

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

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

STAFF PRESENT : Charlie Smith, Sherry Roberts, Mike Self, Billy Morgan, Tracey Fears, Terry Roach, Chad Walls, Jim Nall

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor May called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m. Councilmember Kutch led the prayer and Mayor May led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL for staff to pursue negotiations with the owner of the East Texas Pump Jacks.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ray told the council she has heard negative comments from citizens from the coffee shop about spending a huge amount of money to improve the high school baseball field without an election of the taxpayers. She asked how the loan will be repaid. Mayor May stated the plan is for the City to redirect the \$30,000 annual school library payment to the annual loan payment for five years and to ask WOEDCO for the remainder of the annual payment (approximately \$40,000) for five years. If achieved, this would pay for half of the loan. The loan is estimated to be between \$600,000-\$700,000 to improve the high school baseball field.

Councilmember Mitchell questioned if the Mayor should speak to the school about the funds before making the deal with the owner of the Pump Jacks. City Coordinator Charlie Smith stated that they wanted to wait until they had more solid numbers. Councilmember Mitchell questioned what would happen if the school said no. Mr. Smith stated that there won't be a contract signed until all of the numbers are known. Councilmember Owens stated that he has asked about a dozen people their thoughts and he received about a 50/50 split. The younger citizens up to about 50 are all for it; it's the retired citizens that aren't interested. Councilmember Kutch asked about a bond election. Mayor May stated that even if there was to be a bond election, the deal would die because of the time issue. Councilmember Owens stated that he wouldn't be as worried about it if the budget wasn't as crippled as it was. The revenue from the project is not guaranteed.

Councilmember Kutch made the motion to pursue negotiations with the owner of the East Texas Pump Jacks to the City of White Oak. Councilmember Noll questioned to make sure that this motion was just to pursue negotiations to see if the deal is feasible. There was discussion and agreement about how the high school field desperately needs improvement whether or not the Pump Jacks relocate, but having the Pump Jacks here would bring in an added source of revenue. It was mentioned that White Oak is the top 2A school in the district and has the worst baseball field in the district. Councilmember Noll seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL of amended land purchase contract for the Adrian property.

Mayor May explained this is from the unexpected additional seven acres that was found during the survey. The contract may need to be amended to allow for the purchase of the additional acreage.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION in accordance with Texas Government Code, Subchapter D, Section 551.074 Personnel Matters-Fire Chief Position.

Mayor May adjourned the open session at 5:07 p.m. for the council to enter into executive session.

The council exited the executive session at 5:33 p.m. and the open session resumed.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

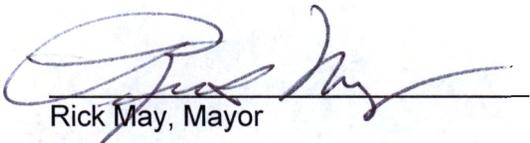
City Secretary Sherry Roberts updated the council on the general fund budget. Without consideration of the \$150,000 for the land purchase, after adjustments were made, the budget was balanced with a little over \$9,800 being returned to reserves. The water fund was balanced with almost \$113,000 being returned to reserves. However, \$78,629 is budgeted to be reimbursed from the 2008 Certificate of Obligation for water/sewer expenses. The council agreed it was best to not use the C of O money to reimburse for expenses and instead to have a surplus of \$34,213.

PUBLIC HEARING for Proposed Tax Rate \$0.52000 per \$100 valuation for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 and announce the date, time, and place of meeting to vote on tax rate.

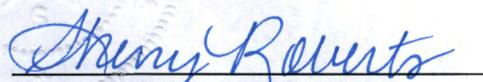
Mayor May opened the public hearing at 6:01 p.m. and with no one attendance that wanted to speak, closed the hearing at 6:02 p.m. He announced that the tax rate will be adopted on September 11, 2012 at the regular council meeting at 6:00 p.m. at White Oak City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Owens made the motion to adjourn at 6:02 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Mitchell. Carried unanimously.


Rick May, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sherry Roberts, TRMC
City Secretary