

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2019
5:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Kyle Kutch, Thomas Cash, Greg Hulett, Kevin Hood, Dana Mizell, Joe Stephens

STAFF PRESENT: Charlie Smith, Melba Haralson, Jason Maxted, Leah Brooks, Billy Morgan, Terry Roach, Brian Russell, Beaux Huey, Randy Dodson

GUESTS PRESENT: Floyd Wingo, Jim Bardwell, Robert Haberle, Ronnie Shields, Stacy Anderson, Selina Tabor, Bill McBride, Bob Watson

1. CALL TO ORDER – 5:00 p.m.
 - a. Invocation
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance

2. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA
 - a) City Council minutes for June 11, 2019 and June 20, 2019
 - b) Ratification of Investment Policy

Councilmember Hulett moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Cash. Carried 5-0.

3. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Floyd Wingo stated he is running for Gregg County Commissioner Precinct 3 and asked for everyone's support.

Ronnie Shields said he is still trying to get something going in White Oak like a gathering place for people to play dominoes, etc.

4. CONSIDERATION of Resolution 2019-09 authorizing WOEDCO to enter into an economic development performance agreement with White Oak Family Medicine

City Coordinator Charlie Smith explained this will be a family clinic going into the old Premiere Management building. WOEDCO offered a \$10,000 grant and a \$10,000 no-interest loan for 3 years.

Councilmember Cash moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Stephens. Carried 5-0.

5. CONSIDERATION of Resolution 2019-10 authorizing WOEDCO to enter into an economic development performance agreement with Mid South Manufacturing, LLC dba Mid South Fabrication & Coating

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City Coordinator Smith stated WOEDCO offered a \$50,000 grant to upgrade their software program.

Councilmember Hood moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Mizell. Carried 4-0-1 with Councilmember Hulett abstaining.

6. CONSIDERATION of appointment of Jeff Loftis to the Zoning Board of Adjustments

Councilmember Hulett moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Stephens. Carried 5-0.

7. CONSIDERATION of street improvement project

City Coordinator Smith said SPI Engineers previously submitted a prioritized list of streets totaling \$6.5 million. The top three streets were Old Hwy 80, Whatley and Archer. He said we talked about a bond but decided to go with certificates of obligation. He the county can assist with some of these streets as their schedule allows. He asked for guidance on the scope of work going forward.

Councilmember Hulett said he would prefer to see how much debt service we can handle in the budget. Mayor Kutch asked Robert Haberle (of SPI Engineers) what the life of the street is. Mr. Haberle said it depends on whether it is a full reclamation or just seal coat but estimated 13-15 years.

No action taken. Mr. Smith was advised to move forward with numbers using his best judgement.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to Government Code §551.074 regarding Fire Chief position

The Council recessed into executive session at 5:17 p.m.

9. RECONVENE into open session and take any action necessary regarding Fire Chief position

The Council reconvened into open session at 5:33 p.m. Councilmember Hulett moved to offer the Fire Chief, Fire Marshal and Code Enforcement position to Jimmy Purcell starting August 1, 2019. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hood. Carried 5-0.

10. CITY COORDINATOR REPORT

a) Update on capital improvement projects

The water plant reservoir is 9 feet low because the power has been out at Big Sandy Creek for 2 weeks. SWEPCO initially said it would take 1 week to repair. They are supposed to be out there in the morning. We had to turn on the valve to get water from Longview.

b) Administrative updates

We have started meeting with department heads on the budget. We will get certified numbers from Gregg County by July 25th.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Stephens moved to adjourn at 5:41 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Cash. Adjourned by consensus.

Attest:

Kyle Kutch, Mayor

Melba Haralson, Asst. City Manager/City Secretary