WHITE OAK CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 10, 2020
5:00 P.M.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Charlie Smith, Leah Brooks, Jimmy Purcell, Terry Roach, Randy Dodson

GUESTS PRESENT: Jim Barwell, Stacy Anderson, Jonathan Anderson, Brian Gray, Leigh Ann Freeman, Valerie Turner, Kahyon Freeman, Barry Henson

1.   CALL TO ORDER – 5:01 p.m.
     a)   Invocation
     b)   Pledge of Allegiance

2.   CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA
     a)   City Council meeting minutes for October 13, 2020
     b)   Resolution 2020-17 suspending SWEPCO's proposed effective date related to its statement of intent to increase rates submitted to the City on about October 13, 2020; engaging special counsel to represent the City with regard to SWEPCO's statement of intent; authorizing intervention in proceedings related to SWEPCO's statement of intent through a coalition of cities known as Cities Advocating Reasonable Deregulation ("CARD"); and directing SWEPCO to reimburse the City's reasonable rate case expenses related to SWEPCO's statement of intent.

     Councilmember Cash moved to approve, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Hood. Carried 4-0.

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 Resolution 2020-18 authorizing WOEDCO to enter into an economic development performance agreement with White Oak Family Medicine

     City Coordinator Charlie Smith explains WOEDCO offered White Oak Family Medicine a $10,000 grant for the purchase and installation of a generator by Ware Electric for the medical facility.

     Councilmember Stephens moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Mizell. Carried 4-0.

5.   CONSIDERATION of Resolution 2020-19 authorizing WOEDCO to enter into an economic development performance agreement with White Oak PropCo LLC

     Mr. Smith explains PropCo requested funds to relocate the pipeline running under the property as well as for tree removal. Smith further explained that this property is not currently on city sewer which would be required to facilitate the large facility that is planned and WOEDCO has offered a grant up to $40,000 for sewer line installation.

Mayor Pro-tem Hood moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Cash. Carried 4-0.

6.   CONSIDERATION of Resolution 2020-20 authorizing WOEDCO to enter into an economic development performance agreement with Cherokee Steel Fabricators, Inc

Mr. Smith explains Cherokee Steel Fabricators had previously awarded a grant for the purchase of a Coper machine however decided to wait due to the economy however have now found this machine at a lower cost and are ready to move forward. Smith explained WOEDCO offered a grant in the amount of $25,000 toward the purchase of this machine.

Councilmember Mizell moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Cash. Carried 4-0

7.   CONSIDERATION of amending Section 10 of the Code of Ordinances to allow swine inside city limits at designated educational facilities

White Oak ISD Superintendent Brian Gray explains the school feels Agricultural show teams may be hindered due to the lack of space for projects and an Agriculture Barn would be an asset for students to house their projects if necessary. Gray further explained the property owned by the school, also known as "sticker field," has enough acreage as well as appropriate zoning to construct this barn. The only possible hinderance would be the disallowance of swine inside city limits.

Councilmember Cash moved to amend the Code of Ordinances to allow swine at designated White Oak ISD educational facilities, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Hood. Carried 4-0.

8.   CONSIDERATION of Ordinance 2020-15 for Republic Services rate increases effective January 1, 2021

Charlie Smith explained the sanitation provider for the City of White oak, Republic Services, is increasing their rates effective January 1, 2021. Mr. Smith further explained that the company has not had a rate increase since 2018 and the increase to our citizens would only be a pass-through increase of $0.46 per cart to the residents.

Councilmember Mizell moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Stephens. Carried 4-0.

9.   DISCUSSION of food truck vendor regulations

Charlie Smith explains the current regulations only allow for invitation and allowance by property owner. Fire Chief Purcell explained there is a difference between food trucks and food trailers which is a truck can move itself and a trailer can be dropped off. Police Chief Terry Roach explained ice cream trucks are treated as vendors and are required to get a permit through the police department. Concerns for allowing food trucks include reducing revenue for existing businesses inside city limits as well as concerns for a truck remaining in one location for an extended period. Discussions for ordinance development include requiring temporary permits and permit fee requirements. Mr. Smith will check with ordinances in surrounding communities and get an ordinance put together for review.

10.   CITY COORDINATOR REPORT
   a) Update on capital improvement projects
      Charlie Smith explained the water and sewer increases that were adopted were to fund the city's portion of the George Richey expansion project as well as the long overdue water tower painting that is currently in progress.
   b) Administrative updates –
      Mr. Smith stated the water line that passes under Harrison Road had to be redone due to expansion of that road.
      Smith also explained $60,000 update on the clarifier that was a TCEQ requirement.
      Canvass of the November 3, 2020 General Election will be held on Monday November 16th.
      Smith explained the city has passed a resolution to work with "CARD" to reduce the requested increase recently submitted by SWEPCO

11.   ADJOURNMENT

   Councilmember Stephens moved to adjourn at 5:36 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Mizell. Adjourned by consensus.

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                                    Kyle Kutch, Mayor
Attest:

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Leah Brooks, City Secretary/Finance Director