

**WHITE OAK CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
WHITE OAK CITY HALL  
OCTOBER 14, 2014  
5:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT : Mayor Rick May, Mayor Pro-Tem Barbara Ray, Kyle Kutch, Greg Hulett, Jerry Blankenship

MEMBERS ABSENT : Lance Noll

STAFF PRESENT : Charlie Smith, Sherry Roberts, Billy Morgan, Terry Roach, Randy Dodson, Wendell Basham, Tracey Fears, Maureen Carrigan, Linda Lee

CALL TO ORDER

- A. Invocation
- B. Pledge of Allegiance

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Consider and/or approve payment of bills
- B. Consider and/or approve City Council minutes from September 9, 2014
- C. Consider and/or approve WOEDCO minutes from July 22, 2014.
- D. Consider and/or approve Agreement for Private Animal Shelter Services with the Humane Society of Northeast Texas.
- E. Consider and/or approve funds supplement agreement with Gregg County for the White Oak Community Library

Councilmember Hulett made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Kutch questioned if the Humane Society agreement is the same as previous agreements. City Coordinator Charlie Smith answered yes; however, there is a price increase included. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Ray. Carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Guest April Edmondson questioned if one of the animal shelters will be a no-kill shelter. City Coordinator Smith answered that yes, one of them will be a no-kill shelter.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE construction process for water well implementation.

City Coordinator Smith explained the total dissolved solids (TDS) was higher at the test well #2 in Clarksville City, but still under the TCEQ limit. Test well #1 has better TDS than the one in Clarksville City. Councilmember Hulett asked if we would have to change the way we treat the water. City Coordinator Smith replied no. City Coordinator Smith stated that he would like to see which well would be the most feasible to produce water. Councilmember Hulett said the numbers are just to drill the well and does not include the extra costs involved. After further discussion, Councilmember Hulett made the motion to approve the process to move forward, seconded by

Councilmember Blankenship. Carried unanimously. City Coordinator Smith will return with more information which will help the Council decide which well to drill.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE sale of fire department tanker truck to Clarksville City/Warren City Volunteer Fire Department.

City Coordinator Smith explained that the White Oak Volunteer Fire Department (WOVFD) purchased a 2011 F750 double cab truck for a tanker truck which is 1,000 gallons larger than the current tanker truck. The City would like to sell this truck to the Clarksville City/Warren City Volunteer Fire Department for \$5,000 and they have offered for WOVFD to use the truck whenever it is needed. There is also an interlocal agreement between the two departments. Councilmember Hulett asked if the \$5,000 would go back to the WOVFD, to which City Coordinator Smith answered yes.

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

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE members to fill two vacancies on the Planning & Zoning Commission.

City Coordinator Smith informed the Council how City Secretary Sherry Roberts researched minutes of previous years to see how the Planning & Zoning Board positions were appointed. According to their by-laws, they should have elected officers every January. She tried to figure out when each member was appointed. He explained there is a need to start over and make any necessary appointments every year. City Secretary Sherry Roberts stated how there was only one vacancy until the recent unexpected death of Chairperson Cloys Tolbert. City Coordinator Smith assured the Council that the recordkeeping will be better going forward.

City Secretary Roberts explained that if the Council would like to wait until December to appoint the new members to give time to find volunteers, that would be acceptable.

Councilmember Hulett made the motion to table agenda items six and seven until the December 2014 meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Ray. Carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE members to fill two alternate vacancies on the Board of Adjustments.

Tabled above until December 2014 by Councilmember Hulett.

DISCUSSION of the Longview Metropolitan Planning Organization map.

City Coordinator Smith explained that he and City Secretary Sherry Roberts attended some MPO meetings. The map mainly covers Gregg County. They have about 30 years planned out for streets. George Richey is under construction now from McCann Rd to Highway 259. The MPO would like to have input from the City of White Oak. They would like the City to do a resolution at some point agreeing to the map. Our city will be affected within the next 10 years when they begin to expand George Richey from Pine Tree Road to North White Oak Road. Councilmember Hulett stated he would like to know the difference in traffic count between Hwy 42 and George Richey. City Coordinator Smith acknowledged that it is common knowledge that eventually Hwy 42 will need to be widened. He then reported that between George Richey and Harrison roads, the traffic count was higher on George Richey than Harrison Road to Fisher Road. One possibility about Hwy

42 was extending the highway from U.S. Hwy 80 up to Tenneryville Road. It was on the map several years ago and removed, but has resurfaced. Now that the City of White Oak owns that 43 acres, Hwy 42 could extend up to Cottonwood to the City park and run up the east-side of the City Park and tie into Whatley Road, then onto Tenneryville. He reiterated that this scenario is years down the road. Traffic currently cuts through Person Road and this would remove that traffic from Person Road. Councilmember Hulett stated he does not agree with George Richey labeled as a principal arterial and Hwy 42 classified as a minor arterial. Councilmember Hulett explained that the MPO wants the City to buy into this plan, and we agree that Hwy 42 is a minor, then it drops it way down the list. City Coordinator Smith explained that when this was discussed during the meeting which included attendees from TxDOT – Atlanta and Dallas, everyone knows that something needs to be done with Hwy 42. They are working on being able to do something, but they do not believe they can afford to do Hwy 42 right now because of millions of dollars it would cost. Councilmember Hulett stated he would like to see data to support the fact that Hwy 42 is a minor arterial and added that what they have done at Hwy 42 on the other end near FM 1252 was a waste of money. There is a turn lane to nowhere.

#### CITY COORDINATOR ITEMS

A. Update on Baseball Field

Going to meet with Jason Simpson with Heartland Park & Recreation and White Oak Coach Stagner and discuss the locker rooms.

B. Update on Water Sources

The recent rains has enabled the Big Sandy Creek to flow over the dam again.

C. Update on Water Treatment Plant Upgrades

Still looking at generators for the water treatment plant. There has been a need for it a couple of times this last month because of electricity loss at the plant. All but one clarifier are back in service.

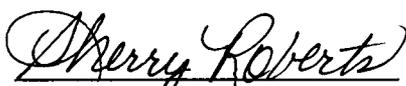
#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 5:31 p.m. made by Councilmember Blankenship, seconded by Councilmember Kutch. Carried unanimously.



Rick May, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sherry Roberts, TRMC  
City Secretary