

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON FEBRUARY 13, 2007 7:00 PM
AT OAK LEAF CITY HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Council members present:

Mayor Paul Klooster
Councilwoman Susan Walker
Councilman Jim Tuma
Councilwoman Pat Mahlstedt
Councilman Ron Spurlock
Councilman Ray Brindle

II. MAYOR PAUL KLOOSTER CALLED THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCED A QUORUM PRESENT.

III. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Klooster gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. GUEST LIST ATTACHED

V. CONSENT ITEMS

Minutes of the regular meeting of December 12, 2006 were reviewed. A motion was made by Walker to accept the minutes as submitted. Spurlock seconded the motion.

Ayes: All present voted aye.

Nays: None.

The motion was passed.

VI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION -None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Klooster presented for yearly renewal an Interlocal Agreement between Ellis County and the City of Oak Leaf for maintenance, repair and/or construction of streets, roads, alleys, bridges and parking areas, as well as the maintenance and construction of waterways, and ditches and purchase of certain goods. Mahlstedt made a motion to accept the renewal. Walker seconded the motion.

Ayes: All present voted aye.

Nays: None.

The motion was passed.

B. Mayor Klooster called for the Oak Leaf General Election to be held on Saturday, May 12, 2007 at the Oak Leaf Municipal Building from 7 A.M. until 7 P.M. for the election of Alderman Place 1 held by Pat Mahlstedt, Alderman Place 2 held by Ron Spurlock and Alderman Place 3 held by Ray Brindle. He stated that the filing for a place on the ballot had begun on February 12, 2007 and would run through March 12, 2007. Filing for write-in candidate is from February 12, 2007 through March 19, 2007.

Early voting will be April 30, 2007 thru May 8, 2007 during normal office hours except for two (2) 12-hour weekdays, which is a requirement of the Texas Election Code. These two (2) 12-hour early voting days will be Monday, April 30, 2007 and Monday, May 7, 2007 between the hours of 7 A.M. thru 7 P.M.

Klooster identified that staff was given comp time for the overtime worked last year. Council voiced no objections for comp time to apply again this year. Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on May 4, 2007.

C. Mayor Klooster presented a joint election agreement between the City of Oak Leaf and the Red Oak Independent School District to share a common polling place for the May 12, 2007 General Election for consideration and approval. Brindle made a motion to approve the joint election agreement. Mahlstedt seconded the motion.

Ayes: All present voted aye.

Nays: None.

The motion was passed.

D. Klooster presented Ordinance 0701 declaring and confirming the boundaries of the City of Oak Leaf, Texas for consideration and approval. Walker asked if there were any pending issues that would drive us to want to approve this ordinance. Klooster responded that there were not. Mahlstedt made a motion to approve Ordinance 0701. Tuma seconded the motion.

Ayes: All present voted aye.

Nays: None.

The motion was passed.

E. Mayor Klooster appointed Patricia Cortes, City Secretary as the City of Oak Leaf's Emergency Management Coordinator.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Mayor Klooster identified that Mayor Pro Tem Mahlstedt has been investigating areas in the City that are in need of a streetlight(s). There are 10 locations that Mahlstedt feels might benefit from having a streetlight(s). Mayor Klooster recommended that we go with the 10 areas that Mahlstedt has identified. Walker

queried Klooster on the locations. It was identified that streetlights were needed in the following areas:

- Lark Lane
- Lariat Circle
- Corner of Hampton & Highland Rd.
- Woodhaven Court
- Corner of Locust Dr. & Walnut Dr.
- Corner of Hackberry Dr. & Elm Dr.
- Cedar Drive

IX. MAYOR'S UPDATE – Mayor Klooster updated Council on items listed below.

- Easement/Water Infrastructure Project
When the last hook up was done at Elm Dr. (100 block) and Locust Dr. to the new 12-inch waterline; Fox contractors found one line that they were not aware of, at this time there are still a few homes on the old line. These will be tied into the new line within the next two-weeks.
- Audit Report
As a result of audit adjustments, the Oak Leaf Business Development Corporation Special Tax account is no longer shown on the City's budget.
- Chapman Ranch
No update.
- Indian Hills
Correspondence received from the City's Consulting Engineer and Attorney, identify that we are closer to selecting a Geotechnical firm to test and inspect the roadways that both parties find mutually agreeable. The cost is to be split 50/50 between the Developer and the City.

Brindle identified that parts of the Indian Hills roads will be impassable within 30-60 days.
- Trash Contract
Disagreement between Allied Waste and the City has been completely resolved, and the City has received a check for a portion of attorney fees.
- Flood Prone Property
No update.
- Spring Clean Up Day
Council set the date for April 14, 2007. City staff still checking on paper shredding companies. Brindle identified that his company used a company

out of Palmer. He will send staff contact information. Notice of the spring clean up day will be sent via mail 30-days before to all residents.

- Subdivisions
Klooster identified that there have been meetings between the City's representative and Jon Coe about additional subdividing of his land.
- Delinquent Tax Analysis
No update

X. REPORTS AND ACTION BY COUNCIL

LAND/BUILDING - None

LEGAL & PUBLIC RELATIONS

- Walker identified that one of her neighbors dogs got caught in a snare trap. She further identified that snare traps were not illegal in the state of Texas on your own private property. She is concerned that someone's cat or other small pet could get caught in one and injure the animal. She asked Secretary Cortes to do some research on snare traps. She would like to put something together for Councils perusal maybe for the next meeting regarding the use of snare traps in the City.

PUBLIC WORKS

- Mayor Klooster identified that there were a lot of potholes in Little Creek Estates. Secretary Cortes identified that the County had been sent a request to pothole citywide.
- Mayor Klooster identified that a speed limit sign on Rock Creek Drive was upside down.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

- Secretary Cortes updated Council on the costs of a variety of electronic voting machines.
 1. Diebold – AccuVote –TSX electronic voting machine approximate cost for one machine is \$3,400.
 2. Hart Intercivic – Eslate electronic voting machine approximate cost for one machine is \$9,000.
 3. Electronic Systems and Software – AutoMark electronic voting machine approximate cost for one machine is \$4,500.

None of the above companies lease. The most cost effective solution for the City is to lease the AutoMark from Ellis County again this year for the sum of \$324.17.

ORDINANCE REVIEW/UPDATE – CHAPTER 9, SUBDIVISIONS – None

XI. ADJOURNMENT FROM REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A motion to adjourn was made by Mahlstedt, seconded by Spurlock.

Ayes: All present vote aye.

Nays: None.

The motion passed.

PASSED THIS _____ DAY of _____ 2007

Paul Klooster, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Patricia Cortes, Secretary