

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

MEMBERS PRESENT : Mayor Rick May, Kyle Kutch, Kelly Mitchell, Charlie Owens

MEMBERS ABSENT : Mayor Pro-tem Barbara Ray, Lance Noll

STAFF PRESENT : Charlie Smith, Sherry Roberts, Mike Self, Debbie Sadler

GUESTS PRESENT : Keith Brown, Shannon Trest

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor May called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. then led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATION recognizing October 2010 as "National Domestic Violence Awareness Month."

Mayor May read the proclamation after acknowledging Shannon Trest, Director for the Women's Center of East Texas.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Consider and/or approve payment of bills.
- B. Consider and/or approve City Council minutes from September 13, 2010
- C. Consider and/or approve WOEDCO minutes from August 23, 2010

Councilmember Owens made the motion to approve, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell. Carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE Interlocal Contract with East Texas Council of Governments for Database Maintenance.

Councilmember Mitchell made the motion to approve, seconded by Councilmember Owens. City Coordinator Smith explained ETCOG will be responsible for 911 mapping and issuing new addresses. There will be an annual service fee based on population and will not be as much as the initial cost. Carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE Ordinance #2010-12 authorizing the offering of health benefits coverage to employer retirees; repealing all ordinances in conflict; providing an open meetings clause; and providing an effective date.

City Secretary Sherry Roberts explained the 2007 Retiree Medical Insurance is outdated and needed rewording. TML has a new retiree program that needs to be addressed. Offering retiree

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insurance does not affect the City's loss ratio with TML. It was made clear by council to confirm percentages to include in ordinance for dependent coverage then have Mayor sign the ordinance before mailing the original to TML.

Councilmember Owens made the motion to approve the ordinance with the percentages of 100 for employees, 50 for dependent coverage, 0 for retirees inserted into blanks, seconded by Councilmember Kutch. Carried 3-0 with 1 abstention by Councilmember Mitchell.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE Ordinance #2010-13 amending, ratifying, and readopting Chapter 66 of the city code, entitled "Solid Waste."

City Coordinator Smith explained this ordinance creates a penalty clause of \$2,000 to prevent outside sanitation vendors from providing their service in the City. Allied Waste has the franchise agreement with the City which only allows Allied products to be used in town. This ordinance also brings fees up to date.

Councilmember Kutch made the motion to approve, seconded by Councilmember Owens. Carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE agreement with the Humane Society of Northeast Texas for private animal shelter services for Fiscal Year 2010/2011.

City Coordinator Smith stated it has been a couple of years since a contract increase. The humane society has extended their hours to better accommodate citizens. The contract has the city attorney's approval.

Motion to approve made by Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Kutch. Carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION by Barry Wallace from the Siemens Industry regarding water meter upgrades.

Mr. Wallace presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding performance contracting. Their service is guaranteed in writing. They provide automatic water meter reading from the office. There is no cost for Siemens to look at the City's infrastructure to see where the City could save money.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE contract with Siemens Industry regarding water meter upgrades.

Councilmember Mitchell made the motion to table until the entire council is present, seconded by Councilmember Owens. Carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE water meter upgrade bids.

Councilmember Mitchell explained he hesitates to approve this item if the City chooses to contract with Siemens. City Coordinator Smith stated the drive-by radio read meters are adaptable to the Siemens project.

Councilmember Kutch made the motion to postpone, seconded by Councilmember Owens. Carried unanimously.

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CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE to appoint Hayes Engineering for the Texas Parks & Wildlife Grant Penick Park, Phase II.

City Coordinator Smith explained the city received the grant which is a \$75,000 match and the City can use in-kind work for the match. The City has three years to do the work.

Motion to approve made by Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Kutch. Carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE purchase and installation of bridge located at Drake Street Lift Station.

Public Works Director Mike Self explained the least expensive method to obtain access to the lift station across the creek is by installing a flatbed trailer to get across to maintain the generator.

City Secretary Sherry Roberts explained this item is on the agenda because of the service that will be provided by a councilmember's personal business.

Councilmember Mitchell made the motion to approve, seconded by Councilmember Kutch. Carried 3-0 with 1 abstention by Councilmember Owens.

CITY COORDINATORS ITEMS

A. Capital Projects Update

The north standpipe is in service without the pumps. The plant is going well but lots of calls for low pressure because of standpipe and pumps.

B. SECO Grant (City Hall Roof)

Getting quotes for new roof. Looking at maybe getting a grant from the department of public safety to connect city hall and the police department to provide a storm-safe room for tornadoes.

C. 911 addressing performed by ETCOG

This has already been addressed.

Still working on contract for purchase of acreage on Old Hwy 80.

EXECUTIVE SESSION in accordance with Texas Government Code, Subchapter D, Section 551.074 to discuss:

- Termination of Wastewater Plant Maintenance employee, David Morris.

This item was not needed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. made by Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Owens. Carried unanimously.

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RICK MAY, MAYOR

ATTEST:



SHERRY ROBERTS, CITY SECRETARY