WHITE OAK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WHITE OAK CITY HALL
NOVEMBER 8, 2011
6:00 P.M.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT : Mayor Pro-Tem Barbary Ray, Lance Noll

STAFF PRESENT : Charlie Smith, Sherry Roberts, Debbie Sadler, Terry Roach, Jim Nall, Billy Morgan, Chad Walls, Mike Self, Tracey Fears

CALL TO ORDER

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

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Consider and/or approve payment of bills.
B. Consider and/or approve City Council minutes from October 11, 2011
C. Consider and/or approve WOEDCO minutes from September 27, 2011

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE Resolution No. 2011-08 casting candidate votes for the Board of Directors of the Gregg Appraisal District.

Motion to split votes between all candidates made by Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Kutch. Carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING to provide for the taxation of goods-in-transit as defined by the Texas Tax Code Section 11.253(a)(2) as amended by Senate Bill 1, enacted by the 82nd Texas Legislature in Special Session.

City Coordinator Charlie Smith explained this would allow the City to tax goods-in-transit sitting in local warehouses.

Mayor May opened the public hearing at 6:02 p.m. With no input from guests, Mayor May closed the public hearing at 6:03 p.m.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE Ordinance No. 2011-12 to tax tangible personal property in transit which would otherwise be exempt pursuant to Texas Tax Code, Section 11.253.

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

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE Ordinance No. 2011-13 amending Section 82-46(c)(2) and Section 82-47(2)(b) of the City Code to amend the amounts charged by the City for connection fees; and establishing an effective date.

City Coordinator Charlie Smith explained this is in regards to the presentation given at last month's council meeting.

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

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE Ordinance No. 2011-14 repealing Article II, Sections 86-31 thru 86-49 of Chapter 86 of the City Code, entitled "Wrecker Business"; Adopting a new Article II, to provide for definitions, require licensing for certain tows, provide for a rotation list, regulate companies doing non-consent tows, provide administrative penalties, establish appeal procedures, and providing maximum fees for non-consent tows; and establishing an effective date.

Assistant Police Chief Terry Roach addressed the council regarding the need for an increase in wrecker fees. The City's wrecker fees have not been increased in many years and our fees need to be similar to surrounding cities.

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

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE Ordinance No. 2011-15 amending Chapter 82, Article II, Section 82-46(b) of the Code of Ordinances repealing the separate schedule of billing rates for multi-family residential customers; repealing all ordinances, orders or resolutions in conflict; and establishing an effective date.

City Coordinator Charlie Smith explained this section had not been updated nor removed as the residential rates had been updated. On our city attorney's advice, this section is to be removed and all rates will be at residential rates with no differential.

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

CITY COORDINATOR ITEMS

A. Capital Projects Update

The Penick Park project is picking up. A 9-hole Frisbee golf course will be built at Penick Park and will wrap the perimeter of the park.

Work will begin soon at the City Park on the building of the concession stand. Another city is modeling their splash pad after ours.

The Christmas Parade is scheduled for November 28th at 6:00 p.m. and there are 46 entries thus far.

The Big Sandy creek is running over the dam as of last Friday. The water plant has been treating around one-million gallons a day. Feels like Stage 2 of the Drought Contingency should be lifted.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Owens made the motion to adjourn at 6:23 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Mitchell. Carried unanimously.

Rick May, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sherry Roberts, TRMC
City Secretary