

ENCHANTED OAKS, TEXAS
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

October 8, 2024

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

PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – none

Mayor Onate called roll. Council members in attendance: Kim Cochran, Tim Johnson, Natalie Onate, Don Agold, Bill Grissom, and Shelia Hermes. A quorum was present.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes from September 10, 2024, Regular Council Meeting
- B. Financial Reports for September 2024
- C. Employee Employment Agreements for FY 2025

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

Mayor moved FY023 Audit to first item for consideration.

Auditor Mike Ward delivered Audit Report, which showed no deficiencies. Fund balances increased over previous year, All accounts were made available during the audit and all accounts reconciled. Tim Johnson made a motion to approve as presented. Shelia Hermes made a second. No further discussion. All in favor

REPORTS – COUNCIL MEMBERS

Anthony Katsoulas – Chief of Police – Chief Katsoulas submitted a report to council. Calls for service: 7. Callouts from home 1. Interagency assists: 1. Chief noted more traffic enforcement with new Radar/Lidar gun. Citizen noted that previously reported stolen vehicle was confiscated, with damage, at a location in East Texas. Citizen noted that equipment previously stolen from home was returned.

Mowing Report – Brad Neighbor – No written report. Mowing as usual. Worked with Steve and several volunteers to install a new radar sign with breakaway pole for safety.

Steve Foster – Maintenance – Provided written report. Projects included a new radar sign and resurfacing an area of the trailer parking lot.

Jeff Onate, Board of Adjustments/Building Permits – Mayor reported one new build permit.

Jacqueline Huff – Ladies Club – Presented by Kim Cochran. Garage sale Oct 19 & Trunk or Treat on October 31st (dusk)

Kim Cochran - Maintenance of Building, Grounds – Reported on National Night Out / Crime Watch. Looking for volunteers to assist/patrol with Crime Watch.

Tim Johnson – Parks / Boat Ramps – Walked the dock areas & all looked well.

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

Don thanked the volunteers who helped close the pool by covering & putting away equipment.

Trailer Parking - Resurfacing underway.

Bill Grissom – Roads & Drainage – nothing to report.

Shelia Hermes – Usual issues with Waste Management Site. Fall Color added to flower beds in town.

REPORTS – ADMINISTRATION

Damian Decell - Treasurer Activities. Mayor reported Year End Financials were completed and next FY budget was loaded.

(open) – City Secretary – Activities, Coordination – No report

Mayor Reports of Contacts for prior month –Posted Job Openings & reviewed resumes. Filling in as Secretary; Bought new PC for Mayor’s office. Received inquiry about placing cell tower on city property – there are pros & cons to that & mayor is looking for a volunteer to research.

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 FY2023 Audit** (discussed above)
- B. **Discuss status & Upfit of new city vehicle.** Truck was purchased & will be used by Police and for City Works projects. Addition of lights, radio, etc has been budgeted & will be scheduled.
- C. **Discuss Fiber Optics Installations.** *Citizen spoke against allowing Fiber Optics install due to health concerns related to Electro Magnetic Frequencies. Council explained that the City does not have control over Fiber installs by companies who already have Rights. Prior Fiber discussions in council meetings were related to companies requesting new Rights to install & those options were not pursued.*

Comments by Citizens & Guests-

No additional comments

Council adjourned into closed executive session at 7:50 pursuant to Sec. 551.074, Tex. Gov’t Code to discuss appointment of City Administrator.

Council reconvened in open meeting at 8:21. Kim Cochran made a motion to appoint Regina Kiser as City Administrator. Don Agold made a second. No further discussion. All in favor. **Motion Passed.**

ADJOURN – Don Agold made a motion to adjourn. Tim Johnson made a second. All in favor. 8:22 p.m.

Attest: Natalie Onate, Mayor