

WHITE OAK CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 11, 2021
5:00 P.M.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Stacy Anderson, Jim Bardwell, Chris Carrero, David Haney

1. CALL TO ORDER – 5:00 p.m.

- a) Invocation
- b) Pledge of Allegiance

2. OATH OF OFFICE for newly re-elected City Councilmembers

City Secretary Leah Brooks administered the Oath of Office for Councilmembers Mizell, Stephens, and Cash for Places 1, 2, and 3, respectively.

3. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

- a) City Council meeting minutes for April 13, 2021
- b) City Council Special meeting minutes for April 27, 2021

Mayor Pro-Tem Hood 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.)*

David Haney spoke regarding drainage issues on Forest and Robinwood. David stated a driveway down the road from his house has been eroded due to the drainage issues. Stacy Anderson spoke regarding her appreciation for the police departments' help with the busses and Fire Chief Jimmy Purcell's quick response on issues that arise.

5. DISCUSSION regarding Fire Engine Purchase

Mr. Purcell explained the departments newest fire engine is 23 years old, the backup engine is 25 years old, and the third engine is 35 years old with a standard transmission which few of the firefighters can drive. Mr. Purcell further explained that during a fire, Engine 1 experienced an issue with the throttle that required personnel to remain in the cab of the engine and continuously press the accelerator. The next fire the engine was taken to, neither the throttle nor the accelerator was able to be used. Randy Dodson stated the trucks are maintained to the best of their ability, but the truck is old, and parts are difficult to come by.

Chris Carrero, sales manager from Pierce in Longview, presented a quote for a new Pumping Engine in the amount of \$671, 079.01 with a 10–11-month lead time for delivery. Pierce has been in business for over 100 years and includes overlapping service areas as well as 24/7 service and could even respond while truck is on scene if necessary. This truck would have an estimated service life of 20-25 years.

Mr. Purcell stated he will also investigate grants for this type of purchase.

6. CONSIDERATION of Ordinance 2021-06 Amending Section 30-40 Authority of Fire Official, of the City of White Oak Code of Ordinances

Mr. Purcell stated the Fire Chief should have ultimate authority over the Fire Department.

Councilmember Frazier moved to approve, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Hood. Carried 5-0.

7. CONSIDERATION of Ordinance 2021-07 Amending Chapter 30: Fire Prevention and Protection, Sections 1 and 2 of the City of White Oak Code of Ordinances

Mr. Purcell stated the city is currently operating under old fire codes and this ordinance will adopt the 2018 codes. The current fire ISO rating is a 4 and the goal is for that to be as low as possible.

Mayor Pro-tem Hood moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Mizell. Carried 5-0.

8. CONSIDERATION of Ordinance 2021-08 Amending Chapter 14: Buildings and Building Regulations, Sections 31, 171, 174, 346, 347, 471, 481, 490, 492, 500, 501, 510, 511, 520, and 521 of the City of White Oak Code of Ordinances

City Coordinator Charlie Smith explained that after the ISO Auditor review, a large part in reducing the ISO rating for buildings will come from adopting codes that are within 5 years of the current year. The building ISO rating is currently a 9 and adopting the 2018 codes will be a major step forward in lowering that rating.

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

9. CONSIDERATION of Planning and Zoning Board Appointment for Jeff Loftis

Mr. Smith advised the Planning and Zoning Board is down one member and Jeff Loftis, who is currently serving on the Board of Adjustments and willing to transfer to fill the Planning and Zoning vacancy.

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

10. CONSIDERATION of White Oak ISD Interlocal Agreement for Library Funding

Mr. Smith explained the current interlocal agreement was signed in 2016 for a length of 5 years, ending in November of 2021. Currently, the agreement allows for the City to contribute up to \$30,000 to fund the library. Previously, WOEDCO was contributing however contributions were taken up by the City due to better income. Mr. Smith suggested going to WOEDCO with a proposition to split the \$30,000 evenly.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hood moved to approve continued funding with WOEDCO splitting the \$30,000, seconded by Councilmember Cash. Carried 5-0.

11. CONSIDERATION of Resolution 2021-10 authorizing WOEDCO to enter into an economic development performance agreement with All-In Investments, LLC.

Mr. Smith explained WOEDCO offered All-In Investments, LLC. a grant in the amount of \$50,000 for remodeling purposes. This company is the new owner of Lil Tommy's 2 at the corner of White Oak Rd and George Richey.

Councilmember Frazier moved to approve, Seconded by Councilmember Stephens. Carried 5-0.

12. CONSIDERATION of Resolution 2021-11 authorizing WOEDCO to enter into an economic development performance agreement with Doodle Properties, LLC.

Mr. Smith explained WOEDCO offered Adam Spencer of Doodle Properties, LLC a \$4,500 grant for a sidewalk that will extend from the White Oak Rd sidewalk down Center street in front of Doodle Properties.

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

13. CITY COORDINATOR REPORT

- a) Update on capital improvement projects

Mr. Smith advised the meeting with TANKSCO regarding the water tower would occur tomorrow.

Mr. Smith also advised the Harrison Rd connection is complete after the widening of the road.

- b) Administrative updates

Mr. Smith advised evaluations have been sent to employees to complete.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Frazier moved to adjourn at 6:00 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Stephens. Adjourned by consensus.

Kyle Kutch, Mayor

Attest:

Leah Brooks, City Secretary/Finance Director