WHITE OAK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WHITE OAK CITY HALL
JANUARY 12, 2010
6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT : Mayor Joe Carrington, Dr. Barbara Ray, Lance Noll, Kyle Kutch, Kelly Mitchell

MEMBERS ABSENT : Mayor Pro-tem Greg Hulett

STAFF PRESENT : Charlie Smith, Mike Self, Terry Roach, Tracey Fears, Linda Lee, Dale Tuttle, Jamie Guida, Nate Holder, Debbie Sadler

GUESTS PRESENT : Hayden Holmes, Melissa Holmes, Dale Thomas, Greg Neeley

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Carrington. Invocation led by Councilmember Kutch and Mayor Carrington led the Pledge of Allegiance

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Councilmember Mitchell thanked the men and women that kept citizens warm with the horrible conditions they had to work in.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE Ordinance #2010-01 amending the sanitation service rates, repealing all ordinances, orders, or resolutions in conflict, and providing for an effective date.

The mayor explained Allied Waste increased their rates effective January 1, 2010 and is being passed on to the citizens. There is a senior citizen discount form which has not been actively offered and will start being offered in the future. This discount is just for bag service.

Councilmember Kutch asked what the container service was before the increase. Mayor Carrington answered $11.00 and now is $12.60. The bag service was $8.00 and is being increased to $10.50. The discount for senior citizens is $5.50 off the bag rate.

Councilmember Ray made the motion to approve, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell. Carried 5-0.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE Ordinance #2010-02 amending the credit card fees, providing for severability, repeal of conflicting ordinances, effective date, and proper notice and meeting.

Mayor Carrington explained Sherry did an analysis to compare what fees were being received versus the fees paid to the bank. The city was not collecting enough fees from the citizens to cover these costs. This is not to raise revenue, it is to break-even. Councilmember Mitchell stated the city shouldn't be out any money to accept credit cards.

Councilmember Kutch made the motion to approve with an amendment to the effective date to allow for publication. Seconded by Councilmember Noll. Carried 5-0.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE TML Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool Revised Interlocal Agreement.

City Coordinator Charlie Smith explained they made changes to the wording. This agreement is in regards to the employee health insurance.

Motion to approve made by Councilmember Noll, seconded by Councilmember Kutch. Carried 5-0.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE Longview Occupational Medicine Clinic agreement.

City Coordinator Charlie Smith explained this is a new requirement for the city and there have not been any fee increases. Potential employees are sent to LOMC for pre-employment physicals and drug screens.

Councilmember Mitchell made the motion to approve, seconded by Councilmember Ray. Carried 5-0.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE Resolution #2010-01 to ratify the Investment Policy without amendments.

Mayor Carrington stated this is an annual ritual and have to make sure the council sees it and has the opportunity to make changes. Councilmember Kutch commented this is the same policy that has been in effect since 1996.

Councilmember Noll made the motion to approve, seconded by Councilmember Kutch. Carried 5-0.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE bid for 2009 CDBG-R Water System Improvements, #R729720A and #R729720B Water Main Upgrades.

Mayor Carrington explained this is on the Ward Street project. City Coordinator Charlie Smith explained the low bid came in from Morton Construction for $136,650.75 and this left about $100,000 to repair additional old waterlines.

Councilmember Kutch made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Noll. Carried 5-0.

MAYOR'S ITEMS

A. Financial Update

Mayor Carrington stated the city is about $60,000 behind on sales tax revenue. If this trend continues, capital projects may have to be put on hold. He asked Debbie Sadler, WOEDCO Executive Director what could be the cause and if it could be oil and gas related. Debbie Sadler answered the comptroller's office commented that oil and gas is coming back and the city doesn't have a retail sector to offset the oil and gas when it is low to help balance it out.

B. Capital Projects Update

Mayor Carrington stated he had a very detailed list of the projects and will go through them another time, but the certificate of obligation funds are being monitored when spent on projects.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Consider and/or approve payment of bills
B. Consider and/or approve City Council minutes from December 8, 2009
C. Consider and/or approve WOEDCO minutes from October 27, 2009

Motion to approve made by Councilmember Ray, seconded by Councilmember Kutch. Carried 5-0.

ADJOURN

Before motion to adjourn was made, Councilmember Kutch asked Greg Neeley if he had anything to say. Mr. Neeley stated he is running in the republican primary for County Court at Law #2 and is using this opportunity to meet people and renew friendships.

Motion to adjourn at 6:20 p.m. made by Councilmember Noll, seconded by Councilmember Kutch. Carried 5-0.

Joe Carrington

JOE CARRINGTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Sherry Roberts

SHERRY ROBERTS, CITY SECRETARY