



**OAK RIDGE TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
MAY 22, 2018 - 12:00 P.M.
OAK RIDGE TOWN HALL**

MINUTES

Members Present

Spencer Sullivan, Mayor
Jim Kinneman, Mayor Pro Tem
George McClellan
Doug Nodine
Ann Schneider

Staff Present

Bill Bruce, Town Manager
Sandra Smith, Town Clerk

Meeting Facilitator

Randy Billings

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Spencer Sullivan called the meeting to order at 12:14 p.m.

2. APPROVE AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Jim Kinneman made a **motion** to approve the meeting agenda.
Councilwoman Ann Schneider seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously (5-0).

3. STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP

Randy Billings began the session by asking Council members what strategic planning means to them. Council agreed by consensus to focus on its overarching vision for the next 5-10 years and to include goals or priorities/objectives. This information will form the basis of how the Council and committees should move forward.

The Council then began determining its core values, which are:

- A safe place
- Preserve history/heritage
- Plan for the future
- Unique identity
- Maintain rural character (ambiance)
 - Open space
 - Village
- Family oriented
- Livability
- Community feel (with engaged citizens)
- Preserve natural environment

The Council then discussed what it wanted to be its major focus areas. Those issues were:

- Recreation
- Development (residential and commercial)
- Infrastructure (to include water and transportation/mobility)
- Preservation (open space, heritage, buildings, ORMA)

Council then directed staff to develop a vision statement and flesh out the focus areas in broad terms prior to the next meeting. Council also directed staff to prepare a press release, letting citizens and local media that it is beginning work on a strategic plan for the Town.

Billings then facilitated discussion on whether Council wanted the Town to become a sports destination or provide amenities only for citizens. Council's consensus was to provide amenities for citizens, but to rent facilities out to other groups if they are not being used by Oak Ridge groups. Council members also indicated that they wanted the same level of care and maintenance of Town facilities as has been given up to this time.

The Council decided by consensus to have Town Manager Bill Bruce conduct the next meeting in which the major focus areas will begin to be addressed.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Nodine made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 3:13 p.m. **Councilwoman Schneider** seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously (5-0).

Respectfully Submitted:

Sandra B. Smith, NCCMC, CMC
Town Clerk

Spencer Sullivan
Mayor