

**WHITE OAK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WHITE OAK CITY HALL
JUNE 14, 2011
6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT : Mayor Rick May, Mayor Pro-Tem Barbara Ray, Kyle Kutch, Charlie Owens, Kelly Mitchell

MEMBERS ABSENT : Lance Noll

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Consider and/or approve payment of bills.
- B. Consider and/or approve City Council minutes from May 10, 2011
- C. Consider and/or approve WOEDCO minutes from April 26, 2011

Mayor Pro-tem Ray brought attention to the WOEDCO minutes regarding Mid-South Equipment's WOEDCO loan/grant. She explained the wording in the 5th paragraph might be confusing and she would be happy to explain.

Councilmember Kutch questioned how many people were employed by Mid-South. Mayor Pro-tem stated he currently has 75 employees. WOEDCO Executive Director Debbie Sadler explained if he increases employment to 85 employees and buys \$250,000 in equipment by March 15, 2014 then the remainder of the loan would be forgiven. \$50,000 of the loan was converted immediately and the balance will be converted in March 2014 if he complies with the contract. Mayor Pro-tem stated that in the past when he has received grants, he has gone far beyond what he stipulated in the contract.

Councilmember Kutch questioned why it matters how many people he has employed. Mayor Pro-tem Ray explained this is a common stipulation in economic development contracts. Executive Director Sadler explained this is job creation. It is hoped that White Oak employees will spend their money in White Oak. All loans/grants have contracts. Mayor Pro-tem stated these companies bring so much to the City's tax base by WOEDCO being generous.

Councilmember Kutch questioned if the web site work was the same people the City is currently using. City Coordinator Smith stated there were two different companies interviewed and Group M7 from Tyler was chosen to completely redo the web site. Group M7 is in the beginning stages of the project and Debbie Sadler is gathering all of the information. Mayor Pro-tem Ray asked if the City is sharing it with WOEDCO. City Coordinator Smith answered yes.

Councilmember Kutch made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Ray. Carried 2-1-1. Councilmember Mitchell abstained and Councilmember Owens opposed.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Dale Thomas, 602 Person Rd. gave a brief report regarding the sewer project the city council previously approved. They installed 700 ft of 6" sewer line running downhill, three new manholes, two taps, and seven taps for prospective use on his property. Mr. Thomas stated that Mike Self and his staff were very cooperative. He thanked the council for allowing him to do the project.

OATH OF OFFICE for newly elected City Council members.

City Secretary Sherry Roberts presented the Oaths of Office to Barbara Ray and Kyle Kutch. Lance Noll was absent from the meeting and received the Oath of Office the day before in Ms. Roberts' office.

CONSIDERATION & APPOINTMENT of Mayor Pro-Tem.

Mayor May stated that Mayor Pro-tem Ray has expressed her willingness to continue as Mayor Pro-Tem.

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

REAPPOINT Raymond "Bo" Rogers as Municipal Court Judge.

Mayor May explained the judge is appointed at the same meeting when the Mayor takes office and this was overlooked in May 2010.

Motion to approve by Mayor Pro-tem Ray, seconded by Councilmember Owens. Carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE Section 3 Resolution #2011-02, as required by the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program, establishing intent to adopt and implement a Section 3 Policy.

Mayor May explained the federal government is forcing compliance with certain criteria in order to apply for federal grants. This criteria states the City will not discriminate against any businesses or homeowners for any reason.

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

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE designating the City Secretary as the Equal Rights Officer for Texas Community Development Block Grant Program.

Motion to approve made by Mayor Pro-tem Ray, seconded by Councilmember Owens. Carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE Section 3 Policy, establishing rules and regulations regarding the implementation of a Section 3 Policy.

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

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE the City of White Oak Social Media Policy.

City Coordinator Smith stated the policy has been approved by the City Attorney.

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

CITY COORDINATOR ITEMS

- A. Capital Projects Update
- B. Maple Street Sewer Repair Update

City Coordinator Smith stated the Maple St. sewer project should be done the following Tuesday. There were four new manholes installed.

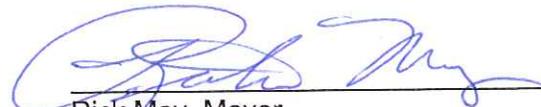
Public Works Director Mike Self stated there was a good turnout for Kids Day Out. There were a lot of volunteers for the storm drainage training and park cleanup. There were a lot of vendor contributions that helped greatly. Mr. Smith stated Gregg County brought their armored vehicle for everyone to see.

Mr. Smith stated the City is ahead on the splash pad revenue and is averaging around \$3,000/month. Mr. Self stated there has not been any vandalism and the restrooms are staying clean. Five part-time high school students rotate on four-hour shifts. He stated they have bought some loungers and ADA compliant picnic tables. Reservations for after hour usage are booked through August on the weekends.

Mr. Smith stated officials from the City of Whitehouse came to view our splash pad and they will be modeling their project after ours with the same fees and will be building a concession stand.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 6:42 p.m. made by Councilmember Owens, seconded by Councilmember Kutch. Carried unanimously.


Rick May, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sherry Roberts, TRMC
City Secretary