

**WHITE OAK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WHITE OAK CITY HALL
MAY 10, 2011
6:00 P.M.**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT : Lance Noll, Kelly Mitchell

STAFF PRESENT : Charlie Smith, Sherry Roberts, Mike Self, Billy Morgan, Chad Walls, Tracey Fears

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor May called the meeting to order at 6:01 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 April 12, 2011
- C. Consider and/or approve WOEDCO minutes from March 22, 2011

Councilmember Kutch questioned the Allied Waste invoice and Office Manager Sherry Roberts explained how the customers are billed for the monthly fees then the City pays Allied Waste for the amount of containers/bags for the month minus the franchise fee due the City.

Motion to approve made by Mayor Pro-tem Ray, seconded by Councilmember Kutch. Carried 3-0.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Tracey Fears, 309 Maple Street addressed the council about the trend for baseball/softball teams playing on the city fields year-round. The City of White Oak allows teams to practice on the fields but the teams must consist of 50% White Oak citizens. This system allows for easy manipulation and field space is taken up which leaves limited practice for White Oak kids. Tracey stated he would like to see the list require 75% White Oak citizens. He then requested the council change this rule at the next meeting.

PRESENTATION of Proclamation for Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month

Mayor May read the proclamation to the motorcycle group in attendance. City Coordinator Charlie Smith stated the City put up signs last year with the help of "Deacon." Deacon stood and stated the Confederation of Clubs and the Mavericks are proud to have the signs up.

CONSIDER AND OR APPROVE proceeding with, "Detailed Energy Audit for Performance Contracting Program" with Siemens.

City Coordinator Smith explained the letter of intent states that if the City agrees to work toward negotiating a contract with Siemens then Siemens would start their energy audit at a cost of \$90,000 to the City which is rolled into the approved contract. If after the energy audit, Siemens is unable to find a project that would save the City money, everyone walks away, and the City owes nothing to Siemens. If Siemens is able to find a project and the City does not enter into a contract for the project, then the City will owe Siemens the actual cost of the energy audit, up to \$90,000 which would be due in thirty (30) days. City Coordinator Smith stated that out of the cities that have already contracted with Siemens for the audit, that Siemens has saved them more than the audit amount. He stated that the city attorney will look over the contract.

Councilmember Kutch stated he thought that Siemens had already done this audit. City Coordinator Smith stated they performed a preliminary audit with just our records at no cost. This next audit is in more depth and will pull seventy-five (75) random water meters to test and find out the loss ratio. Siemens will guarantee the City a certain amount of annual savings. If the City chooses to include the ball field lighting, the poles and lights would be replaced and would include a twenty-five (25) year warranty including all maintenance. Councilmember Ray asked if Siemens said what type of lighting would be used. City Coordinator Smith said the new lights would save the City some, but the lifespan of the poles that exist. Not all the wooden poles were replaced and many currently need replacement. All the electrical components on the lights are old. Even after the fifteen (15) year loan is repaid, there would still be an additional ten (10) years of warranty on the lights and poles.

Councilmember Kutch questioned if they guarantee the City the savings. City Coordinator Smith explained there must be a project before the City can enter into a contract. If the project does not save the City the projected amount by Siemens, Siemens will pay the City the difference. Mayor Pro-tem Ray stated the school did a similar project with SWEPCO and the school saved a lot of money.

Councilmember Owens made the motion to approve, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Ray. Carried 3-0.

CONSIDER AND OR APPROVE Ordinance No. 2011-05 amending Ordinance No. 34- 980414 regarding the manner for giving notice to property owners of high grass or other conditions; provide procedures for doing the work, and establishing a process for assessing a lien.

City Coordinator Smith explained that Code Enforcement Officer Chad Walls needed an ordinance that provides him with the legal means to get property owners to mow their grass or hire someone to do it for the property owner and the City attach a lien to the property. Councilmember Kutch asked if this is mostly for residential neighborhoods. City Coordinator Smith explained there have been several issues with foreclosures.

Motion to approve made by Councilmember Kutch, seconded by Councilmember Owens. Carried 3-0.

CITY COORDINATOR ITEMS

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

City Coordinator Smith stated there was a final walk-thru at the water treatment plant two weeks ago and after finishing a few small repairs, the employees have said everything is running good. TCEQ visited two weeks ago and there are issues that need to be addressed.

The Maple Street sewer repair has four heirs to the property where the easement is needed. After mailing certified letters, contact has only been made with one heir. After discussing this with the city attorney, because of the hazardous waste and the urgency of the project the City could not wait and the project should start anytime.

Good progress is being made on the water line project on Adams Road and there are two new meters with the water pressure is much better.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Owens made the motion to adjourn at 6:30 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Kutch. Carried 3-0.


Rick May, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sherry Roberts, TRMC
City Secretary