

**WHITE OAK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WHITE OAK CITY HALL
AUGUST 11, 2015
5:00 P.M.**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT : Mayor Rick May, Lance Noll

STAFF PRESENT : Charlie Smith, Sherry Roberts, Billy Morgan, Wendell Basham, Jason Maxted, Terry Roach, Randy Dodson

CALL TO ORDER

- A. Invocation
- B. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Pro-Tem Ray called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Councilmember Kutch led invocation and Councilmember Hood led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Consider and/or approve payment of bills for July 2015.
- B. Consider and/or approve City Council minutes from July 14 & July 21, 2015.
- C. Consider and/or approve WOEDCO Board minutes from June 23, 2015.

Councilmember Kutch made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilmember Hood. Carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

DISCUSSION regarding general fund surplus projects for FY 14/15.

City Coordinator Smith explained there is a forecasted surplus of approximately \$189,000 in the general fund budget. He informed the Council of three drainage issues they have dealt with for some time now. The first issue is around Robin Lane that drains into the creek. It was built with tile, which has since cracked and has caused the earth to crater. The citizen that brought it to our attention had a tree fall because of this issue.

The second issue is at the end of Bluebird, which always floods and has caused an erosion problem. This issue is starting to eat under the roadway. The third issue is on Jamaica Circle. It has another drainage ditch that starts around Acapulco, which comes down out of the west, turns to the south, and goes under the road. Public works employees cannot reach the area with their equipment to clean it out. It is taking a large portion of the homeowner's yard.

City Coordinator Smith explained that while this surplus would revert to the fund balance at the end of the fiscal year, there would be a need to pull this same amount out of the fund balance in FY 15/16 to pay for the projects. Councilmember Hulett asked if these were three of the most critical projects needed at this time. Mr. Smith answered yes, especially the one under Robin Lane. There was an informal consensus about using this surplus on these three drainage issues.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Discussion began with the proposed tax rate. The effective rate is \$.55687/100 per valuation, but Council discussed at the last meeting about proposing a rate of \$.54687/100 per valuation. Mayor Pro-Tem explained that with the school, college, and county increasing their property tax rates, did the Council really want to increase the current rate from \$.53179/100 to .54687/100 per valuation. Councilmember Hulett explained that if the Council did not increase the rate to \$.54687/100, it would have to adopt a deficit budget.

There was discussion regarding the current water levels at the reservoirs and the upcoming water and sewer projects. There was also some discussion regarding curbside recycling and how the cost would have to be passed on to every customer. City Coordinator Smith explained that some customers would utilize this service; others would not. The ones that would not utilize the service would not want the cost of it added to their water bill. In order to provide this service, it would have to include every customer or it would not be cost-effective for Republic Services.

CONSIDER DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION regarding property tax rate for Fiscal Year 2015-2016:

- A. Discuss proposed tax rate for FY 15/16.
- B. Approve proposed tax rate for FY 15/16.
- C. Vote to place a proposal to adopt the proposed tax rate on the agenda for a future meeting.

Councilmember Hulett made a motion to propose a tax rate of \$.54687/100 for FY 15/16, seconded by Councilmember Hood. Carried as follows:

Mayor Pro-Tem Ray – yes
Councilmember Kutch – yes
Councilmember Hulett – yes
Councilmember Hood – yes

CITY COORDINATOR ITEMS

- A. Update on water usage
City Coordinator Smith has already discussed water usage.
- B. Update on Water Treatment Plant Upgrade
Getting the generator base ready and working on the electrical.
- C. Roughneck Day's/Homecoming Parade
Had a meeting yesterday with a school employee to begin preparation. Parade will be October 17, with the game the night before.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Hood made a motion to adjourn at 5:34 p.m. seconded by Councilmember Kutch. Carried unanimously.



Rick May, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sherry Roberts, TRMC
City Secretary