

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT : Mayor Pro-Tem Barbara Ray

STAFF PRESENT : Charlie Smith, Sherry Roberts, Mike Self, Billy Morgan, Jimmy Nall,
Debbie Sadler, Maureen Carrigan

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor May called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Councilmember Kutch 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 Feb. 10th & Feb. 15, 2011
- C. Consider and/or approve WOEDCO minutes from January 25, 2011

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

PRESENTATION of City of White Oak Audited Financial Statements for fiscal year 2010 by Karen A. Jacks & Associates

Ms. Karen Jacks presented the Fiscal Year 09/10 audit to the council. The audit firm was able to obtain a clean opinion on the financial statements. This is the highest level of opinion an independent auditor can issue. The financial audit could not have been any better.

On the General Fund balance sheet, there is a balance of unreserved funds of \$2.6 million as of September 30, 2010. There was a budgeted decline of \$55,000 but ended up only being a decline of \$14,000. Councilmember Mitchell stated one reason for this savings was because of the cancellation of street projects.

In the Water & Sewer Fund, there is a balance of net assets of \$7.9 million; however the majority of this amount is in fixed assets. There was an ending balance of \$82,000 in unrestricted working capital. The fund did show improvement.

Ms. Jacks stated this is the best audit their firm has been able to bring before the council. In the extra management letter, everything prior was closed and no new improvement suggestions were needed.

Councilmember Mitchell questioned Ms. Jacks about the water fund debt of \$195,959 due to the general fund. Ms. Jacks confirmed this amount was on the books before they began auditing the city's financials and there has been a small improvement made to pay this debt. The council stated they would like to see a greater annual amount be paid towards the general fund. Councilmember Mitchell questioned if the water fund should be self-supporting and Ms. Jacks confirmed that it should.

PRESENTATION of White Oak ISD budget issues by Mike Gilbert, White Oak ISD Superintendent.

Mayor May stated Mr. Gilbert was in Austin and was unable to attend the meeting. He did send the council a request for a letter to be sent to various area legislators regarding the anticipated state budget cuts and how the cuts will affect White Oak ISD.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE a utility easement on Adams road with Malcolm Salter and Jeff Moyers.

City Coordinator Charlie Smith explained this is a dead-end 2" line. There needs to be a new 6" line put in and this will pick up two new customers and two new fire hydrants. The line will be on the west side of the road. In exchange for the easement, Mr. Salter is requesting he pay the inside city water rate versus the outside rates and Mr. Moyers has requested a water tap in exchange for the easement.

Councilmember Mitchell made the motion to approve the utility easement with requests, seconded by Councilmember Owens. Carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE Ordinance No. 2011-03 Establishing fees for splashpad admission; Requiring wristbands for all users at the splashpad; allowing the City Coordinator to establish a schedule for use, and Declaring an effective date.

Councilmember Mitchell questioned if the fees were high enough. Public Works Director Mike Self stated the fees were fair compared to other cities' park fees. Councilmember Owens questioned how many people it would take to cover the water usage. City Coordinator Smith stated part-time help would be hired for the weekends and full-time staff during the day would sell wristbands at the park. There was more discussion regarding future improvements at the park.

Councilmember Mitchell stated he doesn't like the amounts for the family season pass. Mayor May stated that by keeping the prices low enough, maybe more people will sign up for season passes which is money upfront. Councilmember Owens stated maybe next year the prices can be increased. The admittances will be tracked by citizens/non-citizens and this will give a better idea of how to adjust prices.

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

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE the City of White Oak Splash Pad Policy.

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

DISCUSSION regarding building permit fee increases and structure.

City Coordinator Smith explained the fees that are being increased. He suggested to the council to do away with the house demolition permit.

CITY COORDINATOR ITEMS

A. Capital Projects Update

City Coordinator Smith stated the water treatment plant project is finishing up. Soon there will need to be discussion regarding the wastewater treatment plant. The wastewater permit is expiring soon and application has been made for a new one and that is going good. At some point, the racetracks will need to be enlarged to handle the amount of sewage being collected. Councilmember Owens questioned whether there was enough room to expand the plant. Mr. Smith stated the walls on the racetrack could be raised and the rotors are large enough to handle the excess. Hayes Engineering is researching to see how high the racetrack would need to be elevated.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 6:58 p.m. made by Councilmember Owens, seconded by Councilmember Kutch. Carried unanimously.



Rick May, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sherry Roberts, TRMC
City Secretary