WHITE OAK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WHITE OAK CITY HALL
JANUARY 11, 2011
6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT : Mayor Rick May, Mayor Pro-tem Barbara Ray, Kelly Mitchell, Charlie Owens, Lance Noll

MEMBER(S) ABSENT : Kyle Kutch

STAFF PRESENT : Charlie Smith, Sherry Roberts, Mike Self, Billy Morgan, Wendell Basham, Tracey Fears, Wendy Emmel

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor May called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and 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 December 14, 2010
C. Consider and/or approve WOEDCO minutes from October 26, 2010

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Gene Keenon with Allied Waste presented a donation check to the City for $1,000 for Roughneck Days. This is the first of the five $1,000 checks to be presented per contract.

PUBLIC HEARING regarding the Specific Use Provision application for Tammy Estabrook to build a single family home at 1915 E. Hicks Street.

Public Hearing opened at 6:05 p.m. Tammy Estabrook, SUP applicant spoke to explain the reason for the Specific Use Provision. Debbie Sadler, WOEDCO Executive Director stated the Planning & Zoning Board unanimously approved this the previous night. If this is approved by the council, it will go to the Board of Adjustments for their approval.

Public Hearing closed at 6:07 p.m.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE Specific Use Provision for Tammy Estabrook to build a single family home at 1915 E. Hicks Street.

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

PRESENTATION from WOEDCO Executive Director Debbie Sadler 2010 Overview.

Executive Director Debbie Sadler gave a brief Power Point presentation to the Council regarding the grants and loans from WOEDCO for the previous year.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE Resolution 2011-01 Ratifying the Investment Policy without Amendments.

Mayor May explained this is an annual agenda item.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION in accordance with Texas Government Code, Subchapter D, Section 551 to discuss the following:

a) §551.072 Deliberating Real Property

Council exited into executive session at 6:21 p.m.
Council reconvened open session at 6:49 p.m.

DISCUSSION Regarding Sewer Break off Maple Street.

City Coordinator Charlie Smith recognized Public Works Department Crew Leader Tracey Fears for finding a sewer line break while off duty. There will be around 900 ft of line to replace. A large portion of this line is on the White Oak ISD's property. It will cost approximately $78,000 and is an emergency situation. The line is clay tile encased in concrete and will have to be contracted out.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE Hayes Engineering for planning and construction of Maple Street sewer repairs.

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

DISCUSSION Regarding Future Needs of Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade.

City Coordinator Smith explained that due to TCEQ guidelines, when wastewater plant levels reach 90% for three consecutive months the entity should be in a construction phase to enlarge the plant. The City's plant has reached the ninety percentile for two consecutive months. The City has added nearly 220 wastewater customers since 2007. Wastewater Supervisor Wendy Emmel stated the City is working towards a solution of increasing the racetrack walls and there is a need for Hayes Engineering to do a feasibility study. The City received a $10,000 grant from the Sabine River Authority that can be used to pay for the study.

DISCUSSION Regarding Exposed 16" Raw Water Main relocation in Gladewater.

Public Works Director Mike Self explained there are two options for this project. The options are to do an open cut or a directional bore. Union Pacific Railroad said it would be difficult to get an easement to move the line behind the buildings on Hwy 80 which would encroach into the railroad's right-of-way. Tree roots are holding up the exposed lines now. Mayor May stated this subject is to be on next month's agenda so the council can discuss again.

DISCUSSION Regarding the Penick Park Phase III Texas Parks & Wildlife Grant.

Public Works Director Mike Self spoke of the need for Hayes Engineering to begin construction work. Texas Parks & Wildlife sets a three-year term for grant money to be expended. Mayor Pro-tem Ray asked if the match had already been set aside for this project. Mike stated no because all capital was put on hold for this budget. Councilmember Mitchell questioned where the money will come from for this project.

CITY COORDINATOR ITEMS

A. Capital Projects Update

City Coordinator Charlie Smith stated the standpipe is back in service and he had a complaint of a citizen's water pressure being too strong. The water treatment plant project is finishing up and looks good.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:24 p.m. made by Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Noll. Carried unanimously.

RICK MAY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

SHERRY ROBERTS, TRMC
CITY SECRETARY