

**WHITE OAK CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
WHITE OAK CITY HALL
JULY 21, 2015
5:00 P.M.**

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

STAFF PRESENT : Charlie Smith, Sherry Roberts, Billy Morgan, Andy Willeford, Wendell Basham, Jason Maxted, Terry Roach, Matt Grammer, Dale Tuttle, Nate Holder

CALL TO ORDER

- A. Invocation
- B. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor May called the meeting to order at 5:09 p.m. Mayor May led both the invocation and Mayor the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE Ordinance 2015-09 amending the General Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2014/2015.

City Coordinator Smith explained that if the department heads will adhere to their forecasted budget, staff would like to use some of the forecasted surplus to purchase capital that was originally budgeted for fiscal year 15/16.

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

PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION regarding private shooting range

City Coordinator Smith presented information regarding the area that John Mattingly would like to establish a private shooting range on his personal property. The area of the proposed range is very secluded at the bottom of a ravine on a tract of land next to the city limits of Clarksville City.

John Mattingly, 1109 Hickory Ridge, addressed the council. Councilmember Hulett inquired as to what the nearest structure is to the proposed range area. Mr. Mattingly answered that the closest structure was his own home. Mayor May asked him how many acres he owns. Mr. Mattingly answered that he owns a little over 100 acres of land with a gated entrance. There are two hills on the property, and the range would be elevated downwards.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ray questioned the number of people who would use the range. He answered that it would only be for his family; it would not be for the public. Councilmember Hulett stated this is unique and questioned if there was anything in our zoning ordinance that addresses this issue. City Coordinator Smith stated no; only the city ordinance and that there would need to be some kind of regulations put into place. Councilmember Hulett advised staff consult the city attorney. There was continued discussion regarding legalities and property layout.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

City Coordinator Smith informed the city council about the 2015 effective tax rate is \$.055687/100 valuation, which was better than expected. The property values received by Gregg Appraisal District were \$8.6 million less than the previous year. The current year's collection rate on property taxes

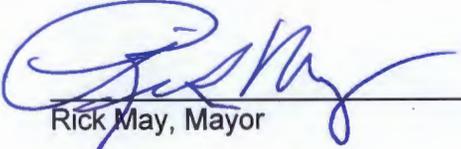
was higher than normal, which helped the current year's general fund revenue. City Secretary Sherry Roberts asked if the council wanted to purchase the Scag mower for the parks department with the current year's surplus rather than budget it for next year. Mayor May informed the council about a citizen that has a Kubota mower for \$5,000 and suggested the city purchase it from him now and save \$3,000 on the new one. The new mower requested is a 60" cut, the citizen's used mower is a 54" cut, is four to five years old, and has only cut his lawn. The Mayor's opinion is that this will save the city money, but should wait on Public Works Director Tracey Fears and Parks Supervisor Joe Theriot to look at it. There was more discussion regarding capital outlay for the current fiscal year versus the proposed budget for fiscal year 15/16.

City Coordinator Smith informed the council that this budget included a 5% raise for city employees because employees did not receive a raise in the current FY 14/15 budget. He did offer to decrease this percentage back to the normal 3% if this was the will of the council. There was a 5% increase budgeted for health insurance rates, but the exact increase will not be known until a later date.

Councilmember Hulett verified that after the inclusion of an employee five percent pay increase and capital outlay requests, there is still a surplus of \$45,000. He then suggested that since one cent equates to around \$36,000 in property tax revenue, that Council propose a tax rate of .54687/100, which is one cent below the effective tax rate. A discussion regarding the proposed tax rate, the general economy, and the oil service industry followed his suggestion.

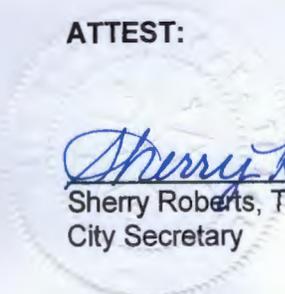
ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Noll made the motion to adjourn at 6:19 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Hood. Carried unanimously.



Rick May, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sherry Roberts, TRMC
City Secretary