade next year. Please

contact Jackie Huff if interested.

Kim Cochran - Maintenance of Building, Grounds – Project for Town hall generator funding is active. A grant request has been submitted, but unlikely to be granted. Ideas to raise funds are being considered. Town Hall/Pool lawn is being maintained by new lawn care provider. Mowing is once per week, or as needed.

Tim Johnson – Parks / Boat Ramps –New signs have been installed regarding parking. Please keep boat ramps locked. Restriped boat ramp parking. When the water level goes down the city will further assess boat launch repair needs.

Don Agold – Pool/Emergency Mgt./Trailer Parking – Pool:

Sunday September 29, 2024 will be the last day for the pool to be open. Pool cover will be installed September 30, 2024.

Trailer Parking: No report

Bill Grissom – Roads & Drainage – Huge Thank you to Brad and Steve for all the work they complete around the city. Noted that Gun Barrel city and larger towns utilize a civil engineer to plan roads & drainage, but that Enchanted Oaks cannot fund that on a regular basis. In response to an inquiry about a culvert on Enchanted Drive- Per city ordinance it is homeowners' responsibility to maintain and clean culverts.

Shelia Hermes – Not Present– No Report .

REPORTS – ADMINISTRATION

Damian Decell - Treasurer Activities– Completed Monthly Reporting without issues. Will be requesting transfer of money from Texpool investment account to Prosperity Bank checking to cover upcoming operational expenses

Maegan Mojica– City Secretary – Activities, Coordination – No report

Mayor Reports of Contacts for prior month – Business as usual. Completed Budget and Tax deliverables.

ACTION ITEMS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS: Items under this section are matters to be formally considered and decided by the Town Council. Discussions and deliberations are limited to the posted matter –

A. Consider approval for FY2023 Audit.

No Action. Audit Report not yet available.

B. Consider cyber security insurance policy.

TML Risk Pool has created a new Interlocal Agreement to specifically cover cyber losses. Council must consider & vote. Cost \$1000.00 per year for cyber security Risk Pool coverage.

Kim Cochran made a motion approve, Don Agold second. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

C. Consider approval of new city vehicle.

Per new TCOLE rules every city must be in compliance by September 1, 2025 with equipped police patrol vehicle. Proposing to make new police patrol vehicle dual use for non-police operations including non-police emergencies, code enforcement, construction, and general utility use. Estimating \$80,000.00 for vehicle purchase and upfit to meet current law enforcement standards for patrol vehicles

Tim Johnson made a motion to approve, Don Agold second. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

D. Hold a public hearing and consider adopting a budget for FY 2024-25:

This budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$26,123 a 9%, and of that amount \$4088.00 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.

Don Agold moved to ratify the property tax increase of 8% reflected in the budget. Kim Cochran seconded. All in favor; **Motion Passed.** Kim Cochran moved to adopt the budget as proposed. Tim Johnson seconded. All in favor; **Motion Passed.**

E. Hold a public hearing and consider setting an ad-valorem tax rate for 2024:

THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 8 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$14.04.

The Proposed 2024 Tax Rate is .00176514 , which is a reduction from 2023 rate of

.0018691 Taking into consideration new properties, changed property valuations, and changes to exemptions, Enchanted Oaks will receive 8% more in Property Tax revenue than in 2023.

Vote: Kim Cochran-Aye, Tim Johnson-Aye, Natalie Onate- Aye, Don Agold- Aye, Bill Grissom-Aye, Shelia Hermas (absent). **Motion Passed.**

Comments by Citizens & Guests-

No speakers.

ADJOURN – Don Agold made a motion to adjourn. Kim Cochran made a second. All in favor.
8:00 p.m.

Attest: Maegan Mojica, City Secretary



TOWN OF ENCHANTED OAKS TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING

July 16, 2024 - 6:00 P.M. Town Hall

111 Deerwood Drive Enchanted Oaks, Texas

1. **ROLL CALL/QUORUM:** The Town Secretary called roll. Kim Cochran, Tim Johnson, Natalie Onate, Don Agold, Bill Grissom, and Shelia Hermes in attendance.
2. **Discuss FY2025 Budget** –The Mayor noted this draft assumes a full time city administrator position and a tax revenue increase of 8%. The city balances the budget and presents it as a zero net income. Discussion points of proposed budget discussed by council and citizens. Included the following items:
 - Increase on Enchanted Isle contract.
 - Increase city fees to include road use fees, wms fees, trailer parking fees, and license fees for short term rentals.
 - Combined Police Department and Emergency Management. Discuss the need for optimal size generator, satellite phone, new radar gun, police desk chair, and new police vehicle.
 - Proposed WMS restoration budget of \$120,000 for self-contained trash compactor, commercial grade wrought iron fence, new security and gate openers, dead tree removal and removing brush around existing fence.
 - Pool pump equipment to be converted back to chlorine; suggestions made to observe other public pools before switching the system.
 - Trailer parking facility quadrant 2 to be complete. The goal is to improve surface material road base for year-round access.
 - Increase roads and drainage budget to set drainage plan, and suggestion to complete drainage survey for the city.
 - Discuss options and pay scale for City Administrator; suggestion to create a hiring committee.
3. **Adjourn at 7:06 p.m.**

Attest: Maegan Mojica, City Secretary

ENCHANTED OAKS, TEXAS
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July 16, 2024

Mayor Natalie Onate called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS- N/A

AGENDA

City Secretary Maegan Mojica called roll. Council members in attendance: Kim Cochran, Tim Johnson, Natalie Onate, Don Agold, Bill Grissom and Shelia Hermes.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes from June 11, 2024, Regular Council Meeting
- B. Financial Reports for May 2024
- C. Financial Reports from June 2024
- D. Ordinance No. 242 Order of Election 2024
- E. Interlocal Agreement with Henderson County for election services for the 2024 elections

Don Agold made a motion to approve as presented. Bill Grissom made a second. No further discussion. All in favor. **Motion Passed.**

REPORTS – COUNCIL MEMBERS

Anthony Katsoulas – Chief of Police – Chief Katsoulas submitted a report to council. Calls for service: 16. Callouts from home 11. Chief requests that residents lock their vehicles and garage doors.

Mowing Report – Brad Neighbor – Written Report submitted to council. Mowed the Town Hall, entrance ways, PD station, and park. Sprayed weedkiller around city areas. Cleared litter and deadfall throughout the city. Cut and removed a dead tree from West boat ramp.

Steve Foster – Maintenance - Written Report submitted to council. Building and Maintenance: Ditch work grading and clean out on Enchanted. Removed culvert at Police Station. Tree removal on Idlewood. Repaired sprinkler system at Town Hall. Painted soccer goal frame.

West Boat Ramp- moved dirt along fence line adjacent to lake/ Enchanted Isle corner.

Tractor work: Tractor mow ROW on Enchanted entrance and Oakwood.

Jeff Onate, Board of Adjustments/Building Permits – No new build permits.

Jacqueline Huff – Ladies Club –Update provided by Kim Cochran. July 6th parade was successful and one of the best years. Thank you to all the volunteers, we appreciate everyone coming out to support the ladies club.

Kim Cochran - Maintenance of Building, Grounds –Project for Town hall generator is in the works. Lost and found section to be installed at city hall.

Tim Johnson – Parks / Boat Ramps – Requesting citizens to not park vehicles without trailers inside the boat trailer parking area. New signs to be installed regarding parking. Please keep boat ramps locked.

Don Agold – Pool/Emergency Mgt./Trailer Parking – Pool:

No smoking signs installed at the pool.

Trailer Parking: No report

Bill Grissom – Roads & Drainage –

Road striping/painting of Enchanted Drive entry and Town Hall parking area was completed. Sections of Chip Seal were also completed. County will be considering status of entrance to Indian Harbor.

Shelia Hermes - Waste Management Station (WMS) –Roll off dumpsters were well used, but the WMS was briefly closed overnight due to overfill. Pinnacle fence repaired the wheels on the exit gate.

REPORTS – ADMINISTRATION

Damian Decell - Treasurer Activities– Reported on conversion to Quickbooks online.

Maegan Mojica- City Secretary – Activities, Coordination – No report

Mayor Reports of Contacts for prior month – August agenda will include making a decision on renewing cyber security insurance coverage. Citizens can make complaints to TxDot For issues on Hwy. 198. Search for “TxDot complaints” to find the web site.

ACTION ITEMS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS: Items under this section are matters to be formally considered and decided by the Town Council. Discussions and deliberations are limited to the posted matter –

A. Consider approval for FY2023 Audit.

No Action.

B. Discuss budget and tax

Mayor Natalie Onate suggested increasing tax revenue by 8%. Above this rate, residents can petition for election. Also, above this rate requires special notifications that would take some time to prepare. Reached consensus on \$70,000 salary budget for a city administrator depending on education, experience, and qualifications. Suggestion made to create a hiring committee. Other adjustments made to proposed budget.

C. Set August council date to approve budget and set tax rate

Mayor Natalie Onate proposed August 20, 2024 for regular council meeting to approve FY2025 budget and set tax rate.

Don Agold motion to approve as proposed, Kim Cochran Seconded, all in favor.

Comments by Citizens & Guests-

Speakers voiced their concerns about the city administration position. The five-year financial forecast for the city with a city administrator shows a negative balance without new revenue or reduced expenses. Mayor Natalie Onate spoke to this concern stating the city does not have the manpower to meet council and resident expectations. An Administrator should be able to create systems to bring in additional revenue as directed by council.

ADJOURN – Don Agold made a motion to adjourn. Kim Cochran made a second. All in favor.
8:50 p.m.

Attest: Maegan Mojica, City Secretary

ENCHANTED OAKS, TEXAS
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June 11, 2024

Mayor Natalie Onate called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS- N/A

AGENDA

City Secretary Maegan Mojica called roll. Council members in attendance: Kim Cochran, Tim Johnson, Natalie Onate, Don Agold, Bill Grissom and Shelia Hermes.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes from May 14, 2024, Regular Council Meeting *available at www.enchantedoaks.org

Tim Johnson made a motion to approve as presented. Don Agold made a second. No further discussion. All in favor. **Motion Passed.**

REPORTS – COUNCIL MEMBERS

Anthony Katsoulas – Chief of Police – Chief Katsoulas submitted a report to council. Calls for service: 16. Chief again requested that residents lock their vehicles.

Mowing Report – Brad Neighbor – Verbal report submitted to council. Mowed the playing field and started spraying weeds. Will keep grass cut down, and at the end of the month will mow and trim for 4th of July. Thank you to all the volunteers that have helped with mowing and keeping the city grounds maintained.

Steve Foster – Maintenance - Written Report submitted to council. Building and Maintenance: Ditch work grading and clean out on Birchwood/Enchanted. Removed culvert at Police Station to improve drainage. Emergency tree removal on Lark. Repaired well at Town Hall. Changed A/C filters and helped with pool set up. West Boat Ramp- removed partial fence to prepare for new fence installation.

Tractor work: Mowed ROW areas and section inside trailer parking area. Replaced sheer pin on brush hog.

Jeff Onate, Board of Adjustments/Building Permits – No new build permits.

Jacqueline Huff – Ladies Club –July 6th volunteers are in line. Donations of water and hot dogs are greatly appreciated. If donation requirements are not filled- we will have to charge at the parade.

This year before the parade we will have a silent auction, bake sale, and crafts inside Town hall.

Kim Cochran - Maintenance of Building, Grounds – Steve Foster took care of the well repairs at Town hall. Town hall rental is now available for Enchanted Oaks residents only. Further research for Town hall generator is in the works.

Tim Johnson – Parks / Boat Ramps – Boat ramp is waiting on cables. Stand up soccer goal at soccer field is fixed.

Don Agold – Pool/Emergency Mgt./Trailer Parking – Pool:

9-1-1 pool phone is fixed and operable. The pool shower is fixed.

Trailer Parking: No report

Bill Grissom – Roads & Drainage – Spring chip seal is scheduled. Culvert at PD is removed. Got bids on striping Forgotten Lane down Enchanted drive, and Town hall parking spaces.

Shelia Hermes - Waste Management Station (WMS) –Roll off dumpsters were a success we did not have to close WMS. Thank you to Steve Foster for going above and beyond removing fallen trees and Kirk Hermes for weed eating the main entrance.

REPORTS – ADMINISTRATION

Damian Decell - Treasurer Activities– Not Present.

Maegan Mojica– City Secretary – Activities, Coordination – Attached budget timeline packet in council members folders. Converted QuickBooks desktop to QuickBooks online.

Mayor Reports of Contacts for prior month – No solicitation process is almost completed. City hall has permit applications for soliciting. Ordinances can be found online at www.enchantedoaks.org. 9-1-1 addressing sequence should be contacted while pulling permits and new builds. Some residents might be required to change their address.

ACTION ITEMS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS: Items under this section are matters to be formally considered and decided by the Town Council. Discussions and deliberations are limited to the posted matter –

A. **Discuss Fiscal Year 2025 Budget & Tax Rate.**

Mayor Natalie Onate proposed city administrator position for 2025 budget and recommends a tax revenue increase to fund city administration position. Citizens spoke on budget and tax rate asking council to consider other revenue streams for this position including short term rental fees, boat contractor fees, increased building permit fees, trailer parking fees, raising WMS fees. A citizen questioned whether taxes could be raised again in subsequent years – the answer is yes, but within limits set by Texas Legislature. Also, above a certain tax revenue percentage increase, residents can petition for election. Citizens also suggested that other information be provided - a multi-year financial forecast and more information showing benefits & options – similar to how a school district informs on bond elections.

Councilwoman Kim Cochran proposed emergency use generator for Town Hall for 2025 Budget.

No Action.

B. **Set budget workshop dates.**

Mayor Natalie Onate proposed combining a July 16, 2024 council meeting with a budget workshop. Starting the meeting at 6pm for budget workshop and following at 7pm for regular council meeting.

Kim Cochran motion to approve as proposed, Don Agold Seconded, all in favor.

Comments by Citizens & Guests -

ADJOURN – Don Agold made a motion to adjourn. Kim Cochran made a second. All in favor.
8:58 p.m.

Attest: Maegan Mojica, City Secretary

ENCHANTED OAKS, TEXAS
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May 14, 2024

Mayor Natalie Onate called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS- N/A

AGENDA

City Secretary Maegan Mojica called roll. Council members in attendance: Kim Cochran, Tim Johnson, Natalie Onate, Don Agold, Bill Grissom and Shelia Hermes (absent).

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes from April 9, 2024, Regular Council Meeting
- B. Financial Reports for April 2024

Don Agold made a motion to approve as presented. Kim Cochran made a second. No further discussion. All in favor. **Motion Passed.**

REPORTS – COUNCIL MEMBERS

Anthony Katsoulas – Chief of Police – Chief Katsoulas submitted a report to council. Calls for service: 8. Chief requests that residents lock their vehicles.

Mowing Report – Brad Neighbor – Written report submitted to council. Mowed entryways and WMS. Installed new speed limit signs and poles, recommending purchasing more. Received new radar sign, transport to PD bay. Trimmed trees and removed limbs to clear lines of sight to signs, brush and deadfall control.

Steve Foster – Maintenance - Not present. Written Report submitted to council. Building and Maintenance: Sump pump replaced, electrical work, and gutters cleaned out.

Installed a new soccer net at the park. Installed street speed limit signs. Oversight of new mailbox installation across from Town Hall.

Jeff Onate, Board of Adjustments/Building Permits – 1 new addition permit.

Jacqueline Huff – Ladies Club –Volunteers for Independence Day Celebrations and 4th of July parade are needed. The parade will be on July 6th.

Kim Cochran - Maintenance of Building, Grounds – Well at Town hall needs repair.

Tim Johnson – Parks / Boat Ramps – Soccer Net has been installed.

Don Agold – Pool/Emergency Mgt./Trailer Parking – Pool:

The pool cover was removed, pressure washing and cleaning of pool furniture is complete. Thank you to all volunteers that came out to help.

Trailer Parking: No report

Bill Grissom – Roads & Drainage – Spring chip seal is scheduled.

Shelia Hermes - Waste Management Station (WMS) – Not present.

REPORTS – ADMINISTRATION

Damian Decell - Treasurer Activities– Not Present.

Maegan Mojica– City Secretary – Activities, Coordination – New mailbox was installed at Town Hall.

Mayor Reports of Contacts for prior month – Looking for volunteer to handle the town’s Notice Board. If volunteer is not found, a message will direct citizens to website for information www.enchantedoaks.org. Requested that council & staff request that citizens provide complaints in writing – submitted by paper or email to City Secretary. This helps us know what is important to residents. If it is a police matter, a formal Police complaint may also be required. Noted that the intersection at highway 198 and Forgotten Lane is outside town jurisdiction & we do not provide mowing. A Telcom company is pulling fiber along Enchanted Drive right-a-of-way.

Attended Truth and Taxation class with City secretary regarding tax rate.

ACTION ITEMS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS: Items under this section are matters to be formally considered and decided by the Town Council. Discussions and deliberations are limited to the posted matter –

A. Consider replacing chain link fence at West Boat Ramp

Pole and cable system to be installed and will match the existing system. Project cost will be \$4362.00.

Tim Johnson motioned to accept, Kim Cochran seconded, all in Favor.

B. Consider adding entrance rumble strips on Enchanted Drive- Traffic Calming Program.

Bill Grissom voiced his concerns with installation of rumble strips, and concerns are the Anchoring system that is required. The anchoring system will cause damage to our roads.

No Action.

C. Discuss status of WMS upgrades:

Currently regrouping on WMS bids. Received 1 extremely costly bid for a block wall. Four security companies provided bids. Engineering specs for block wall will be created so that more bids can be solicited. “Open for bid” will be posted in the News Paper. Scott Tuley county commissioner has offered to help with asphalt and manpower with re location project. The city is currently looking into all options.

No Action

D. Consider replat request on Enchanted Drive:

Replat request meets all requirements.

Don Agold motioned to approve final replat, Kim Cochran seconded, all in favor.

Comments by Citizens & Guests-

Paula Patterson: Addressed her concerns about electromagnetic pollution; asked about the installation of fiber.

Karla Morrel – Addressed her concerns about west boat ramp grounds; volunteering to help. Addressed speed bumps concerns with possible road study to be completed. Invited Enchanted Oaks residents to free concert May 26th honoring veterans on Enchanted Isle please bring your golf carts not cars.

ADJOURN – Tim Johnson made a motion to adjourn. Don Agold made a second. All in favor.
7:44 p.m.

Attest: Maegan Mojica, City Secretary

ENCHANTED OAKS, TEXAS
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April 9, 2024

Mayor Natalie Onate called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS- N/A

AGENDA

Mayor Natalie Onate called roll. Council members in attendance: Kim Cochran, Tim Johnson, Natalie Onate, Don Agold, Bill Grissom and Shelia Hermes (absent).

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes from March 12, 2024, Regular Council Meeting
- B. Financial Reports for March 2024

Kim Cochran made a motion to approve as presented. Don Agold made a second. No further discussion. All in favor. **Motion Passed.**

REPORTS – COUNCIL MEMBERS

Anthony Katsoulas – Chief of Police – Chief Katsoulas submitted a report to council. Calls for service: 11.

Mowing Report – Brad Neighbor – Written report submitted to council. Mowed/cleared leaves from WMS; removed deadfall in ROWs; Mowed Police Department and surrounding areas cleared PD beds; mowed other areas throughout town; performed equipment maintenance. Mowing continues to be a challenge because of wet ground.

Steve Foster – Maintenance - Not present. Written Report submitted to council. Extended west boat ramp parking by adding & distributing gravel. Sprinkler repair at 4-way intersection, removed trash behind WMS with tractor.

Jeff Onate, Board of Adjustments/Building Permits – 2 garage to living conversions, one Road Use permit.

Jacqueline Huff – Ladies Club – Plans for Independence Day Celebrations are underway & some new exciting things are being planned. Parade will be July 6th. A Silent Auction will be held as a fundraiser and donations of gently used items would be much appreciated.

Kim Cochran - Maintenance of Building, Grounds – Garage door at PD has been repaired. Working with Steve on sump pump, gutters, and other maintenance items for Town Hall.

Tim Johnson – Parks / Boat Ramps – Soccer Net has been ordered.

Don Agold – Pool/Emergency Mgt./Trailer Parking – Pool: Pool cover removal scheduled for Monday May 6th at 1pm, giving the pool company 3 weeks to prepare the pool for service.

Trailer Parking: No report

Bill Grissom – Roads & Drainage – Plans underway to perform Spring chip seal.

Shelia Hermes - Waste Management Station (WMS) – Not present. Written note provided with a big Thanks to Steve for getting the sprinklers systems fixed to support planting.

REPORTS – ADMINISTRATION

Damian Decell - Treasurer Activities– Closed books with Secretary. Noted that \$150k could be moved to investment account while still allowing cushion for operating expenses. Mayor to follow-up.

Maegan Mojica– City Secretary – Activities, Coordination – Not present

Mayor Reports of Contacts for prior month – Yearly insurance review including data breach coverage; Using part of administrative budget for move to Quick Books Online; Working with Brad to update fence ordinance for council vote in May. Once ordinance is in place, actions can be taken on fences that do not meet code; Mayor will be looking at our court processes & potential Court Clerk training for Maegan – so that we may continue to enforce code.

ACTION ITEMS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS: Items under this section are matters to be formally considered and decided by the Town Council. Discussions and deliberations are limited to the posted matter –

A. **Consider approval of Fiscal Year 2023 Audit.**

Not available, moved to May agenda.

B. **Consider Fiber Optic Installation**

NT Wireless discussed their process for installation of Fiber internet service. They requested a resident survey to determine demand, which would be followed by an engineering survey to determine design (buried cable, cable on poles, or a combination). Based on our existing internet service options and the town demographics, they did not feel grants are a possibility. Their company makes infrastructure investments, normally with long-term contracts to support. Mayor to follow-up on survey with NT Wireless.

C. **Consider adding entrance rumble strips on Enchanted Drive- Traffic Calming Program.**

Discussion of rumble strips – both integrated & “mats”. Council was not opposed to considering if the strips do not interfere with emergency vehicles, damage vehicles, or damage roads. Bill to follow-up and present recommendations and costs.

D. **Consider the annual July 4th Parade, and Fireworks for Memorial Day and July 4th.**

July 4th is a Thursday, the parade will be Saturday.

Fireworks proposed:

Memorial Day: May 25th – 26th noon to midnight; May 27th noon to 6 pm.

Independence Day: July 3 – 6th, noon to Midnight

Tim Johnson motioned to accept timeframes as proposed, Bill Grissom Seconded, all in Favor.

Comments by Citizens & Guests-

One quick question about helipad – which is used by ambulance service for medical transports.

ADJOURN – Don Agold made a motion to adjourn. Tim Johnson made a second. All in favor.
8:01 p.m.

Attest: Natalie Onate, Mayor

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March 12, 2024

Mayor Natalie Onate called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS- N/A

AGENDA

Secretary Maegan Mojica called roll. Council members in attendance: Kim Cochran, Tim Johnson, Natalie Onate, Don Agold, Bill Grissom (absent) and Shelia Hermes.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes from February 13,2024, Regular Council Meeting
- B. Minutes from February 27,2024, Special Meeting.
- C. Financial Reports for February 2024
- D. Energy Consumption Report 2023
- E. Racial Profiling Report 2023

Shelia Hermas made a motion to approve as presented. Tim Johnson, made a second. No further discussion. All in favor. **Motion Passed.**

REPORTS – COUNCIL MEMBERS

Anthony Katsoulas – Chief of Police – Chief Anthony submitted a report to council. Calls for service: 13 calls for service.

Mowing Report – Brad Neighbor – Verbal report submitted to council. Mowed police department, east boat ramp, and trailer parking. Will

Steve Foster – Maintenance Worker- Report submitted to council. Roads and Drainage: New culvert installed on Indian Harbor. Building and Maintenance: Supervised plumbing repair work at Town Hall. Repaired police department flagpole light.

WMS relocation Project: WMS beautification project getting bids for fence installation and Security system.

Jeff Onate, Board of Adjustments/Building Permits – Natalie Onate gave report on building activity- 1 new construction permit, 2 house demo permits, 1 fence permit, and 1 patio.

Jacqueline Huff – Ladies Club – Spring potluck March 23rd.

Kim Cochran - Maintenance of Building, Grounds – New flagpole light at police department. Police department garage door part was ordered, and we are currently waiting for arrival.

Tim Johnson – Parks / Boat Ramps –Replacing goal net at soccer field. Gravel has been laid at west boat ramp for additional parking.

Don Agold – Pool/Emergency Mgt./Trailer Parking – Pool: Removal of pool cover will be 1st week of May. Community pool will open Friday before Memorial Day.

Trailer Parking: No report

Bill Grissom – Roads & Drainage – No report

Shelia Hermes - Waste Management Station (WMS) Issues or Concerns – Currently looking at bids for new security system and gate operations. Spring plants will be installed in a couple of weeks.

REPORTS – ADMINISTRATION

Damian Decell - Treasurer Activities– Tax money from Henderson County is coming in. Considering transferring money to an interest-bearing account.

Maegan Mojica– City Secretary – Activities, Coordination – No Report

Mayor Reports of Contacts for prior month – Business as usual.

ACTION ITEMS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS: Items under this section are matters to be formally considered and decided by the Town Council. Discussions and deliberations are limited to the posted matter –

A. Consider Fiber Optic Installation

Conquest Wireless presented to council installation of Fiber internet with wireless speeds, 500 mg to gig, no caps, pay monthly, and direct buried cables. If Enchanted Oaks would like to further proceed with installation grant are available. No action

B. Consider adding entrance rumble strips on Enchanted Drive- Traffic Calming Program.

Move to April agenda, no report.

C. Consider yearly pool fee.

Pool fee is \$100 every year. No action

Comments by Citizens & Guests-

Judy King addressed the council regarding current Waste Management Site security measures. Suggested wants versus needs for the City of Enchanted Oaks. One concerning need is drainage issues that will escalate, to please consider drainage problems as a need.

ADJOURN –Don Agold made a motion to adjourn. Kim Cochran made a second. 7:47 p.m.

Attest: Maegan Mojica, Town Secretary



**TOWN OF ENCHANTED OAKS
TOWN COUNCIL**

MINUTES

**SPECIAL MEETING
February 27, 2024 - 7:00 P.M.
Town Hall
111 Deerwood Drive
Enchanted Oaks, Texas**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Natalie Onate called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m..
2. **ROLL CALL/QUORUM:** The Town Secretary called roll. Kim Cochran, Tim Johnson, Natalie Onate, Don Agold, Bill Grissom, and Shelia Hermes in attendance.
3. **Discuss/Take Action on Waste Management Relocation Project** –
Project plans were reviewed along with updated costs of \$230,000 based on engineering specifications. Council opted to NOT proceed with the site move. About \$30,000 of the \$230,000 includes drainage work that is adjacent to the project, and will be scheduled & completed as part of regular road work.

Consensus was reached to explore revamping the existing Waste Management site with upgrades.

Don Agold made a motion to adjourn. Tim Johnson made a second. All in favor;

Motion Passed. Adjourn 7:50 p.m..

Attest: Maegan Mojica,
City Secretary

ENCHANTED OAKS, TEXAS
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

February 12, 2024

Mayor Natalie Onate called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS- N/A

AGENDA

Secretary Maegan Mojica called roll. Council members in attendance: Tim Johnson, Natalie Onate, Don Agold, Bill Grissom, and Shelia Hermes.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes from December 12, 2023, Regular Council Meeting
- B. Financial Reports for December 2023 and January 2024.

Tim Johnson made a motion to approve as presented. Shelia Hermes made a second. No further discussion. All in favor. **Motion Passed.**

REPORTS – COUNCIL MEMBERS

Anthony Katsoulas – Chief of Police – Chief Anthony was not in attendance. Reserve officer Captain Hughes submitted a report to council. Calls for service: 24.

Mowing Report – Brad Neighbor – Report submitted to council. Trimming old growth around city. Preventive maintenance, and mulch kit to be installed on zero turn to clean out ditches.

Steve Foster – Maintenance Worker- Report submitted to council. Roads and Drainage: completed sprinkler leak repair at WMS. Removed culvert on Enchanted Drive to open drainage flow. Obtained bid for culvert replacement on Indian Harbor. Building and Maintenance: Repaired sump Pump. Installed new lights and outlets/switches at Town Hall. Repaired sink and ceiling sheetrock at Police Department. Installed new shutoff valve near water meter at Police Station.

WMS Relocation Project: Report submitted to council. Received final draft of Construction Site Plan from MMA.

Jeff Onate, Board of Adjustments/Building Permits – Natalie Onate gave report on building activity- 1 new construction permit, 2 house demo permits, 1 fence permit.

Jacqueline Huff – Ladies Club – No Report

Vacant Seat - Maintenance of Building, Grounds – No report

Tim Johnson – Parks / Boat Ramps – Considering replacing goal net at soccer field. Considering making more parking at west boat ramp will require purchase of rock, clearing out grass area (north side), and removal of rotten wood timbers.

Don Agold – Pool/Emergency Mgt./Trailer Parking – Pool: One item came up for repair inside pump enclosure. During repair, additional work was discovered because of freeze damage. Don authorized work to be completed, and extra fixtures were installed for preventive measure to winterize pool system more efficiently in future.

Trailer Parking: First quadrant resurfaced, began moving trailers, and new numbers are now in place. Hopeful to start the second quadrant in the Fall 2024, and year by year resurface remaining quadrants. The overall goal is to end up with more parking for trailers. As of today, we have no availability in the trailer parking area.

Bill Grissom – Roads & Drainage – Culvert work completed to help with drainage issues. Steve managed road widening construction on Enchanted Dr. to Trailwood. The existing road width was not adequate capacity for two vehicles to travel at same time. That issue has been eliminated.

Shelia Hermes - Waste Management Station (WMS) Issues or Concerns – No report.

REPORTS – ADMINISTRATION

Damian Decell - Treasurer Activities– No report

Maegan Mojica– City Secretary – Activities, Coordination – No Report

Mayor Reports of Contacts for prior month – Business as usual. Fiber Optic company will come talk to council in March 2024 to request approval to lay Fiber internet for homes in Enchanted Oaks. A volunteer surveyed our streetlights & had about 15 lights repaired some were replaced with LED bulbs.

ACTION ITEMS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS: Items under this section are matters to be formally considered and decided by the Town Council. Discussions and deliberations are limited to the posted matter –

A. Consider appointing Kim Cochran to fill vacated seat for unexpired term ending November 2024:

Tim Johnson made a motion to appoint Kim Cochran as Building and Maintenance councilwoman. Don Agold seconded. All in favor; **motion passed.**

B. Consider approval of Fiscal Year 2023 Audit:

No report. Postpone till March.

C. Consider generator & interlock system for emergency use at Town Hall:

Don Agold proposed a 50 Amp portable generator and interlock system for total cost of \$5000.00 to provide limited power at Town Hall facility for residents in emergency situations. Discussion followed about maintenance, and ability to function and cover the needs of residents. Don Agold made a motion to move forward with generator purchase as presented. There was no second. **Motion Failed.**

D. Consider purchasing new signage for Traffic Calming:

Brad Neighbor proposed radar sign with visual digital speed, and data collection feature via Wi-Fi download, new speed limit signs 24inch x 30inch to be installed current signs are not in compliance. - Total cost for Traffic Calming Program purchase \$6000. Don Agold made a motion to approve \$6000 for Traffic Calming purchase. Shelia Hermes seconded. All in favor; **Motion passed.**

E. Consider contribution funds to Dog Park:

Teri Erickson presented the council with building plans and inspiration photo for Phase 2 Proposal which includes 20 feet long by 8 feet high and 6 feet deep gazebo structure with two custom seating benches. Material used for gazebo will include Cedar planks and post; black metal brackets; UV corrugated sheeting on top. Teri requested a city contribution amount \$1800 with approval of design structure. If the design of gazebo is to change, Teri will come back to address council. Teri will get a building permit to begin installation of gazebo and attach Phase 2 building plan proposal to ensure no change in gazebo design.

Shelia Hermes made a motion to grant \$1800 for pergola installation and accepts conceptual plans Terri Erickson presented. Tim Johnson seconded. Those in favor: Tim Johnson, Natalie Onate, Kim Cochran, and Shelia Hermes. Those Opposed: Don Agold, and Bill Grissom. **Motion Passed.**

F. Consider hiring additional Administrative Support:

Natalie Onate presented council with documentation on hiring City Administrator. Documentation included job description, job duties, job benefits, base pay, and experience required.

However, the City's long-term financial forecast does not support this position at this time. Further research & consideration will be given to this issue – reducing costs, increasing revenues, or continuing our status quo.

Comments by Citizens & Guests- No speakers.

ADJOURN –Don Agold made a motion to adjourn. Bill Grissom made a second. Motion Passed, meeting adjourned 8:23 p.m.

Attest: Maegan Mojica, Town Secretary

JANUARY 2024

Regular Council meeting

Cancelled

ENCHANTED OAKS, TEXAS
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

December 12, 2023

Mayor Natalie Onate called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS- N/A

AGENDA

Secretary Maegan Mojica called roll. Council members in attendance: Judy Purdy (absent), Tim Johnson, Natalie Onate, Don Agold, Bill Grissom, and Shelia Hermes.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes from November 14, 2023, Regular Council Meeting
- B. Financial Reports for November 2023.
- C. Asset Tracking Report 2023
- D. TexPool Resolution Amending Authorized Representatives

Tim Johnson made a motion to approve as presented. Shelia Hermes made a second. No further discussion. All in favor. **Motion Passed.**

REPORTS – COUNCIL MEMBERS

Anthony Katsoulas – Chief of Police – Chief was not in attendance. Report submitted to council.

Mowing Report – Brad Neighbor – Report submitted to council.

Steve Foster – Maintenance Worker- November report; Road and drainage: Tractor ROW work, picked up excess gravel from roadway. Replacement of culvert on Idlewood/Havenwood. Trailer Parking Facility: Coordinated trailer parking fence relocation, set 16 posts. Building & Maintenance: Refinished two park benches at Town Hall, Gutters cleaned out gutters, Check Sump pump, winterize well house.

WMS Relocation Project: Working with Hardin survey to obtain survey of site.

Jeff Onate, Board of Adjustments/Building Permits – No Report.

Jacqueline Huff – Ladies Club – Beginning January 2024, a monthly game night event at TH.

Judy Purdy, Mayor Pro Tem - Maintenance of Building, Grounds – No report

Tim Johnson – Parks / Boat Ramps – Will replace goal at soccer field. Will remove one parking spot at West boat ramp for easier accessibility.

Don Agold – Pool/Emergency Mgt./Trailer Parking – Pool: No issues, the pool cover will be removed in May 2024. Trailer Parking: Post number signs are on order & will be installed.

Bill Grissom – Roads & Drainage – Culvert scheduled to be replaced at Idlewood/Havenwood. Drainage issues on Lake Dr. are being evaluated.

Shelia Hermes - Waste Management Station (WMS) Issues or Concerns – 30-yard dumpster ordered for holidays. Email will be sent reminding residents them to adhere to posted rules and regulations of items allowed.

REPORTS – ADMINISTRATION

Damian Decell - Treasurer Activities– No report

Maegan Mojica– City Secretary – Activities, Coordination – No Report

Mayor Reports of Contacts for prior month – Worked on contracts and grant related items.

ACTION ITEMS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS: Items under this section are matters to be formally considered and decided by the Town Council. Discussions and deliberations are limited to the posted matter –

A. Consider generator purchase for Town Hall. (Emergency use) :

Don Agold proposed 50 Amp propane generator for total cost of \$3000.00 to provide limited power at Town Hall facility for residents in emergency situations. Discussion followed about maintenance, and ability to function and cover the needs of residents. Don Agold made a motion to move forward with generator purchase as presented. There was no second. **Motion Failed.** Don Agold will further evaluate generator capabilities to see if it will meet the needs of Town hall facility and will report back to council.

B. Consider Potential deployment of solar installations on town facilities:

As requested by the council, resident Stephen Alley presented quotes to council for solar installation at Town Hall and Police Station. Solar and Battery Backup would enable the facilities to be of use in case of emergency. Mayor noted that at approximate cost of \$140,000 it would take approximately 26 years to pay for itself. Shelia Hermes asked why Police station is included. Mayor responded that Police station is a secondary emergency shelter site. Mayor added that a grant could be a funding source, however, the city is not staffed for requirements of grant oversight.

Stephen Alley added the need for the council to review and implement the emergency management plan. No further discussion.

C. Consider Contribution to dog park:

Teri Erickson addressed the council with an update on Dog park. She thanked the council for the donation of the use of the land, and shared how it has been successful. \$6,405 has been raised and Phase 1 is complete. She presented council with a proposal for Phase 2 which includes 24x12 pergola with UV shade, benches, gravel, and Dogwood place name sign. The amount needed to complete Phase 2 is \$3,595. Teri requested a city contribution in this amount

Mayor asked for clarification on choices of material for pergola and noted that plans and permitting will be required. Teri added that ongoing maintenance of Phase 2 will be provided by the dog club.

Shelia Hermes made a motion to grant half the amount requested, \$1800, contingent upon council approval of plan There was no second. **Motion Failed.**

Tim Johnson made a motion to grant \$3,595 the full amount of the request towards dog park facility. There was no second. **Motion Failed.**

After brief discussion, Tim Johnson changed his position and seconded the motion presented by Shelia Hermes in favor of the partial amount \$1800, contingent on plan approval as noted above. Those in favor: Tim Johnson, Natalie Onate, and Shelia Hermes. Those Opposed: Don Agold, and Bill Grissom. **Motion Passed.**

ADJOURN –Don Agold made a motion to adjourn. Bill Grissom made a second. 7:53 p.m.

Attest: Maegan Mojica, Town Secretary

ENCHANTED OAKS, TEXAS
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

November 14, 2023

Mayor Natalie Onate called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – Mayor recognized:

- Judy King for her service as Treasurer for the past four years. She resigned in October.
- Thanked all volunteers who help staff throughout the year.
- Announced Meagan Mojica as new city secretary. Pam Foster will be retiring as of November 22, 2023.

AGENDA

Secretary Pam Foster called roll. Council members in attendance: Judy Purdy, Tim Johnson, Natalie Onate, Don Agold, Bill Grissom, and Shelia Hermes.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes from September 12, 2023 Regular Council Meeting
- B. Minutes from November 7, 2023 Special Council Meeting
- C. Financial Reports for September and October 2023

Judy Purdy made a motion to approve as presented. Don Agold made a second. No further discussion. All in favor. **Motion Passed.**

REPORTS – COUNCIL MEMBERS

Anthony Katsoulas – Chief of Police – August report: 22 service calls, 4 city violations.

September report: 31 service calls. October report: 18 service calls, 4 city violations.

Mowing Report – Brad Neighbor – mowing, trimming, edging, and equipment maintenance complete. Future project include clearing the accumulation of trash from lots behind the WMS.

Steve Foster – Maintenance Worker September report: Install multi key lock box at TH, paint hydrants, sprinkler repair, pot hole repair, paint stripe at intersection, purchase box blade for tractor, supervised road surface work in new trailer parking quadrant area. October report: paint mayor's office, install catch basin TH, coordinated & moved row of trailers to new quadrant area, refurbishing TH benches, coordinating survey of WMS relocation site and a proposal agreement for engineering plans for drainage at the site.

Jeff Onate, Board of Adjustments/Building Permits – Stephen Alley reported a new build & a major remodel have started among other smaller projects.

Jacqueline Huff – Ladies Club – Dec 9th community wide tree lighting event 6 PM. Beginning January 2024, a monthly game night event at TH.

Judy Purdy, Mayor Pro-Tem - Maintenance of Building, Grounds – no report

Tim Johnson – Parks / Boat Ramps – no report

Don Agold – Pool/Emergency Mgt./Trailer Parking – Pool: New fence installed. Trailer Parking: fence work completed in the new quadrant area. Expansion plans include an all-

weather surface in the new quadrants.

Bill Grissom – Roads & Drainage – Due to hot/dry summer, various areas of roads need to be repaired. Culvert scheduled to be replaced at Idlewood/Havenwood and several other locations to be evaluated.

Shelia Hermes- Waste Management Station (WMS) Issues or Concerns – Waiting on part to repair exit gate.

REPORTS – ADMINISTRATION

Damian Decell - Treasurer Activities– No report

Pam Foster – City Secretary – Activities, Coordination – Training new secretary. FY2024 Audit in progress.

Mayor Reports of Contacts for prior month – 1. Resuming investment process plan and will increase investment activity. 2. Researching security access control options for the WMS project. 3. Stephen Alley researching solar options for town facilities as part of the emergency management for the town. A special meeting will likely be called to discuss/review.

ACTION ITEMS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS: Items under this section are matters to be formally considered and decided by the Town Council. Discussions and deliberations are limited to the posted matter –

- A. Nominate and Elect Mayor Pro-Tem** – Don Agold made a motion to appoint Shelia Hermes as Mayor Pro-Tem. Tim Johnson seconded. All in favor; **Motion Passed.**
- B. City and Committee Appointments FY2024** – Shelia Hermes name added to the Mayor Pro-Tem, and Sam McVay replaced with Denny Orewiler assuming his position on BOA. Judy Purdy made a motion to approve the appointments with noted changes. Don Agold seconded. All in favor; **Motion Passed.**
- C. Prosperity Bank Account Signatories: Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tem, and Treasurer and access/users to Safe Deposit Box: Secretary, Treasurer, and Mayor** – Don Agold made a motion to approve the bank signatories and users to safe deposit box as noted. Tim Johnson seconded. All in favor; **Motion Passed.**
- D. New Year’s Fireworks: setting dates and times for use** – Tim Johnson made a motion for following dates/times: December 31st, 2023 from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. and January 1, 2024 from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m. Shelia Hermes seconded. All in favor; **Motion Passed.**
- E. Review and Discuss Fence Ordinance Draft** – Mayor noted the goal was for council to agree on primary points only, adding that four of the six council members must agree in favor of a change position. Actual ordinance including those points will be approved at next city council meeting. Council reviewed handout that presented various option plans with drawing illustrations. Discussion points were divided into two sections: backyard and front yard. A maximum height and material options need to be chosen. Mayor opened the discussion by calling on speakers in order from sign in sheet. Eleven speakers presented their positions which included comments that addressed some of their concerns such as how changes would affect views, privacy, security, aesthetics, property values, standards, changes in development growth, and needs of interior lot owner. The police chief shared his perspective on how the height of a fence affects security

issues. Mayor noted the goal is for council to decide on FY (front yard), BY (back yard) and HT (Height) of each. Judy Purdy noted she is in favor of 6-foot privacy fence on interior lots only and not in favor of front yard.

The following options were presented as a starting point:

1. Do nothing.
(For Back Yards)
2. Allow Open max 6' fences on front & side property lines with setback limit.
3. Allow Open & Privacy max 6' fences on front & side property lines with setback limit.
(For Front Yards)
4. Allow front yard fences to max 4' Open or Privacy. (These are currently allowed.)
5. Disallow front yard fences. Grandfathering in those currently in good condition.

Don Agold made a motion to adopt option #1 and #5. Tim Johnson seconded.

Vote: For - Don Agold, Tim Johnson, Natalie Onate.

Opposed - Judy Purdy, Bill Grissom, Shelia Hermes

Motion Failed.

Shelia Hermes made a motion to not allow any front yard (FY) fences of any kind and grandfather in those in good condition. Don Agold seconded. All in favor;

Motion Passed.

Council discussion continued with points made regarding the need for the town to uphold to higher standards than surrounding cities, and the need to enforce the codes in place for upkeep on privacy fences. Mayor noted code enforcement is an issue and council would need to budget more funds for increased enforcement

Bill Grissom made a motion to adopt option #3. Judy Purdy seconded.

Vote: For - Judy Purdy, Bill Grissom.

Opposed - Tim Johnson, Natalie Onate, Don Agold, Shelia Hermes

Motion Failed. Shelia Hermes amended her vote in favor. Not enough votes to Carry. **Motion Failed.**

Mayor made a motion to allow back yard fences, wrought-iron 6'.

No second. **Motion Failed.**

In response to a citizen query, the City attorney noted that an election can be called, but it is non-binding, and the council still has to vote to decide. There is an expense associated with this option. The mayor noted that a majority of our residents are not registered to vote here.

Don Agold made a motion to adopt option #1 for front yard fences. Tim Johnson seconded.

Vote: For - Don Agold, Natalie Onate, Tim Johnson

Opposed - Judy Purdy, Bill Grissom, Shelia Hermes. **Motion Failed**

Judy Purdy made a motion to allow 6' on adjoining property lines back to back and side by side with 4' maximum in front (ex: 6x4x4). Bill Grissom seconded.

Vote: For - Judy Purdy, Bill Grissom, Shelia Hermes

Opposed – Tim Johnson, Natalie Onate, Don Agold. **Motion Failed.**
Mayor closed the discussion on the fence ordinance.

Comments by Citizens & Guests – Terry Erickson announced the Dog Park fence has been installed. Grand opening ceremony scheduled for December 10th, 2023.

Robert Miller requested enforcement of the fireworks date and time restrictions as set by council.

ADJOURN –Don Agold made a motion to adjourn. Tim Johnson made a second.

Attest: Pamela Foster, Town Secretary



**TOWN OF ENCHANTED OAKS
TOWN COUNCIL**

MINUTES

**SPECIAL MEETING
November 7, 2023 - 7:00 P.M.
Town Hall
111 Deerwood Drive
Enchanted Oaks, Texas**

1. **ROLL CALL/QUORUM:** The Town Secretary called roll. Judy Purdy, Tim Johnson, Natalie Onate, Don Agold (arrived late), Bill Grissom, and Shelia Hermes in attendance.
2. **Discuss/Take Action on the appointment of Damian Decell as Treasurer** – Tim Johnson made a motion to approve the appointment of Damian Decell as the Treasurer. Shelia Hermes made a second. All in favor; **Motion Passed.**
3. The Town Council **adjourned at 7:12 PM into closed executive session** to discuss Personnel matters involving interviews of job applicants for a City Secretary employee. Sec. 551.074, Tex. Gov't Code.
4. At 7:21 PM the Town Council **reconvened from closed executive session to Discuss/Take Action regarding the hiring of a City Secretary.** Judy Purdy made a motion to approve Maegan Mojica for the replacement of the retiring city secretary position. Tim Johnson made a second. All in favor; **Motion Passed.**
5. Judy Purdy made a motion to adjourn. Bill Grissom made a second. All in favor; **Motion Passed.**

Attest: Pam Foster,
City Secretary