

**WHITE OAK CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
WHITE OAK CITY HALL  
MAY 20, 2014  
3:00 P.M.**

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

STAFF PRESENT : Charlie Smith, Sherry Roberts, Billy Morgan, Terry Roach, Randy Dodson, Wendell Basham, Peggy Williams, Linda Lee, Debbie Schroeder, Maureen Carrigan, Lona Maxted, Jacob Pennington, Tracey Fears

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 Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE Resolution 2014-07; Canvassing the Election Results for the May 10, 2014 General Election.

Mayor May read the resolution out loud for the audience. The canvass of votes resulted in the following:

<u>Mayor</u>	<u>Votes</u>
Richard "Rick" May	681
Douglas "Dugg" Burks	302
Jacqueline Pittman	87
<u>Councilmember Place 4</u>	
Greg Hulett	489
Michael Schroeder	474
<u>Councilmember Place 5</u>	
Jerry Blankenship	972

Motion to approve canvass resolution made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ray, seconded by Councilmember Noll. Carried 3-0.

OATH OF OFFICE for newly elected City Council members.

City Secretary Sherry Roberts issued the oaths of office to incoming councilmembers.

CONSIDERATION & APPOINTMENT of Mayor Pro-Tem.

Mayor May explained that Dr. Barbara Ray has offered to occupy this appointment again. Mayor May made the suggestion to reappoint Dr. Ray as Mayor Pro-Tem.

Councilmember Hulett made the motion to appoint Dr. Barbara Ray as Mayor Pro-Tem, seconded by Councilmember Noll. Carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION & APPOINTMENT of Deborah Waddell as Municipal Court Judge, Lona Maxted as Municipal Court Clerk, and Linda Lee as Deputy Court Clerk.

City Secretary Sherry Roberts issued the oath of office to Lona Maxted and Linda Lee. Deborah Waddell was not at the meeting and will receive her oath of office as soon as possible.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Review of Financials for April 2014.
- B. Consider and/or approve City Council minutes from April 10, 2014.
- C. Consider and/or Approve utility collection services contract with Municipal Recovery Services.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ray asked to pull item C for discussion to be held alone and only vote on items A and B. Councilmember Kutch questioned the price of the tasers. City Coordinator Smith answered and clarified this expense was paid for by a \$25,000 donation specifically for the police department.

Councilmember Kutch made the motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Councilmember Hulett. Carried unanimously.

Section C of the consent agenda – City Coordinator Smith explained this collection service will work to obtain the past-due water bills. Cities are not allowed to add-on the 30% collection fee on top of the amount due, like court collections. Councilmember Hulett stated this was a fair split. Councilmember Noll questioned the length of the contract because all he could find was where it states that the contract can be terminated with a thirty (30) day notice. City Coordinator Smith agreed with Councilmember Noll. More discussion entailed conversation regarding the creation of a Utility Collection Policy. There was an informal consensus to hold off on this approval and place it on next month's agenda with the addition of a policy.

#### CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVE Right of Way & Easement for SWEPCO next to Jamerson Road.

City Coordinator Smith explained the City owns a piece of property north of Fire Station #2 on Jamerson Road. SWEPCO would like to go along the edge of that long ways to place lines to help with transmission issues in that area. There is not a lot the City would do with this property. In return, SWEPCO agreed to put a security light in this area at his request.

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

CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVE Resolution 2014-06 to Appeal a Limited Issue Regarding the Texas Public Utility Commission's Order on Rehearing Approving an Increase in Rates by SWEPCO.

City Coordinator Smith explained that about a year and a half ago, an increase request came through and we fought it along with Cities Advocating Reasonable Deregulation (CARD) and the three commissioners/judges would not allow SWEPCO to go up to the extent they requested. SWEPCO requested a rehearing in which two of the commissioners/judges changed their minds during the appeal. This resolution is to request an appeal to the change since a decision had already been rendered.

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

#### CITY COORDINATOR ITEMS

- A. Update on water/sewer projects.
- B. Update on High School Baseball Field Project.

City Coordinator Smith let the Council know that he took Councilmember Blankenship on a tour of the water and wastewater treatment plants a couple of weeks ago. He explained that one of the water clarifiers was emptied, painted, and then put back into service today. It was necessary to turn on one of the Longview taps. The sewer plant construction has begun and the permit to TCEQ has been requested.

Baseball field update – plumbing is almost finished and concession stand is laid out. The concrete should be poured tomorrow and they are working on the inside of the field houses. They are working to get the shade structures installed hopefully in the next couple of weeks.

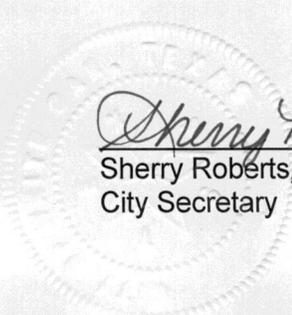
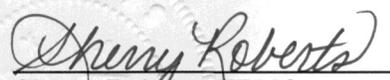
Councilmember Noll questioned how the splash pad was looking for the summer. All weekends in May were reserved for parties and there have been busses of children come to play. Mayor Pro-Tem Ray stated that the fact that Longview might start charging admission fees to the Jack Mann splash pad should help our revenue. Mr. Smith stated the City of Whitehouse viewed our facilities before building their splash pad and they also charge for admission.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Noll made the motion to adjourn at 5:30 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Blankenship.

  
Rick May, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
  
Sherry Roberts, TRMC  
City Secretary