

WHITE OAK CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 9, 2021
5:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Kyle Kutch, Thomas Cash, Kevin Hood, Joseph Stephens, John Frazier, Dana Mizell

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Charlie Smith, Leah Brooks, Jimmy Purcell, Blane Palmer, Randy Dodson, Terry Roach, Tracey Fears, Stuart Johnson, Clinton Kerr

GUESTS PRESENT: Brian Russell, Suzanne Bardwell, Bill McBride, Stacy Anderson, Lane McClung, Kelly Johnson, John Toon, Paul Jasin

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

2. PRESENTATION by Mayor Kyle Kutch

Mayor Kyle Kutch proclaimed November 9, 2021 “White Oak Regiment of Roughnecks Marching Band Day”

3. PRESENTATION of Life Saving Valor Award by Fire Chief Jimmy Purcell

Fire Chief Purcell presented details on the tank battery fire that was aided by 13 departments, 25 support vehicles, and 39 personnel.

FC Purcell described a medical assistance call for difficulty breathing on the 18th of October 2021, upon arrival the actual issue was a cardiac arrest. Bill McBride performed CPR on the patient with the assistance of Clinton Kerr, the patient stabilized. FC Purcell presented the Life Saving Valor Award to both.

4. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA
 - a) City Council meeting minutes for October 12, 2021
 - b) City Council special meeting minutes for October 26, 2021

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

5. 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.)*

No comments

6. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ADOPTION of an Ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of City of White Oak, Texas General Obligation Refunding Bond, Series 2021, levying an annual ad valorem tax for the payment of said Bond, and enacting other provisions relating to the subject

Paul Jasin with Specialized Public Finance Inc. explained the bids received and the interest rates, with the winning bid going to Amegy Bank with a 1.7% fixed interest rate and callable anytime.

Mayor Pro-tem Hood moved to approve Ordinance awarding refunding bond to Amegy Bank, seconded by Councilmember Frazier. Carried 5-0.

7. CONSIDERATION of engagement letter with Karen A. Jacks & Associates, P.C. for fiscal year 2021 financial audit

City Coordinator Smith informed the council these are the annual audit letters with no change from last year.

Councilmember Frazier moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Mizell. Carried 5-0.

8. DISCUSSION of extension of Church Street for new home development

CC Smith advised a citizen wants to purchase a piece of property located at the end of Church Street and would like the city to extend the road by 70 feet to facilitate the build. Mr. Smith advised the current price for road construction is around \$400 per linear foot and require a city investment of approximately \$28,000 to extend the road for one home and would therefore not advise an extension at this time.

9. CONSIDERATION of Resolution 2021-25 casting candidate votes for the Board of Directors of the Gregg County Appraisal District

CC Smith advised the last time the Gregg County Appraisal District Board of Directors was presented for casting votes that the Council had split the votes evenly among the individuals however this year there is a cap on how many people the votes can be split between. Mr. Smith suggested splitting the allotted votes between the currently serving Board Members.

Mayor Pro-tem Hood moved to split the allotted votes evenly between the currently serving Board members, seconded by Councilmember Stephens. Carried 5-0.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to Government Code §551.074 regarding the City Manager position

Council recessed into closed session at 5:38 p.m.

11. RECONVENE into open session and take any action necessary regarding the City Manager position

Council reconvened into open session at 6:29 p.m.
No action taken.

12. CITY COORDINATOR REPORT

a) Update on capital improvement projects

Mr. Smith advised the Old Highway 80 bridge is in the 60-day mark of the 90-day timeline.

b) Administrative updates

Mr. Smith advised the vacuum trailer has been received and is being put to good use.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Stephens moved to adjourn at 6:30 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Frazier. Adjourned by consensus.

Kyle Kutch, Mayor

Attest:

Leah Brooks, City Secretary/Finance Director