

**WHITE OAK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WHITE OAK CITY HALL
JANUARY 10, 2017
5:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT : Mayor Kyle Kutch, Thomas Cash, Lance Noll, Kevin Hood, Greg Hulett
Dr. Barbara Ray

STAFF PRESENT : Charlie Smith, Sherry Roberts, Tracey Fears, Terry Roach, Billy
Morgan, Joe Theriot, Jimmy Nall

CALL TO ORDER

- A. Invocation
- B. Pledge of Allegiance

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

Mayor Kutch congratulated Bill McBride on his recent appointment as the White Oak Volunteer Fire Chief.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Consider and/or approve payment of bills for December 2016
- B. Consider and/or approve City Council minutes from December 13, 2016
- C. Consider and/or approve Quarterly Investment Report ending December 31, 2016.
- D. Consider and or approve Resolution 2017-01; Suspending the Effective Date for Ninety (90) Days in Connection with the Rate Increase Filing of SWEPCO on or about December 16, 2016.
- E. Consider and/or approve Resolution 2017-02; Ratifying the Investment Policy with amendments.

City Coordinator Smith explained that as a member of the Citizens Advocating Reasonable Deregulation (CARD), the City typically denies the rate increase application. Motion to approve made by Councilmember Noll, seconded by Councilmember Cash. Carried 4-0-1 with Councilmember Ray abstaining due to her meeting absence in December.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Superintendent Gilbert addressed the Council and provided a letter regarding the Texas Education Agency (TEA) scoring of White Oak ISD. The TEA drastically changed its scoring criteria, which caused White Oak ISD's accountability rating to result in a below standard score when using the same data from 2016 with the new criteria. This was a test of the system, not an assessment of the school district. He reiterated that White Oak ISD is a strong education institution and this information was released for political reasons.

DISCUSSION regarding land donation from Pat Davis.

City Coordinator Smith informed the Council about six acres that Ms. Pat Davis would like to donate to the city. The property is off Shell Street between U.S. Hwy 80 and Old Hwy 80. The land is between five and six acres, is narrow, and has a lot of oil field equipment with lots of oil field and gas lines running underneath the property. There are a lot of flow lines that go through the property and contains no buildable space. The property tax received by the city is only \$57.10 per year. If the city receives it as a donation, it is useless to the city unless a mountain bike group or BMX group can use it. He asked the Council whether anyone knew if the oil field equipment

and lines were to ever be removed, what the impact be on the city for cleanup. Mayor Pro-Tem Hulett explained that a lot of things would need to take place to level the property; its best use would be that of a city park. City Coordinator Smith questioned the Council's thoughts on accepting the land and any future maintenance expense. He reiterated that it would be worthless to build on, but would be okay for bicycle usage. He urged council members to physically view the property and staff would place the item on next month's agenda for a motion.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE Ordinance 2017-01; Amending Chapter 10 (Animals) of the White Oak, Texas Code of City Ordinances adding definitions and implanting a trap, neuter, and release program.

City Coordinator Smith said the city attorney provided the city with this ordinance. He spoke to the Animal Protection League (APL) and their prices are \$45 for female cats, \$35 for male cats including ear tipping, and \$10 for rabies. There is no appointment needed.

Motion to approve made by Councilmember Cash, seconded by Councilmember Ray. Carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE process for replacing city hall roof.

City Coordinator Smith explained the cost will be over \$50,000 for a new roof and the process must go through the sealed bids process. The roof will be a standing seam roof with no outside holes drilled.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hulett asked what kind of engineering is required. City Coordinator Smith explained that Steel America has their own engineer and Alert Roof System's process is already engineered.

Motion to go out for sealed bids made by Councilmember Hood, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Hulett. Carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION regarding Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) loan for relocation of raw water intake line.

City Coordinator Smith explained this is in the very preliminary stage. The TWDB is currently doing loan applications for projects. He stated he would like to apply for a \$5 million loan. This would allow the city to have its water intake from the Sabine River versus the Big Sandy Creek. The main raw water line would be two miles long instead of fifteen. Applicants have 18 months at no cost to put some numbers together. Another option would be to upgrade the treated water lines from Longview to help supply the city if there is ever an issue with the Big Sandy Creek intake. The water plant pumps in anywhere from 600,000 to 800,000 gallons of water during the winter and nearly 3 million gallons a day during the summer; therefore, drilling water wells will not work at 150 gallons per minute. If things got really bad at Big Sandy Creek, White Oak would be completely dependent on the three 6" connections from the City of Longview.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hulett asked about the quality difference between the Big Sandy Creek and the Sabine River. City Coordinator Smith was unsure; however, the good thing is the plant's settlement process. The water would be pumped into the big reservoir and it would have time to sit there before continuing the treatment process. Longview is open to the idea, but there are a lot of regulations to go through before it could happen. Mayor Pro-Tem commented that he feels like the city has really good water now and is afraid the water quality would go down if drawn from the Sabine River. City Coordinator Smith reiterated the city would not be out any money and if approved and the loan is unnecessary, the city does not have to follow through with the process.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE White Oak Economic Development Corporation to enter

into an economic development performance agreement with Pinnacle Coatings Group.

City Coordinator Smith explained this was presented to the WOEDCO Board and was approved for a \$50,000 grant to bring the business to White Oak. The business will be on Highway 80.

Motion to approve made by Councilmember Ray, seconded by Councilmember Noll. Carried 5-0-1 with Mayor Pro-Tem Hulett abstaining due to a conflict of interest.

CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE drainage improvements on Pinecrest.

City Coordinator Smith explained that the Sheridans have a natural drainage flow that runs across their yard at the end of Pinecrest which has caused a three-foot deep erosion problem. Mr. Sheridan is an engineer and has presented a solution. Current subdivision standards regarding drainage were not in place when their home was built. The city would enter into an agreement with the Sheridans placing the responsibility of the catch box from the road to the drop-off point at the pond on the city. Anything after that would be the responsibility of the homeowner.

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

CITY COORDINATOR ITEMS

Update on water and wastewater treatment plant construction

- A. City Coordinator Smith explained the upgrades will carry the city way into the future. He passed out pictures for the Council to view.
- B. Local option election
The company hired to gather signatures have 450 signatures on the petition and still gathering signatures in case some of the signatures do not qualify.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 5:46 p.m. made by Councilmember Noll, seconded by Councilmember Cash. Carried unanimously.



ATTEST:

Sherry Roberts, TRMC, CPM
Asst. City Manager/City Secretary

Kyle Kutch, Mayor