

**WHITE OAK CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
WHITE OAK CITY HALL  
APRIL 12, 2016  
5:00 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT** : Mayor Rick May, Barbara Ray, Lance Noll, Thomas Cash, Kevin Hood

**MEMBERS ABSENT** : Greg Hulett

**STAFF PRESENT** : Charlie Smith, Sherry Roberts, Billy Morgan, Jason Maxted, Terry Roach, Matt Grammer, Tracey Fears, Beaux Huey, Randy Dodson

**CALL TO ORDER**

- A. Invocation
- B. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor May called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. Mayor May led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Consider and/or approve payment of bills for March 2016
- B. Consider and/or approve City Council minutes from March 8, 2016
- C. Consider and/or appoint Dana Mizell as a permanent member of the Board of Adjustments
- D. Consider and/or approve Ordinance 2016-05; Adoption of the 2008 National Electric Code as published by the National Fire Protection Association
- E. Consider and/or approve Ordinance 2016-06; Adoption of the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code, with amendments
- F. Consider and/or approve Ordinance 2016-07; Adoption of the 2009 International Property Maintenance Code, with amendments
- G. Consider and/or approve Ordinance 2016-08; Adoption of the 2009 International Building Code, with amendments
- H. Consider and/or approve Ordinance 2016-09; Adoption of the 2009 International Mechanical Code, with amendments
- I. Consider and/or approve Ordinance 2016-10; Adoption of the 2009 International Fuel Gas Code, with amendments
- J. Consider and/or approve Ordinance 2016-11; Adoption of the 2009 International Residential Code, with amendments
- K. Consider and/or approve Resolution 2016-06; Approve an intervention in SWEPCO's application at the Public Utility Commission to increase rates under its transmission cost recovery factor and distribution cost recovery factor.
- L. Consider and/or approve Quarterly Investment Report ending March 31, 2016.

Mayor May explained from what he read, the City is making several changes to the code. City Coordinator Smith added that Building Inspector Billy Morgan has requested the updates to allow him to do his job efficiently. The updated codes will help with the area's dilapidation issues and will help increase the City's Insurance Service Office (ISO) rating.

City Coordinator Smith explained the SWEPCO item is the same as usual. Councilmember Noll asked if this happens every year. City Coordinator Smith explained that when the utility

companies want an increase, cities postpone it for 45 days to allow the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) time to assess the application. SWEPCO is trying to recoup some of their transmission costs.

Councilmember Noll made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Hood. Carried unanimously.

#### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None.

**PRESENTATION** of City of White Oak Audited Financial Statements for fiscal year 2015 by Karen A. Jacks & Associates

Ms. Karen A. Jacks gave the city council an overview of the fiscal year 14/15 budget. There were no difficulties on their part and there was nothing surprising found that needs Council's attention. She informed the Council that the audit is a clean unmodified opinion, which is the best opinion an entity can receive from an auditor.

City staff drafts the Management, Discussion, & Analysis, which is an overview of the financial statements. Ms. Jacks explained the new requirement to report the Texas Municipal Retirement System (TMRS) pension obligation. The City's pension plan is funded at 91.73 percent. This obligation is not new; however, the liability is now required to be recorded in the financial statements.

Ms. Jacks then informed the Council that the General Fund had a 2.9 million total fund balance at the end of the fiscal year, most of which was unassigned. This unassigned fund balance is well in excess of fund balance policy. The Water & Sewer Fund has approximately 1.3 million in unrestricted fund balance.

When looking at the budget comparison for the general fund, there was approximately \$58,000 added to the fund balance while the amended budgeted showed a loss of over \$60,000.

Councilmember Hood asked Ms. Jacks what the target rule was for pension funding. Ms. Jacks answered 100%, but most of their clients are in the high 80% range.

**DISCUSSION** regarding the relocation of the White Oak Volunteer Fire Department's training area currently located in the Cherokee Trace Industrial Park.

Mayor May stated this item was unnecessary at this time.

**CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE** Change Order #1 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion.

The new UV light system is planned to be located just north of the existing UV light system. While the contractors were working, they found an old chlorine containment chamber, which they had to demolish and create a new base for the new system to sit on. This was an unexpected \$80,000 expense, which will be paid out the contingency budget. He also stated this might not be the last surprise because of the previous upgrades.

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

#### **CITY COORDINATOR ITEMS**

A. Update on water and wastewater treatment plant construction.

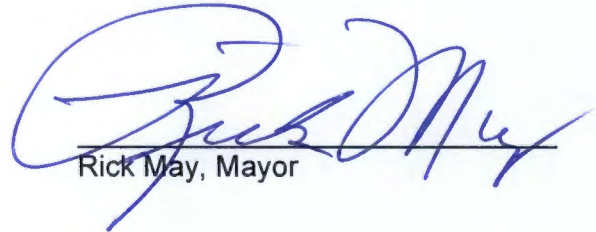
The new wastewater treatment plant lab is under construction. Some residents down the creek challenged the City's TCEQ permit to discharge into the creek. There was a hearing set up in Austin, but TCEQ decided against the hearing because this project is required and will not affect the creek, as previously expected.

B. Update on economic development activity.

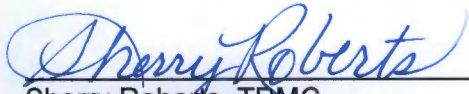
Pizza Hut is supposed to open May 1. There was a WOEDCO meeting last week with four applications of assistance. Haute Goat Cheese Creamery is relocating to White Oak from Longview with WOEDCO's assistance and Doug's Paint and Body was approved for an incentive to build an extra paint booth.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 5:21 p.m. made by Councilmember Noll, seconded by Councilmember Cash. Carried unanimously.

  
Rick May, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Sherry Roberts, TRMC  
City Secretary

