

**WHITE OAK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WHITE OAK CITY HALL
NOVEMBER 12, 2013
5:00 P.M.**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT : Charlie Owens, Kelly Mitchell

STAFF PRESENT : Charlie Smith, Sherry Roberts, Debbie Sadler, Billy Morgan, Tracey Fears, Terry Roach

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor May called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Councilman Kutch led the invocation and the Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Consider and/or approve payment of bills
- B. Consider and/or approve City Council minutes from October 8, 2013
- C. Consider and/or approve Quarterly Investment Report ending September 30, 2013

Mayor Pro-Tem Ray questioned the court revenue paid to the State of Texas. Mayor May explained the state process.

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

PUBLIC HEARING to receive comments for and against a request by Zone Systems, Inc. for a Specific Use Provision to build a wireless communications tower to service the City of White Oak in a Light Industrial area at 2201 E. Old Hwy 80.

None.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE a request by Zone Systems, Inc. for a Specific Use Provision to build a wireless communications tower to service the City of White Oak in a Light Industrial area at 2201 E. Old Hwy 80.

City Coordinator Smith explained that he viewed the property and the Planning & Zoning Board unanimously approved this Verizon tower which will be in the middle of a pasture. This tower will be 300 feet high.

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

DISCUSSION with White Oak Superintendent Mike Gilbert regarding the White Oak ISD bond proposal for a new high school.

Superintendent Gilbert addressed the Council while explaining handouts regarding school growth projections for a 10-year period of time. The bond proposal is not being performed on an explosive growth happening at White Oak schools. A diverse group toured the schools to view all areas in order to bring two recommendations to the school Board of Trustees. The group favored a new high school and new field house. Option #2 contained the refurbishment of buildings and a new field house. Board of Trustees approved Option #1 from the steering committee to build a new high school and field house for a bond to be held on election on May 10, 2014. The high school will cost approximately \$19 million and a 14,000 square foot field house will cost around \$3 million, for an overall cost of approximately \$25 million. This will bring the school tax rate to approximately \$1.60/100; the cap is \$1.65/100 but will leave a bit of a cushion. A \$.36/100 tax increase will be needed.

There will be a public hearing on November 25, 2013 for citizen input on the possible locations for new construction. The existing space does not meet safety requirements and there is a lot of work with delivery methods of instruction that involves problem-solving skills. School labs also need to be updated. The White Oak school system is an important draw to the town and will be a good investment for the City of White Oak.

Mayor May asked Superintendent Gilbert what will happen to the old high school once the new one is built. Mr. Gilbert replied the plan is to demolish the old building as to not incur extra expenses.

City Coordinator Smith asked Mr. Gilbert if the school board will have suggested sites for people to look at during the meeting on November 25th. Mr. Gilbert answered that there will be two proposed sites, but the second property is not yet for sale. Regardless, there are logistical issues for both properties. Inconveniences will be dealt with as they occur but will be worth it for the return. It will take approximately eighteen months to build the field house and approximately twenty months to build the school. The official move in day would be the first day of school in August 2016. Councilmember Noll inquired if this includes the auditorium. Mr. Gilbert replied that there would not be an auditorium built at either school. The school board approved a \$500,000 tax note to remodel the other schools which include the replacement of all doors for a safer environment, and a new roof for the auditorium. A new auditorium would be too expensive to build and the current building has a solid structure, so its use will be continued.

Councilmember Kutch asked if the field house will be in the same spot. Mr. Gilbert answered no; the new field house will be 14,000 square feet versus the current one of 4,800 square feet and the new high school will have new weight rooms.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE Resolution #2013-09 for the borrowing of \$1,050,000 by the White Oak Economic Development Corporation to finance renovation and improvements to the White Oak City Baseball Complex located at the White Oak city park.

City Coordinator Smith explained WOEDCO also had this same resolution; now the City needs to pass it. WOEDCO passed it unanimously.

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

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE Resolution #2013-08 casting candidate votes for the Board of Directors of the Gregg Appraisal District.

City Coordinator Smith explained that previously Council has divided them as equally as possible.

Councilmember Noll made the motion to split votes and give any extra to Darrell Atkinson, seconded by Kutch. Carried unanimously.

CITY COORDINATOR ITEMS

A. Update on water sources and plant improvements.

- City Coordinator Smith stated the water flow looks good.
- There is a new fence built at Big Sandy Pump Station to keep out trespassers.
- Mr. Smith advised that Council needs to think about where good locations would be for water wells. The existing wells also need to be considered.

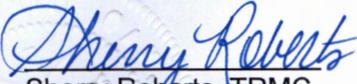
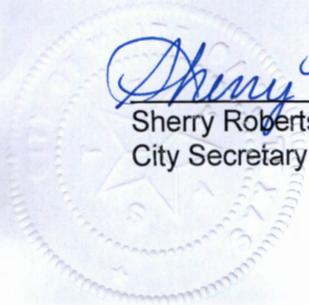
ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 5:37 p.m. made by Councilmember Noll, seconded by Councilmember Kutch. Carried unanimously.



Rick May, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sherry Roberts, TRMC
City Secretary