

WHITE OAK CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 11, 2020
5:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Kyle Kutch, Thomas Cash, Kevin Hood, Dana Mizell

MEMBERS ABSENT: Joe Stephens

STAFF PRESENT: Charlie Smith, Melba Hart, Leah Brooks, Brian Russell, Terry Roach, Jimmy Purcell, Beaux Huey, Randy Dodson

GUESTS PRESENT: Robert Haberle, Jim Barwell, John Frazier, Al Harrison, Paul Jasin

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

2. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA
 - a) City Council meeting minutes for July 14, 2020
 - b) Ordinance 2020-04 Order for City Officers Election
 - c) Resolution 2020-12 for Limited Joint Election with Gregg County

Councilmember Cash moved to approve, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Hood. Carried 3-0.

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.)*

None.

4. CONSIDERATION of Financial Advisory Services Agreement with Specialized Public Finance Inc. (“SPFI”)

Paul Jasin with SPFI presented a 20-year amortization schedule for the SIB Loan funding the George Richey expansion with a 2% fixed rate, 3 years interest forgiveness and 3 years delayed principal payment along with the \$25,000 SPFI fee included. This schedule also suggested the water rate increase necessary to fund the loan.

Mayor Pro-tem Hood moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Cash. Carried 3-0.

5. CONSIDERATION of Ordinance 2020-05 Increasing Water Rates

City Coordinator Charlie Smith presented water/wastewater fees summaries showing the City is currently below average for the State and the increase of \$4.50 on the base rate would bring the City base water rate to \$20.50 which is closer to the State average.

Mayor Pro-tem Hood moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Mizell. Carried 3-0

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6. CONSIDERATION of Ordinance 2020-06 Increasing Sewer Rates

City Coordinator Charlie Smith presented water/wastewater fees summaries showing the City is currently below average for the State and the increase of \$4.50 on the base rate would bring the City base sewer rate to \$19.50 which is closer to the State average.

Councilmember Cash moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Mizell. Carried 3-0

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to Government Code §551.074 regarding provisions of the City Coordinator's contract

Mayor Kutch stated this item is tabled until full Council is in attendance.

8. RECONVENE into open session and take any action necessary regarding provisions of the City Coordinator's contract

9. PRESENTATION of proposed budget for fiscal year 2021

Assistant City Manager/City Secretary Hart presented highlights of the proposed General and Utility Funds. The General Fund is presented as a balanced budget. Utility Fund includes \$671,837 in capital expenses resulting in a \$298,869 deficit to be taken out of reserves.

City Coordinator Smith talked about capital expenses including on-site backup server, street maintenance and splash pad updates. Fire Chief Purcell advised capital expenses related to the fire department are to bring gear up to date. Utility Fund capital includes water tower repainting, computer upgrades and utility vehicle, SCADA system for Jamerson standpipe, sludge pumps, variable frequency drive, water pump, polymer mixer and UV lights.

10. PRESENTATION of PROPOSED No New Revenue Rate and Voter Approval Tax Rate for fiscal year 2020-2021

ACM/City Secretary Hart presented overview of terminology changes with regards to SB 2 and presented the no new revenue rate (previously called effective rate) of \$0.59218/\$100 in addition to the voter approval tax rate (previously called rollback rate) of \$0.61545/\$100.

11. CONSIDERATION of PROPOSED ad valorem tax rate for fiscal year 2020-2021

ACM/City Secretary Hart stated the tax rate revenue in the proposed budget is calculated at the current tax rate of \$0.60240/\$100 which is \$0.01 above the no new revenue rate.

Mayor Pro-tem Hood moved to propose the current tax rate of \$0.60240/\$100. Motion seconded by Councilmember Cash. Carried 3-0.

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12. CITY COORDINATOR REPORT

- a) Update on capital improvement projects – Gary Traylor and Associates is looking into an application for a Texas Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$300,000 with a 20% City match for street improvements on Old Highway 80
- b) Administrative updates –
Parks dept. has been short-handed; public works employees have been filling in for park maintenance as available.
Handicap swing erected at Penick Park as part of Robert Early's Eagle Scout project, plaque will be made.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Cash moved to adjourn at 5:54 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Mizell.
Adjourned by consensus.

Kyle Kutch, Mayor

Attest:

Leah Brooks
Melba Hart, Asst. City Manager/City Secretary