

WHITE OAK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 14, 2020

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

STAFF PRESENT: Charlie Smith, Leah Brooks, Brian Russell, Lona Maxted, Terry Roach, Carolyn Smith, Jimmy Purcell, Billy Morgan, Randy Dodson, Rex Haynes

GUESTS PRESENT: Jim Bardwell, Floyd Wingo, John Slagle, Mark Crum, Joshua Crum, Selina Tabor, A. Callison, Susan Callison, Jauxe Callison, John Frazier, Stacy Anderson, Meagan Still, Bobby Baker, Bob Watson, Ronnie Shields

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

2. PRESENTATION of service awards by Police Chief Terry Roach

Police Chief Terry Roach presented service awards to Carolyn Smith (10 Years), Trevor Templeton (10 Years), Cody Still (10 Years), and Ferris Ellis (15 Years).

3. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA
 - a) City Council minutes for December 10, 2019
 - b) Resolution 2020-01 to adopt use of Gregg County's voting equipment
 - c) 2020 holiday schedule

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

4. 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.)*

John Slagle introduced himself as Precinct 3 Constable.

5. PUBLIC HEARING regarding a request from Dustin Smallwood for a Specific Use Provision (SUP) permit for a warehouse and distribution center for e-commerce to be located at Lot 1, Joart Subdivision, more commonly known as 605 E. U.S. Highway 80

Mayor Kutch opened the public hearing at 5:10 p.m.

City Coordinator Smith explained this is strictly a distribution center and according to our zoning it requires a specific use provision permit. Councilmember Mizell inquired as to the expected life of business. Mr. Smith replied 1-2-year life and this company is leasing the building. Billy Morgan stated this business consists of 20-25 employees. With no other public comments, the public hearing was closed at 5:12 p.m.

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6. CONSIDERATION of request from Dustin Smallwood for a Specific Use Provision (SUP) permit for a warehouse and distribution center for e-commerce to be located at Lot 1, Joart Subdivision, more commonly known as 605 E. U.S. Highway 80

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

7. PUBLIC HEARING regarding a request from Susan Callison for a Special Use Provision (SUP) permit for a mother-in-law housing unit to be located at Abstract 88 H. Hathaway Survey, Tract 34-01, Section 2, more commonly known as 1502 Alexander Road

Mayor Kutch opened the public hearing at 5:13 p.m.

Charlie Smith stated this addition will be on City water and the residents intend on improving the site by switching to an aerobic system from the septic system. With no other public comments, the public hearing was closed at 5:14 p.m.

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

9. CONSIDERATION of agreement for continued funding of improvements to the City of White Oak baseball complex

The agreement calls for the City to fund \$60,000 a year for the next two years (\$120,000 total) with EDC to pick up the remainder of the \$270,000 leaving a zero balance after two years. Charlie Smith reported the account that was opened for the foundation was closed out with \$9,700 balance that would go toward WOEDCO's portion.

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

10. CONSIDERATION of White Oak Economic Development Corporation board appointments

Councilmember Hulett moved to approve the reappointment of Thomas Cash, Curtis Smith, Barbara Ray and Dana Mizell to the WEDCO Board, seconded by Councilmember Stephens. Carried 5-0.

11. DISCUSSION regarding Section 42 of the Code of Ordinances regarding licensing of manufactured home parks

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City Coordinator Smith said we will begin to enforce our ordinance that requires mobile home parks to have a permit. There are some maintenance issues that Inspector Billy Morgan is working on. Enforcing the ordinance will hold them more accountable.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to Government Code §551.074 to deliberate the appointment of Municipal Court Judge

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

13. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION and take any action necessary regarding the appointment of Municipal Court Judge

Reconvened into open session at 5:21 p.m. Councilmember Cash moved to appoint Jimmy Nall as Municipal Court Judge, seconded by Councilmember Hood. Carried 5-0.

14. OATH OF OFFICE for Municipal Court Judge

Municipal Court Judge Oath of Office for Jimmy Nall administered by Leah Brooks.

15. CITY COORDINATOR REPORT

a) Update on capital improvement projects

TXDOT has identified seventeen areas funded for improvement including Highway 42

George Richey road surveys to start soon beginning at Gilmer Rd. SIB Loan in progress for utility relocating and phase 1 sewer line.

b) Administrative updates

Fire Chief Purcell updated on an application to Boy Scouts of America for the Explorer Program.

Fire Chief Purcell identified the need for an emergency access road for the apartments on Woodridge. Current situation has one way in and out for apartments from East Center street, suggested road would be for emergency vehicles only that would begin on Drake. Purcell also identified the steep grade of the East Center entrance causing damage to vehicles.

Fire Chief Purcell updated on the status of the insurance grant and received reimbursement from VFIS.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Mizell moved to adjourn at 5:34 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Stephens. Adjourned by consensus.

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Attest:

Kyle Kutch, Mayor

Melba Hart, Asst. City Manager/City Secretary