

**WHITE OAK CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
WHITE OAK CITY HALL
AUGUST 27, 2014
5:00 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, Randy Dodson, Debbie Sadler, Jason Maxted, Tracey Fears, Terry Roach

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 Ordinance 2014-07; Flood Damage Prevention Plan.

This was the ordinance left off of the last agenda. This must be approved and sent to FEMA by September 3, 2014 in order to remain in the flood insurance program. FEMA assembled this ordinance and the city attorney has approved it.

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

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE Ordinance 2014-08; Approve a floodplain application permit.

This was discussed at the August 12th meeting. If someone wants to build within the flood plain zone, they must fill out this application and pay a \$250 permit fee which will help to cover expenses for an engineer to perform an evaluation of the property and approve the application.

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

BUDGET WORKSHOP

City Coordinator Smith explained the Mayor appointed a committee to see if there were cuts that could be made and Councilmember Hulett stated the committee looked at a lot of things and believe they have a workable plan which includes some reallocation and consolidation in order to reduce spending for the fiscal year 14/15 budget. The committee also acknowledged the need for the creation of a four to five year spending plan to assure balanced budgets in the future. He stated the committee was able to help produce a balanced budget with a proposed tax rate of \$.53179, which is the effective rate.

Mayor May reiterated the tough decisions that lay ahead not only for this year, but also for the years to come, especially as oil production decreases. In addition, he stated he knows this will not

be fun, but the Council will do what they need to do to provide the same level of service for White Oak citizens that they expect. Mayor May publicly thanked Mayor Pro-Tem Ray, Councilmember Hulett, and City Coordinator Charlie Smith for taking time out of their busy schedules to work on this committee.

Water and sewer rates were discussed next. After numbers were assembled from consumption analyses, the Council directed City Secretary Sherry Roberts to assemble a rate increase ordinance for the next meeting. City Coordinator Smith explained the rates and tiers will be changed some and the goal was to increase rates on the higher consumption tiers.

CONSIDER DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION regarding property tax rate for Fiscal Year 2014/2015:

- A. Discuss proposed tax rate for FY 14/15.
- B. Approve proposed tax rate for FY 14/15.
- C. Vote to place a proposal to adopt the proposed tax rate on the agenda for a future meeting.

City Coordinator Smith recommended to Council to go with the effective rate of \$.53179/100 and with the changes from the committee, staff will be able to present a balanced budget. Councilmember Hulett made the motion to place a proposal to adopt the proposed tax rate on the agenda for September 9, 2014, seconded by Councilmember Noll. Carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 5:25 p.m. made by Councilmember Noll, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Ray. Carried unanimously.


Rick May, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sherry Roberts, TRMC
City Secretary