

WHITE OAK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 10, 2019

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

STAFF PRESENT: Charlie Smith, Melba Haralson, Leah Brooks, Brian Russell, Terry Roach, Randy Dodson, Stuart Johnson

GUESTS PRESENT: Ronnie Shields, Stacy Anderson, Brad Arnold, Jim Barnwell, Alvin Wingo, Amy Wingo, Carla Purcell, Selina Tabor, Cheryl Ollis, Ben Ollis, Nevaeh Ollis, Michael Gilbert, Sheila Faggans

1. CALL TO ORDER – 5:00 p.m.
 - a) Invocation
 - b) Pledge of Allegiance
2. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA
 - a) City Council minutes for August 13, 2019, August 29, 2019 and September 3, 2019
 - b) Resolution 2019-13 to authorize intervention through the Cities Advocating Reasonable Deregulation (“CARD”) in review of Southwestern Electric Power Company’s (SWEPCO’s) application filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas to acquire an interest in the selected wind facilities

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

3. CITIZENS COMMENTS *(Any citizen wishing to address the Council on an agenda item may do so during the citizen comment section of the meeting, or when the item is being considered by the Council.)*
 - a) Ronnie Shields donated a set of dominoes, score paper and pens to the mayor as a gesture of his efforts to get a domino hall started in White Oak.
 - b) Sheila Faggans announced that the annual Caring Hearts of Gladewater Cancer Walk will be held October 12, 2019. All proceeds will go to Texas Oncologists.

4. CONSIDERATION of Resolution 2019-12 authorizing WOEDCO to enter into an economic development performance agreement with Kevin Moyers, dba Kevin’s Barber Shop Too

City Coordinator Charlie Smith explained the request and said that WOEDCO offered a \$10,000 grant to purchase equipment.

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

5. CONSIDERATION of Resolution 2019-14 authorizing WOEDCO to enter into an economic development performance agreement with White Oak Girls Softball contingent upon 1/3 partnership with the City of White Oak and White Oak Independent School District

City Coordinator Smith stated that the White Oak Girls Softball requested assistance from WOEDCO to build a locker room facility for \$61,505. WOEDCO offered a grant of 1/3 of the cost (approximately \$20,500) contingent upon partnership with the city and school for the remainder. Mr. Smith said he attended the school board meeting and they approved \$50,000 for the locker room stating the current facility plans were not large enough to allow for growth of the program.

Alvin Wingo presented the request to the council and answered questions. He said they need to go back to the drawing board to redesign a larger facility. Mr. Smith stated this will go back on the city council agenda once the numbers are updated.

Mayor Pro-tem Hulett moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilmember Stephens. Carried 5-0.

6. CONSIDERATION of contract with the City of Longview for Animal Shelter Services

City Coordinator Charlie Smith said the rate is going up to \$142 per animal. He said we will be setting up some type of voucher program that residents need to obtain before taking animals to the shelter. He said we have no money to gain from it, but it may help curtail some of the costs and it enable us to know who is surrendering animals. He said there will be an amendment to the contract.

After a short discussion, Councilmember Hood moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Stephens. Carried 5-0.

7. CONSIDERATION of White Oak High School Baseball Field loan renewal

Loan is not matured. No action taken.

8. CONSIDERATION of Ordinance 2019-06 to approve amendments and adjustments to fiscal year 2019 Utility Fund budget

Asst. City Manager Melba Haralson explained the budget amendments and adjustments totaling \$220,400.

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

9. CONSIDERATION of Ordinance 2019-07 to adopt the budget for fiscal year 2019-2020
(*Record vote required.*)

Councilmember Cash moved to approve, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Hulett. Record vote taken: Mizell, Stephens, Cash, Hulett, and Hood all in favor. Carried 5-0.

10. RATIFICATION VOTE to adopt the budget for fiscal year 2019-2020 that will raise total property tax revenue (*Record vote required.*)

Record vote taken: Mizell, Stephens, Cash, Hulett, and Hood all in favor. Carried 5-0.

11. CONSIDERATION of Ordinance 2019-08 to adopt the ad valorem tax rate for fiscal year 2019-2020 *(Record vote required.)*

Councilmember Hood moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.60240, which is effectively a 7.7% percent increase in the tax rate. Motion seconded by Councilmember Stephens. Record vote taken: Mizell, Stephens, Cash, Hulett, and Hood all in favor. Carried 5-0.

12. CITY COORDINATOR REPORT

- a) Update on capital improvement projects – We are looking at additional funding for the George Richey Road expansion. This project and possible certificates of obligation funding will be on our next agenda. If we need to expend funds prior to issuance of certificates we can be reimbursed (with resolution adopted prior to expense).
b) Administrative updates - none

13. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Stephens moved to adjourn at 5:47 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Mizell. Adjourned by consensus.

Kyle Kutch, Mayor

Attest:

Melba Haralson, Asst. City Manager/City Secretary