

**WHITE OAK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WHITE OAK CITY HALL
APRIL 12, 2011
6:00 P.M.**

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

STAFF PRESENT : Charlie Smith, Sherry Roberts, Mike Self, Billy Morgan, Linda Lee, Debbie Sadler, Debbie Schroeder, Maureen Carrigan, Nate Holder, Jamie Guida, Dale Tuttle, Terry Roach, Wendy Emmel, Chad White

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor May called the meeting to order at 6:02 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 March 8, 2011
- C. Consider and/or approve WOEDCO minutes from February 22 & March 7, 2011
- D. Receipt and Acceptance of Certification of Unopposed Candidates
- E. Ordinance No. 2011-04 to Cancel General Election on May 14, 2011 and Declaring Candidates Elected

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Derek Zivney – 310 Ash St., White Oak, expressed his concern regarding the new splash pad fees. He stated they only use the playground, not the splash pad. Mr. Zivney suggested the city moving the fence to separate the playground from the splash pad so fees would not have to be paid to use just the playground. He questioned if there was a 2010 study performed on the expenses that would justify charging fees. He stated there were several citizens who agreed that it was acceptable to charge out of town users but not White Oak citizens.

Evelyn Williams – 2007 E. Lake, Gladewater, stated she owns 701 S. Orchid and on February 13, 2011 raw sewage flooded her property on Orchid for the second time in two years. The first time did not result in damage. She stated she refused a check the City offered reimburse her for the damage if she signed a statement which stated the City would never be responsible for any future sewer problems.

Karin Palmer – 321 Robinwood, White Oak, expressed her disagreement with the splash pad fees. When citizens have to pay to use the park, it doesn't feel like home.

CONSIDER AND OR APPROVE the extension of an existing east/west sewer line; north across Cates Lane onto Steamboat Rd.

City Coordinator Charlie Smith explained there is a new house being built at the intersection of Steamboat and Cates Lane. The sewer line behind the property needs to be extended north across Cates Lane. The builder, Dale Thomas explained the Nixon's that are building the new house plan on installing an aerobic system. He would like to connect the city sewer through Ms. Odom's lot and she is willing to help. The Nixon's have committed their aerobic system expense to extension of sewer line with Mr. Thomas matching their amount for a total of \$12,000. His employee, Craig Waddell would use Mr. Thomas' equipment to perform the work. Mr. Thomas stated he would provide the city with a recordable document for line access. Mr. Thomas asked the city to supply the manholes and covers, pay the recording expense, and to give the Nixon's two taps and Mr. Thomas one tap.

Mayor Pro-tem Ray questioned if our attorney would want some kind of release. Mr. Thomas explained the easement would cover this and would be recorded. The line itself would become the center point of the easement.

Mayor May explained the council can approve the request, but easements and bonds must be in place before any work can begin.

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

CITY COORDINATOR ITEMS

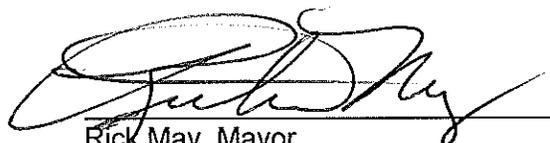
- A. Capital Projects Update
- B. Wastewater Treatment Plant Update
- C. RFQ for Energy Program

Mr. Smith stated a walk-thru was performed on the water plant last week. Planning must begin on upgrading the wastewater treatment plant because of the high containment levels. Building a new racetrack could be needed. The manhole rehab should help with the TCEQ issues.

There were no RFQ's received on the energy program. April 14th is the deadline for submission. Siemens will be submitting a Request for Qualifications.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 6:46 p.m. made by Councilmember Noll, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell. Carried unanimously.


Rick May, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sherry Roberts, TRMC
City Secretary