

**WHITE OAK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WHITE OAK CITY HALL
AUGUST 9, 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, Debbie Schroeder, Chad Walls, Jim Nall, Randy Dodson, Nate Holder

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor May called the meeting to order at 6:05p.m. City Coordinator Charlie Smith led the invocation. 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 July 12, 2011
- C. Consider and/or approve WOEDCO minutes from June 28, 2011

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE Interlocal Contract with East Texas Council of Governments for Database Maintenance.

City Coordinator Charlie Smith explained this provides the City 911 mapping from ETCOG. ETCOG will be issuing addresses for the City and there will be a few address changes on George Richey and Cherokee Trace.

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

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE water service to outside City customers on Superior Road.

City Coordinator Smith explained Mr. George Lloyd owns 35 acres on Superior Road in Clarksville City. They have a water line down Superior but it does not run far enough to supply water to this property. White Oak currently has a line that runs in front of this property. Mr. Lloyd is asking the City of White Oak to furnish four water taps for said property. If the owners decide to subdivide this property, regulations for subdivisions would need to be adhered to according to Clarksville City guidelines. The City's attorney has given approval of providing taps to this property.

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

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE Interlocal Agreement with White Oak ISD for library services.

City Coordinator Charlie Smith stated he asked Superintendent Gilbert to provide numerical data for the library for the summer.

Councilmember Kutch questioned if the other agreement expired. City Coordinator Smith stated yes. Councilmember Kutch questioned if this agreement was for five years. City Coordinator answered yes. Councilmember Kutch stated that if the City doesn't have the funds to provide the library of any given year then that is okay per the agreement. There was more discussion about the library and the opportunities the library provides for students and citizens.

Motion to approve made by Councilmember Kutch, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Ray. Carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE a Voluntary Water Conservation initiative.

City Coordinator Charlie Smith explained that water usage is around 2-2.3 million gallons a day from the water plant and all three valves from the City of Longview are open. He suggested the City move to "Stage 2" of the Drought Contingency Plan, which means to achieve a 10% reduction in daily usage and watering would be allowed only two days a week.

Councilmember Noll questioned how to get this information distributed to the public. City Coordinator Smith answered by contacting the newspapers, TV stations, and by placing it on the marquee in front of City Hall.

City Coordinator Smith suggested closing the splash pad except on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Any parties booked in the evenings would still be granted.

No motion was necessary as the City Coordinator has authority per the Drought Contingency Plan to implement any water rationing needed.

DISCUSS the possibility of a smoking ban in all City parks and City owned sports facilities.

Mayor May explained he has received several complaints regarding smoking in the baseball fields and he has visited other little league ballparks around with "No Smoking" fields. Not only is the smoke bothersome, but it takes time for park employees to clean up cigarette butts when employees could be working elsewhere. Discussion was held regarding having a smoking section outside of the fields and a penalty would be issued if someone was caught smoking outside of the designated area.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE Ordinance #2011-06 Amending Chapter 46 of the City Code entitled "Natural Resources to add "Storm Water Regulations."

Public Works Director Mike Self explained this is a TCEQ regulation regarding the MS4 Storm Water Pollution Plan. With this approved ordinance, if anyone is caught placing unallowable items in the storm water drains, citations can be enforced.

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

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Mayor May explained that even though the City's property values have increased which in turn lowers the effective rate, he suggested that the tax rate remains the same at \$.52000/100 and not lower it to the effective rate of \$.51296/100.

There was general discussion regarding the purchase of capital assets and capital projects that need to be done. More workshops will be held soon.

CITY COORDINATOR ITEMS

A. Capital Projects Update

City Coordinator Charlie Smith told the Council he received a certified letter from Red River Construction who was hired to do the water treatment plant project stating they feel as if the City owes them \$57,000 for parts of the project that were cut out. There is no documentation for the amount that is claimed to be due.

B. Siemens Industry Update

City Coordinator Charlie Smith updated the council on the Capital Improvements Project with Siemens. Siemens could not find a project to do that would save the City money.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:38p.m. made by Councilmember Owens, seconded by Councilmember Noll. Carried unanimously.


Rick May, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sherry Roberts, TRMC
City Secretary