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MAYOR'S REPORT



Mayor Keith Palmer

Who wants better ROADS?! Who wants to issue bonds?! Who wants to have both, or neither, and have a direct say in the matter?! Well now is our chance. The City Council recently voted to put a bond issuance on the May 5th ballot for citizen approval or rejection. The Council has the authority to issue city debt on its own but thinks it is very important to put the issue before the voters. City Council felt such a financial decision for our city dictated the transparency and voter involvement (shared credit or blame) that a ballot referendum delivers.

What brought about this decision? Presently the City has a bond debt that will be retired later this year. It accounts for 2.6 cents of our city property tax rate. If we issue another bond at that same rate it would provide about \$1.7 million for capital improvements (roads). Mix in the obvious need for road improvements with favorable lending rates and this seemed like as good a time as any.

What are some of the specifics? The total amount voted for in the bond would have a cap of \$5 million. Any amount above the original \$1.7 million would have to be voted on by Council and fit within that 2.6 cent tax rate. Room within that 2.6 cent tax rate could be gained by higher appraisals (as if that could happen), more development and paying down the debt. The idea still being to not raise or lower the existing tax rate.

Things to consider: Most of us want better roads but that has been an ongoing problem for years. Just as we save enough money to fix some roads, other expenses crop up like the new City Hall and the drainage/flooding problems in Crescent Oaks, which puts the roads on hold. This bond would be dedicated for roads and associated infrastructure. It will not be used to build a wall along our borders with Little Elm and Cross Roads! With well over an estimated \$15 million in needed repairs to our streets, this could be a big step towards meeting that need. Exactly how the bond is worded on the ballot is also important. We want to be sure to lock down the bonds for roads but if we get too specific about what projects, that could come back to haunt us. Here is how...by law, if specific bond projects are voted down in an election then that city cannot address those specific issues for 2 years. So, if we itemize a top project and the bond fails then we are handcuffed, outside of simple maintenance.

How does the City plan to target needed projects? Our CIP. The CIP (Capital Improvements Projects), has a list of prioritized projects created by a citizen board. Outside of a few projects checked off that list, it is still relatively intact. The City will reconvene our CIP Committee to review and re-prioritize the master list. Council will appoint members from across Oak Point to put forth their recommendations. I encourage you to submit an application to serve on the board if you would like to get more involved. Details about the applications and the CIP Committee will be available in the near future.

We will be holding at least one Town Hall meeting and possibly some social media forums to further the open dialogue. Not to mention any other communications the City can use to get all of the information in your hands. Continued on the last page.....

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CITY MANAGER'S REPORT



Luke Olson
City Manager

What's Happening in Oak Point

The City of Oak Point has kicked off another New Year! The City has easily become one of the most sought after areas in the Metroplex to live and play!

The City Council has decided to begin the process of evaluating the Capital Improvements Project list and will be seeking volunteers to serve on the CIP Committee. While the re-evaluation of the CIP list is taking place, the City Council has voted to place a bond proposition on the May 5, 2018 election ballot. The decision to place a bond proposition on the ballot was based on the current City's debt being paid in full in October 2018. The current City tax rate is based on two components...the Maintenance and Operations (M&O) and Interest and Sinking (I&S). The current I&S rate is 2.6 cents and is specifically earmarked to pay off debt the City has incurred. The remainder of the tax rate, 51.4 cents, is the M&O, which is daily operations and maintenance of the City services provided. The I&S rate can only be collected if the

City has outstanding debt (bonds). If the bond is approved by voters on May 5, 2018, the City will be able to issue new debt to replace the debt being paid and keep the tax rate the same at a total of .54 cents. Issuance of bonds will allow the City to use funds dedicated to road projects only and start working on the current Capital Improvements Project list. The City has been using cash funding for projects as the money has been available which has delayed many needed projects. The issuance of new debt will allow the City to create a new priority list and work on road projects that have been neglected in the past. City Council approved a resolution calling the bond election for an amount not to exceed \$5 million dollars. In order to maintain the current tax rate, the City could issue \$1.7 million in bonds to start on the projects. The City/City Council will make sure that citizens are educated on the issuance of bonds and feel free to contact my office at any time with questions. Luke Olson, 972-294-2312, or email: lolson@oakpointtexas.com.

Phase one of the FM 720 Expansion project from El Dorado Parkway to Martop Road is almost complete. Phase two, which is from Martop Road north to US 380, will go out for bids in the beginning of March. There will still be road construction along the first phase so please be cautious of road conditions. Phase two is anticipated to start in the late summer to early fall of this year. The City of Oak Point will keep citizens informed of information on the project as updates are available.

The FM 720 Expansion project has opened up the possibility of commercial development on the four corners at FM 720 and McCormick/Shahan Prairie. As the project is completed and more traffic and rooftops are present, commercial development will not be far behind. The commercial developers are working with City staff on future development as they are excited about the opportunities in Oak Point.

MEET VICKI RUSSELL

Welcome Vicki Russell... Vicki grew up in Garland, Texas and graduated from South Garland High School (Go Colonels!!), and graduated from Texas A&M University. Vicki has been married for 32 years to the love of her life and has three grown sons. Vicki's youngest son is getting married in late 2018 so she is busy with wedding planning. Vicki started working for the City of Oak Point in December as the permit technician and is responsible for all permits, including facilitation of building permit approval, issuance of boat ramp, golf cart and pet registrations. Vicki worked for the Town of Fairview for six years prior to coming to Oak Point. Vicki says her favorite thing about her job is the interaction with people coming in to City Hall. In her spare time, Vicki loves crafts, making greeting and special occasion cards, painting and reading.



Vicki Russell
Permit Tech

MAY 5, 2018 GENERAL & SPECIAL ELECTION

It's almost that time of year for Oak Point residents to exercise their right to vote! The next municipal election will be held on Saturday, May 5, 2018. In the upcoming election, residents of Oak Point will elect three (3) City Council members (positions currently held by Jim Almond, Judith Camp and John Lusk). The election will also include a proposition to allow Oak Point voters to consider reauthorizing a ¼% sales tax for street maintenance. In the May 2006, May 2010, and May 2014 elections, Oak Point residents voted to re-authorize the tax. The tax expires after four years unless a new election is held to authorize the tax. The first day for early voting by personal appearance begins on Monday, April 23, 2018 and concludes on Tuesday, May 1, 2018. The hours for early voting are Monday – Saturday, from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., with extended hours of 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 30 and Tuesday, May 1. During early voting, residents of Oak Point may vote at any polling location within Denton County. The location for Election Day voting for Oak Point residents will be at the Oak Point City Hall, located at 100 Naylor Road. Please refer to the City's website and future Information Bulletins for further details.

Residents must be registered to vote to participate in the upcoming election. The last day to register to be eligible to vote in the May general election is Thursday, April 5. If you have any questions or wish to verify your voter registration information, please contact Denton County Elections at (940) 349-3200 or visit their website at www.votedenton.com.

A voter will be required to show one of the following forms of photo identification at the polling location before the voter will be permitted to cast a vote:

- *Texas driver license issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)
- *Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS
- *Texas personal identification card issued by DPS
- *Texas license to carry issued by DPS
- *United States military identification card containing the person's photograph
- *United States citizenship certificate containing the person's photograph
- *United States passport

With the exception of the U.S. citizenship certificate, the identification must be current or have expired no more than 4 years before being presented at the polling place.

If a voter is unable to obtain one of the seven listed items there are other options and can be found at the link listed in the following section.

NOTE: this is for informational purposes only. For a full list of acceptable documents please visit: <http://www.votetexas.gov/register-to-vote/need-id.html>

Election Identification Certificates are available from DPS driver license offices during regular business hours.

To review frequently asked questions and answers, visit www.votetexas.gov.

You may also contact the City Secretary, at (972) 294-2312 for other questions or refer to the city's website at www.oakpointtexas.com for more election details.



ENROLL IN THE CITY'S MASS COMMUNICATION AND EMERGENCY WEATHER

HOLIDAYS AND CALENDAR

In recognition of the following holidays, City offices will be closed on:

Friday, March 30
Good Friday

Monday, May 28
Memorial Day

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Upcoming City Council Meetings

Mon, March 19 at 6:00pm	City Council
Mon, April 16 at 6:00pm	City Council
Mon, May 21 at 6:00pm	City Council
Mon, June 18 at 6:00 pm	City Council

Tentative Meetings for Other Boards and Commissions

Tues, Apr. 3 at 6:00pm	Planning & Zoning Commission
Tues, Apr. 10 at 6:15pm	Economic Development Corp
Tues, May. 1 at 6:00pm	Planning & Zoning Commission
Tues, May. 8 at 6:15pm	Economic Development Corp

All dates are subject to change. Please check the City's website at www.oakpointtexas.com or contact the City Secretary at (972) 294-2312 to verify meeting dates and times.

MAY 5, 2018 GENERAL ELECTION UPDATE

The deadline to file for a place on the May 5, 2018 Oak Point General Election ballot was on Friday, February 16th. Five applicants filed for three City Council positions including incumbents Jim Almond, Judith Camp and John Lusk. The two other candidates are Timothy Freeman and Dena Meek. Election information can be located on the City website at www.oakpointtexas.com.

DRIVING IN CONSTRUCTION ZONES

Although the FM 720 Expansion project from El Dorado to Martop is almost complete there are still areas under construction and considered work or "cone zones". According to the Texas Department of Insurance, drivers are killed in work-zone crashes more often than employees working in them. Speeding and driver inattention cause most work zone accidents. The Federal Safety Administration states that rear-end crashes are the most common type of crash in work zones. Most fatal crashes in work zones occur on roads with speed limits greater than 50 mph, in summer and fall, and involve working-age adults. Some tips for driving in construction zones are:

- Pay attention to the roadway— don't distract yourself with cell phones, music, navigation systems or other distractive tasks.
- Increase your following distance behind other vehicles-watch for brake lights on vehicles ahead.
- Change lanes only where pavement markings or signs indicate it is allowed, and only when traffic conditions permit.
- Expect the unexpected-other vehicles can enter your lane with little warning.
- Use turn signals and turn on your headlights to make your vehicle more visible.

For a full list of safety tips visit www.txsaftyatwork.com. Data received from TDI, Division of Worker's Compensation.

SAVE THE DATE: SPRINGFEST 2018

Mark your calendars and make way for the Easter Bunny! The City's Spring Fest event will be held on Saturday, March 24, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Jake's Place Park. There will be Easter egg hunts, petting zoo, pony rides, bounce houses, a DJ, food, games, and arts & crafts. Don't forget to bring your camera as the Easter bunny will also be available for photos!

The City is also seeking volunteers to help with the event. Please contact the City at (972) 294-2312 if you are interested in helping.



WINTERFEST 2017 PICTURES



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SPRING CLEAN-UP APRIL 21, 2018

The City of Oak Point will hold its 2018 Spring Clean Up on Saturday, April 21, from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., or until dumpsters are full. The City will provide dumpsters at City Hall for Oak Point residents to bring trash and refuse, such as old furniture, appliances, lumber, building materials, and other household debris. Any appliances must be drained of all fluids prior to delivering them to the drop off site. There is no cost for use of the dumpsters. Once dumpsters are full, no additional dumping will be allowed.

Elderly or disabled residents may call City Hall in advance of the event to request assistance with any items they wish to deliver to the disposal site.

The City will again be offering an on-site shredding service for residents that have confidential documents that need to be destroyed. **Shredding will be available from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

The drop off site for the 2018 Spring Clean Up will be at the City Hall parking lot (next to Jake's Place Park), located at 100 Naylor Road. All residents will be required to show proof of residency by presenting a photo ID or a utility bill in their name.

CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE

The City of Oak Point will be sponsoring a Community Garage Sale on Saturday, April 14, 2018, from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Rain or Shine. Residents are encouraged to participate by having a garage sale at their home.

The City will advertise the Community Garage Sale in the area newspaper and on the City's website. On the morning of the garage sale, a map with a list of registered garage sale sites will be available at each subdivision entrance. To register for the garage sale, please fill out the registration form (pg. 8) and return it to City Hall by 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 5, 2018.

Questions regarding the Community Garage Sale may be directed to City Hall at (972) 294-2312.

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2017 CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE-APRIL 14

The City of Oak Point will be sponsoring a
City Wide Garage Sale
Saturday, April 14, 2018
8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The City will advertise the Garage Sale in the area newspaper and will distribute maps with a list of all registered Garage Sales the morning of the event. All residents are encouraged to participate by having a garage sale at their own home. Residents that are interested in holding a garage sale and being included on the map will need to complete and return this form with a \$3.00 registration fee to City Hall by Thursday, April 5, 2018.

Registration/Entry Form

Please complete and return to City Hall no later than Thursday, April 5, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

Name: _____

Address of Garage Sale: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Subdivision:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Crescent Oaks</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Emerald Sound</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Fox Hollow Estates</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Eagles Landing</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Hunter's Ridge</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Gates of Waters Edge</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Woodridge Estates</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Yacht Club Estates</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Other Subdivision</u> |

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE CONT....

So here's our chance. Vote for the bonds or do not vote for it. If you think this is a good start for real street improvements then vote YES. Vote NO if you think the bond is too much, not enough, too soon, too late, pro-Country Place, anti-Country Place or you simply want a tax cut and think the City should make do with in it's present budget. It is a big shared decision. Whatever the outcome, we can share the credit or blame our neighbors...nicely. Have a wonderful Spring everyone!!

Keith Palmer, Mayor

CITY OF OAK POINT CONTACT NUMBERS

City Hall	(972)294-2312	Fax: (972)294-1619	
Police/Fire	(972)294-0000	Fax: (972)294-3333	
Non-Emergency Dispatch	(940)349-1600	Option 9	
Emergency	911		Website: www.oakpointtexas.com

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