

**WHITE OAK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WHITE OAK CITY HALL
JULY 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, Debbie Sadler, Billy Morgan, Terry Roach, Maureen Carrigan, Linda Lee, Jim Nall, Wendy Emmel

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor May called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m. He then 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 June 14, 2011
- C. Consider and/or approve WOEDCO minutes from May 24, 2011

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE amendment to the TDRA Contract DRS010202 to request the remaining funds of \$43,000 to be used to install a generator at the Lake Harris Lift Station.

City Coordinator Charlie Smith explained the City previously applied for a hurricane grant which will not be received. Since the Owens and Drake generator projects came in under budget, this amendment will allow the City to use the remaining grant funds for a generator at the S. Lake Harris Lift Station.

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

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE contract for Information Technology Solutions with Business Computer Systems, Inc.

City Secretary Sherry Roberts explained the City has been using this company for many years for IT services but has never been under a contract. The 2003 server at City Hall was about to crash and a new server has been installed. BCS will also provide backup services on the server every fifteen minutes. If there is ever a need for disaster recovery, the City can quickly be back up and running.

The City Attorney suggested a term limit be stated in the contract. The mutual decision was made that the contract will be on a month-to-month basis with the clause that either party can cancel the contract with a thirty-day notice.

Councilmember Noll made the motion to approve the contract pending the City Attorney's approval of changes, seconded by Councilmember Owens. Carried unanimously.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

The council chose to discuss this item after the City Coordinator Items.

CITY COORDINATOR ITEMS

A. Capital Projects Update

City Coordinator Smith explained the water plant project is finishing up and a walk-through is scheduled. There are issues on the Big Sandy dredging that was not done and he will discuss this with the council at the next council meeting.

B. Fire Ordinance

City Coordinator Smith stated he had a request to look at the current ordinance and compare it to the City of Hallsville's fire ordinance. After looking at this ordinance and others, some cities are charging for burn permits. He stated he wanted to look at this in more depth and talk to the City Attorney before bringing it before the Council. Mayor May asked Fire Chief Jimmy Nall about the number of permits issued. Chief Nall stated that June was slow with only twenty-one permits being issued. Mayor Pro-tem Ray reminded the Council that some citizens were upset with the approval of the previous ordinance. In response, Mayor May stated this would be a council decision and what the council decides is what will be and she had a valid point.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Mayor May explained he would like to maintain the same type of budget as this current year. He stated there are capital projects that must be done and Gregg County Precinct Commissioner Boyd was in the audience and the Mayor thanked him for any assistance Gregg County can provide.

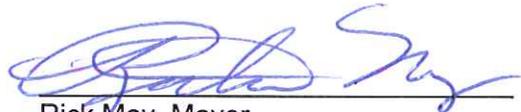
City Coordinator Smith explained the Penick Park Grant requires a match of \$75,000 but the majority of that match will be in-kind work so there will not be an entire \$75,000 out of pocket spent on the match. There will be leftover funds from the 2008 Certificate of Obligation which will help reimburse water and sewer projects.

City Coordinator Smith stated there has been nearly \$15,000 in splash pad receipts since April 1st. He and Public Works Director Mike Smith traveled to Royce City to view their soft surface at their splash pad in hopes to install the same type of surface here. There was a recent incident with a child falling and was knocked unconscious and the soft surface would help to prevent falls. He stated the Cities of Whitehouse and Atlanta will be modeling their splash pad after ours and will also include a concession stand. Mike stated he has designs on building a concession stand where snow cones and different hot foods can be sold.

Councilmember Kutch asked Fire Chief Nall what his opinion was on charging for burn permits. He stated the fee would at least cover the fuel expense.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 6:35p.m. made by Councilmember Owens, seconded by Councilmember Noll.
Carried unanimously.


Rick May, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sherry Roberts, TRMC
City Secretary