

**WHITE OAK CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
WHITE OAK CITY HALL
NOVEMBER 12, 2014
5:00 P.M.**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT : Greg Hulett

STAFF PRESENT : Charlie Smith, Billy Morgan, Terry Roach, Randy Dodson, Wendell Basham, Tracey Fears, Maureen Carrigan, Linda Lee, Jason Maxted, Andy Willeford

CALL TO ORDER

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Consider and/or approve payment of bills
- B. Consider and/or approve City Council minutes from October 14, 2014
- C. Consider and/or approve WOEDCO minutes from September 23, 2014.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ray made the motion to approve, made by Councilmember Blankenship. Carried 4-0-1, with Councilmember Noll abstaining.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE Zoning Variance to Jimmie Muckleroy regarding "Section 42-33 Location restrictions", of manufactured homes or travel trailers.

City Coordinator Smith suggest to the Council that since Mr. Muckleroy was not in attendance, to let this agenda item die for lack of a motion.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE a Work Order Request by Hayes Engineering for the Water Treatment Plant Generator Replacement.

City Coordinator Smith explained this is for the new generator at the water treatment plant. The new one will have to be installed in a different location because it is a much larger generator that the present one. The generator has been needed twice in the last sixty days and the current one is inoperable. Mayor May asked Water/Sewer Treatment Plant Supervisor Wendell Basham the size of the current generator and the size of the new generator. Mr. Basham answered the current generator is a 225 kW and the new one will be a 600 kW. Mayor May then asked Mr. Basham what the life expectancy is of the new generator. Mr. Basham answered 20 years. City Coordinator Smith asked Mr. Basham when the current generator was purchased. He answered it was bought used back in the early 90's but was built in the 70's. City Coordinator Smith explained that when the old

one would kick on, it would mess up some of the equipment and it is a requirement that the plant have a generator in case of electricity loss. Councilmember Kutch asked Mr. Basham if the engineers would be at the plant directing them where to put it, in other words, he asked what the \$20,000 was for. City Coordinator Smith answered that the engineers would be responsible for knowing what electrical upgrades will be needed for the size of the generator and deciding the location for the generator. Councilmember Noll asked if the electrical work would have to go out for bid. City Coordinator Smith answered yes, it would be bid out as one total job. Mayor Pro-Tem Ray then asked how much the generator itself would cost. Mr. Smith replied that this is unknown until after it is sent out for bid. Mayor Pro-Tem Ray asked if the numbers looked to be in line because she felt they were high. Mr. Smith answered that if the generator were to be replaced by the same size of generator at the same location, it would be a lot lower. A larger generator is required for future growth.

Motion to approve made by Councilmember Noll, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Ray. Carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE SWEPCO's request of letter and comment pages regarding the EPA's Proposed New Ozone Standards.

City Coordinator Smith explained that a few years ago Keith Honey with SWEPCO told him that the EPA was wanting to put some new emission controls on some of the old plants. If those went into effect, it would cause a lot of plants to close because they would not be able to meet the new standards. TCEQ is totally against the EPA implementing these new standards. If the plants close, the supply and demand will be greatly affected. It is his opinion that the letter be sent to the EPA.

Mayor Pro-Tem made the motion to approve and to send the letter, seconded by Councilmember Noll. Carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPOINT Joe Stephens and Chris Siegley to fill two vacancies on the Planning & Zoning Commission.

City Coordinator Smith explained that in October, the Council tabled this item and the next item until December. However, it has been difficult to get a quorum for the Board of Adjustments, which is the reason it was brought back to the Council early. The Planning & Zoning Board is a seven-member board and with the passing of Cloys Tolbert, there is a need to fill two vacancies and both Joe Stephens and Chris Siegley have agreed to serve.

Councilmember Noll made the motion to approve Joe Stephens and Chris Siegley to the Planning & Zoning Board, seconded by Councilmember Blankenship. Carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPOINT members to the Board of Adjustments:

1. Stewart Brinkoeter to replace David Bagley
2. Fill two alternate positions

City Coordinator Smith explained this is the same scenario. He has spoken with Todd Long, who is the Gregg County Game Warden and he agreed to sit on the Board of Adjustments as an alternate. He also spoke to Dione Simmons about the possibility of filling the other alternate position; however, she has the Board information to read in order to make a decision, so she cannot be appointed at this time.

Motion to appoint Stewart Brinkoeter as a member to the Board of Adjustments and Todd Long as an alternate member made by Councilmember Blankenship, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Ray. Carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION regarding October 2014 water billing issue and new radio-read meters.

City Coordinator Smith explained that there were three different companies involved with the installation, reading, and billing of the new water meters. Somewhere in the middle of this, there was a decimal in the wrong place. Utility Billing Clerk Linda Lee had to hand-correct every water bill in the system, which was over 2,500 water meters. Mayor May wanted to make perfectly clear that the water fund and general fund (where the ball field expenses are paid from) are completely separate, the funds cannot be mixed together and it is illegal to do so. The ball field had absolutely nothing to do with the new water meters. The ball field renovation was a line item that was budgeted for without raising taxes and not something where money was pulled from different places to pay for. Councilmember Noll added that the ball field renovation expense is paid for between three different organizations, i.e. the city, the school, and WOEDCO.

EXECUTIVE SESSION in accordance with Texas Government Code, Subchapter D,

- Section 551.074: Personnel Matters – City Coordinator and Police Chief Positions and job descriptions.

Mayor May announced that the Council would now go into executive session at 5:29 p.m.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION to Consider and/or Act upon any deliberation regarding:

- Section 551.074: Personnel Matters – City Coordinator and Police Chief Positions and job descriptions.

The Council reconvened into open session at 5:47 p.m. Mayor Pro-Tem Ray made the motion to relieve the City Coordinator from his Police Chief duties due to his increased duties in City Hall and that Terry Roach be appointed as Chief of Police, seconded by Councilmember Noll. Carried unanimously. Mayor May congratulated newly appointed Police Chief Roach and thanked him for his commitment to this community. The Council is confident that he will do a good job.

CITY COORDINATOR ITEMS

- A. Update on Baseball Field
City Coordinator Smith informed the Council that they are in the process of narrowing down the type of lockers for the locker rooms. Getting near the end of the project.
- B. Update on Water Sources
Met with Kyle Stephens from Hayes Engineering about the possibility of using the Locker Plant Road location as the well to drill, but they must meet with Longview officials to get details worked out with them because they own the property.
- C. Update on Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades
This project is still in the permitting stage with TCEQ. The project is moving forward, but will be a slow process.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Blankenship made the motion to adjourn at 5:50 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Kutch. Carried unanimously.


Rick May, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sherry Roberts, TRMC
City Secretary