

**WHITE OAK CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
WHITE OAK CITY HALL
JANUARY 30, 2012
4:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT : Kyle Kutch, Lance Noll, Charlie Owens, Kelly Mitchell

MEMBERS ABSENT : Mayor Rick May, Mayor Pro-tem Barbara Ray,

STAFF PRESENT : Charlie Smith, Sherry Roberts, Mike Self, Nate Holder, Wendell Basham

**With the absence of the Mayor and Mayor Pro-tem, it was required for the Councilmembers in attendance to elect someone to preside over the meeting.*

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVE a Councilmember to preside over current meeting.

After discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Noll for Councilmember Kutch to preside over the meeting, seconded by Councilmember Owens. Carried 3-1, with Councilmember Kutch abstaining.

CALL TO ORDER

Councilmember Kutch called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. in the absence of Mayor May and Mayor Pro-tem Ray. Councilmember Kutch led the invocation and City Coordinator Charlie Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE contract with Hayes Engineering to install a 5,000-gallon pressure tank at the North Standpipe.

City Coordinator Charlie Smith explained that Hayes Engineering provided a preliminary estimate of \$69,000, which was figured high and a set of project plans were delivered. This will be paid out of leftover 2008 Certificate of Obligation funds.

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

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE Schaumburg & Polk, Inc. to proceed with an application for a walking trail grant through Texas Parks & Wildlife.

City Coordinator Charlie Smith explained the grant deadline was only two days away. He provided a drawing that shows the walking trail will go from the City Park to Bingham Park, which is behind the school and will go through the school's nature trail. This grant is an 80/20 split and the City's 20% match can be provided through in-kind work. Director of Public Works Mike Self stated this is the last of the Texas Parks & Wildlife's grants for two years.

Councilmember Kutch questioned if this trail would run through anyone's property other than the church and school. Mr. Smith answered no. Councilmember Owens questioned if anyone had spoke with Superintendent Gilbert. Mr. Smith answered yes and has received a letter of agreement

to include with the grant application. There was other discussion regarding the land behind the school.

Councilmember Mitchell asked Mike Self if it was going to cost anything to get started. Mr. Self stated he only needed the Council's approval to submit the grant application at this time. Councilmember Mitchell then asked if Amazing Grants would be writing up the grant application. Mr. Self answered no; the engineers will do the grant application. Councilmember Kutch questioned how long the trail will be. Mr. Smith answered they were hoping for a mile long, 8-foot wide trail which would be wide enough for bikes. Mr. Self stated this would be a place for the students to use for a nature center and a place for the track students to run. This would benefit the city and the school.

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

DISCUSSION on purchase of property at 5035 George Richey Road.

City Coordinator Charlie Smith explained the City mailed Dewey Christian a letter years ago expressing the wish to purchase his property. This property is narrow and long with a two-bedroom, one-bath home and is appraised for approximately \$56,000. Mr. Christian called and stated he was interested in selling it to the City and the lease is up in February for the current renters. The property just crosses the creek and the City has a sewer line right next to it. Councilmember Kutch asked how much Mr. Christian was asking for the property. Mr. Smith stated he would like at least \$56,000 but feels this might be open for discussion. Councilmember Owens asked if the property dimensions were known. Mr. Smith stated he could not locate any. Councilmember Kutch asked the council if they would like to table this until more information could be obtained. Councilmember Mitchell answered yes. Councilmember Mitchell stated concern for the need of this property. Mr. Self stated that all he could think of was for future extension of the sewer line. Mr. Smith stated maybe it was for the Woodbine entrance. Councilmember Kutch suggested this item be tabled and Mr. Smith explained since this was not an action item and for discussion only, there would be no need to table this item. Mr. Smith explained he would locate dimensions of the property, speak to the former City Coordinator to obtain more information, and place item on the February agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 4:47 p.m. made by Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Noll. Carried unanimously.



Kyle Kutch, Councilmember

ATTEST:



Sherry Roberts, TRMC
City Secretary