

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Kyle Kutch, Joe Stephens, Thomas Cash, Kevin Hood, John Frazier

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dana Mizell

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Jim Bardwell, Stacy Anderson, Diane Sims

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 January 12, 2021
 - b) 2020 Racial Profiling Report
 - c) Ordinance 2021-01 – Order for City Officers Election
 - d) Resolution 2021-06 Denying SWEPCO's proposed increase in rates; maintaining its current rates; and directing SWEPCO to reimburse the City's rate case expenses

Councilmember Cash moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Stephens. 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.)*

Gene Keenan with Republic Services presented a \$1,000 check to be used for fun things such as Roughneck Days.

4. PUBLIC HEARING a Special Use Provision (SUP) permit request from Brian Morton for an Appliance Repair and Service business to be located at Abstract 38 W.H. Castleberry Survey Tract 61 Section 10, more commonly known as 1711 S. Lake Harris Rd, White Oak

Mayor Kutch opened the public hearing at 5:04 p.m.

Charlie Smith explained this location has been operating as a business and with the way it is set up can only operate as a business however was zoned residential. This property also backs up to industrial zoned properties. Mr. Smith stated code enforcement would be responsible for keeping on top of any issues arising from business operations. This business would not expect to bring a lot of traffic and includes abundant parking on the North side of the structure.

With no further comments, the public hearing was closed at 5:08 p.m.

5. CONSIDERATION a Special Use Provision (SUP) permit request from Brian Morton for an Appliance Repair and Service business to be located at Abstract 38 W.H. Castleberry Survey Tract 61 Section 10, more commonly known as 1711 S. Lake Harris Rd, White Oak

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

6. **CONSIDERATION of Ordinance 2021-02 adding Section 30-6 Fire Department Cost Reimbursement**

Fire Chief Jimmy Purcell stated the fire department has received a \$10,000 Health and Wellness Grant through VFIS for the purchase of exercise equipment. Mr. Purcell stated they have received their first payment from Sure Fire Recovery in the amount of \$2,125 with four more claims still pending that would equal \$33,000 if complete. Mr. Smith stated this ordinance would add the ability for the Fire Department to continue with these funds and the city to receive the proceeds to further support the department.

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

7. **CONSIDERATION of Ordinance 2021-03 amending Section 66-37(a) – Collection of Solid Waste**

Mr. Smith explains there has been an issue with trash carts being left out all the time and this ordinance will enable code enforcement the ability to enforce a timeframe for carts to be by the road.

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

8. **CONSIDERATION of Resolution 2021-01 for SIB Loan Execution**

Mr. Smith explained this resolution is for the execution for the receipt of funds for the George Richey expansion project.

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

9. **CONSIDERATION of Resolution 2021-02 for SH 42 ROW Funds Contribution**

Mr. Smith explained this resolution is a commitment to contribute the 10% in the amount of just over \$720,000 required for the Hwy 42 expansion project and they are wanting that amount by December 2021.

Mr. Smith further explained that if the city decided not to approve contributing the 10% that Texas Department of Transportation could require the city to remove all water lines from their rights-of-way and it would cost the city much more than the percentage currently being requested.

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

10. **CONSIDERATION of Resolution 2021-03 authorizing WOEDCO to enter into an economic development performance agreement with Blue Canyon Poolscape Concepts, LLC.**

Mr. Smith explained Blue Canyon Pools has been in White Oak for 17 years, are part of the community and have expanded to add five new employees. WOEDCO offered them a \$25,000 grant toward the purchase of equipment.

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

11. CONSIDERATION of Resolution 2021-04 authorizing WOEDCO to enter into an economic development performance agreement with Energy Weldfab, Inc.

Mr. Smith explained Energy Weldfab has approximately 120-130 employees and are needing to revamp their IT equipment that would cost \$150,000 in total. WOEDCO offered a grant in the amount of \$75,000.

Councilmember Cash moved to approved, seconded by Councilmember Stephens. Carried 4-0.

12. CONSIDERATION of Resolution 2021-05 authorizing WOEDCO to enter into an economic development performance agreement with PDQ Logistics LLC DBA PDQ America

Mr. Smith explained PDQ is a trucking company and they are needing to revamp the facility to facilitate expansion. WOEDCO offered a \$50,000 grant.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hood moved to approved, seconded by Councilmember Stephens. Carried 4-0.

13. CONSIDERATION of soliciting bids for Old Hwy 80 bridge repair

Mr. Smith explained the bridge is in bad shape and needs more than just band-aids, per Tracey Fears, Public Works Director, it needs deck repair and will need an engineer's quote. The plan is to fix the bridge then use the CDBG for the road.

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

14. CONSIDERATION of Employee COVID-19 Pay

Mr. Smith explained the requirement to provide paid time off for employees for COVID-19 reasons expired December 31, 2020. Employee's may feel the need to attend work even if they are experiencing symptoms and this temporary policy would extend the COVID pay until later in the year to prevent transmission of the virus between employees.

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

15. CITY COORDINATOR REPORT

a) Update on capital improvement projects

Work on old Hwy 80 would begin April with the CDBG in the form of a two-inch overlay. There is a new owner for North Oak Grocery with the closing set for March 1, 2021. The new owners plan on a total renovation including parking lot to begin immediately with the possibility of a little restaurant.

b) Administrative updates

A Johnson and Pace representative met with City officials regarding the nursing home and they are moving forward on moving pipelines/electrical lines and to discuss sewer line placement with city officials. They are still uncertain of exact layout for the property. There will also be a meeting regarding the ISO (fire) rating for the city. Fire Chief Purcell has been applying and receiving many grants for the city.

16. ADJOURNMENT

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

Kyle Kutch, Mayor

Attest:

Leah Brooks, City Secretary/Finance Director