

**WHITE OAK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WHITE OAK CITY HALL
JANUARY 8, 2013
6:00 P.M.**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT : Kyle Kutch

STAFF PRESENT : Charlie Smith, Debbie Sadler, Tracey Fears, Chad Walls, Jim Nall

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor May called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led both 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 December 11, 2012

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Allied Waste Representative Gene Keenon informed the Council of the \$1,000 annual Roughneck Days donation check that should arrive the next day. He apologized for its untimely arrival because of the federal holiday.

PROCLAMATION recognizing February 2013 as "*Industry Appreciation Month.*"

Mayor May read the proclamation aloud for the audience. WOEDCO Director Debbie Sadler informed the Council that in February, there will be a regional event in Longview recognizing manufacturers. Gregg County Judge Stoudt has proclaimed February as "Industry Appreciation Month."

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE Resolution 2013-01 Denying the Application of the Southwestern Electric Power Company ("SWEPCO") for Authority to Change Rates and Reconcile Fuel Costs.

Mayor May stated he read the entire thing and *Cities Advocating Reasonable Deregulation* "CARD" has determined that SWEPCO is way out of line and he suggests approving this resolution.

Councilmember Noll made the motion to approve resolution denying the application, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Ray. Carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING regarding the rezoning application from Thompson Interests/Rob Thompson to rezone 6.6 acres of William Castleberry Survey/Ruth and Center Streets from Single-Family 8 to Single-Family 5.5 to allow for smaller lots to build single-family residences.

Mayor May opened the public hearing at 6:08 p.m. and invited anyone to speak. With no one in attendance wishing to speak, Mayor May then closed the public hearing.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE application from Thompson Interests/Rob Thompson to rezone 6.6 acres of William Castleberry Survey/Ruth and Center Streets from Single-Family 8 to Single-Family 5.5 to allow for smaller lots to build single-family residences.

Mayor May informed the Council of the approval by the Planning & Zoning Board. Community Development Director Debbie Sadler stated the homes that will be built will be like the ones on Church and Oak Leaf Street which are smaller homes for buyers that are downsizing or starter homes.

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

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE Resolution 2013-02 Ratifying the Investment Policy without Amendments.

Mayor May stated this is done annually and was first established in 1996.

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

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE funding increase request from East Texas Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (ETCADA).

Mayor May explained this increase was only \$500 and is already budgeted for \$1,000. City Coordinator Charlie Smith informed the Council what a good program it is and how they help with the drug program at the school.

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

DISCUSSION regarding the 2013 Water & Sewer Fund Certificate of Obligation.

City Coordinator Charlie Smith informed the Council that staff met with Ed Moore from Southwest Securities and he set up a preliminary payment plan in a 20-year and 25-year schedule. This funding is for the TCEQ requirements for the wastewater plant and the radio-read water meter program. This wastewater upgrade will take the City from treating 1.3 million gallons a day to treating 2 million gallons a day and should last for 15-20 years.

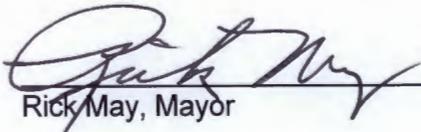
Mayor Pro-Tem Ray questioned if 20 years was recommended. City Coordinator Smith stated it would save the City over \$600,000 if a 20-year schedule is chosen, versus a 25-year schedule.

CITY COORDINATOR ITEMS

- Update on T-Ball field lighting Street Superintendent Tracey Fears informed the Council that work was completed.
- Penick Park finalization and ADA inspection
Waiting on ADA inspection for finalization.
- Splash Pad Fees
Currently, to purchase a band at the park is \$3 regardless if you are a White Oak Citizen versus purchasing the band at City Hall for \$1 for citizens and \$2 for non-citizens. When Longview opened their park, our revenue declined. Therefore, staff would like to charge a \$1 per band regardless of where it is purchased. The fees are specific in the ordinance and it would be more beneficial if the City Coordinator could set the fees so a new ordinance does not have to be approved every time. Mayor May informed the Council of a survey performed by staff of the customers that paid for reservations and by responses it was shown that reservations for a second party from 8:00 – 10:00 p.m. could easily be handled.
- Update on timber on newly purchased property
Mayor Pro-Tem Ray stated not too long ago, Longview had a problem with clear-cutting and they developed an ordinance to help control how tracts were developed. She asked if the Council could get a copy of their ordinance and look at it. City Coordinator Smith informed the Council that the timber is only worth approximately \$11,000.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. made by Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Owens. Carried unanimously.


Rick May, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sherry Roberts, TRMC
City Secretary